



SoCalREN Advisory Committee Meeting

September 2nd, 2026
10:30 am - 2:00 pm



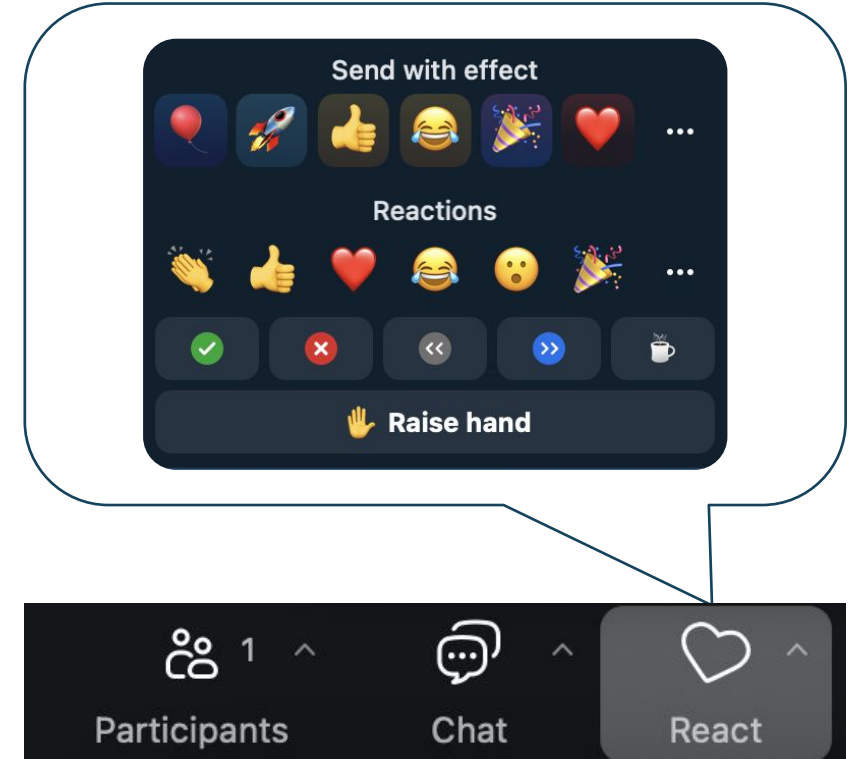
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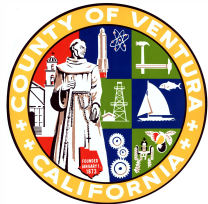
Administration

- This meeting is being recorded.
- Please keep microphone muted unless you want to speak.
- If you would like to ask your question verbally click on the “raise hand” function.
- If you would like to stay muted, send us your question or comment through the chat!



Who is Participating Today?

Advisory Committee Members



Invited Guests



SoCalREN Staff, Implementers & Regional Partners



Agenda

Networking	All	30 min
Welcome	Lujuana Medina	5 min
Host Agency Project Spotlight	Mike Maestas	10 min
Policy and Regulatory Updates	Tessa Charnofsky & Lujuana Medina	25 min
SoCalREN Program Updates	Sulma Hernandez & Audrey Bragg	20 min
Lunch	All	45 min
Conversation on Local Energy Needs and Priorities	All	35 min
Closing Remarks	Audrey Bragg	10 min
Adjourn	All	
Optional Tour	All	30 min

SoCalREN Advisory Committee



Guide and Advise



Collaborate and Innovate



Be Informed



Be an Advocate

Networking

What is a skill, interest, or experience outside of your job description that has made you better at what you do?

SoCaIREN Welcome

Lujana Medina, County of Los Angeles



Host Site Project Spotlight

Mike Maestas, CVWD



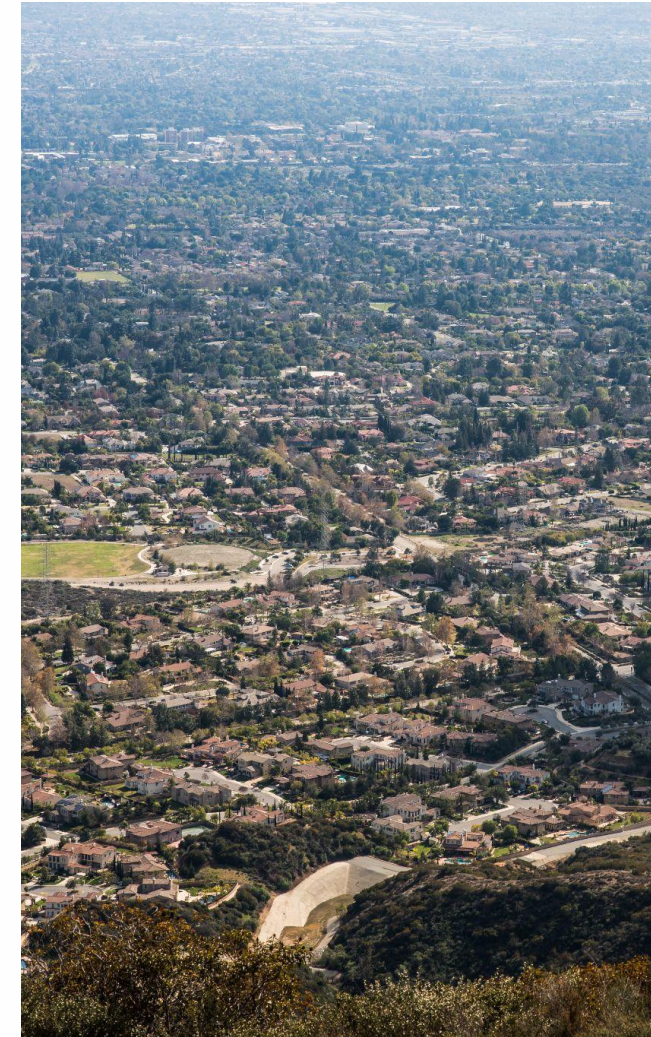
Cucamonga Valley Water District



Service Beyond Expectation

- Established in 1955
- 200,000+ Customers
 - 50,000 Water Connections/38,000 Sewer Connections
- Service Area: 47 Square-Miles
 - Rancho Cucamonga and portions of Fontana, Ontario, and Upland
- Average Daily Demand: 40 Million Gallons
 - Imported Water, Groundwater, Local Canyon/Tunnel water
- High-Quality, Safe, and Reliable Water and Wastewater Services
 - People • Service • Water
 - “Service Beyond Expectation”

The mission of the Cucamonga Valley Water District is to provide high-quality, safe and reliable water and wastewater services while practicing good stewardship of natural and financial resources.



Energy Portfolio

- Annual Energy Budget \$8.7M
- 59 SCE Accounts
- 19 Operating Wells: 5,950 kW
- 70 Booster Pumps: 8,785 kW



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Project Spotlight: Process Optimization and Lighting Retrofits

SoCalREN supported the District with identifying and implementing several efficiency improvements:

- Various pump overhauls, replacements, well and booster sequencing
- HQ interior and exterior light fixture retrofits



\$357,000
lifetime savings



25M+ kWh
lifetime savings



\$365,000
incentives secured



Project Spotlight: WISE Pumps Overhaul



Service Beyond Expectation

In 2024: Eight pump upgrades (1 well and seven booster pumps). SoCalREN supported CVWD through the project's complexity, in collaboration with the Water Infrastructure and System Efficiency (WISE) Statewide Program.

- SCR provided assistance with project management, incentive applications, audits, calculations, design and scope of work, including a 6-year measurement and verification plan.
- Upgrades generated meaningful savings, minimized energy and water usage, and increased CVWD staff capacity for operations and maintenance



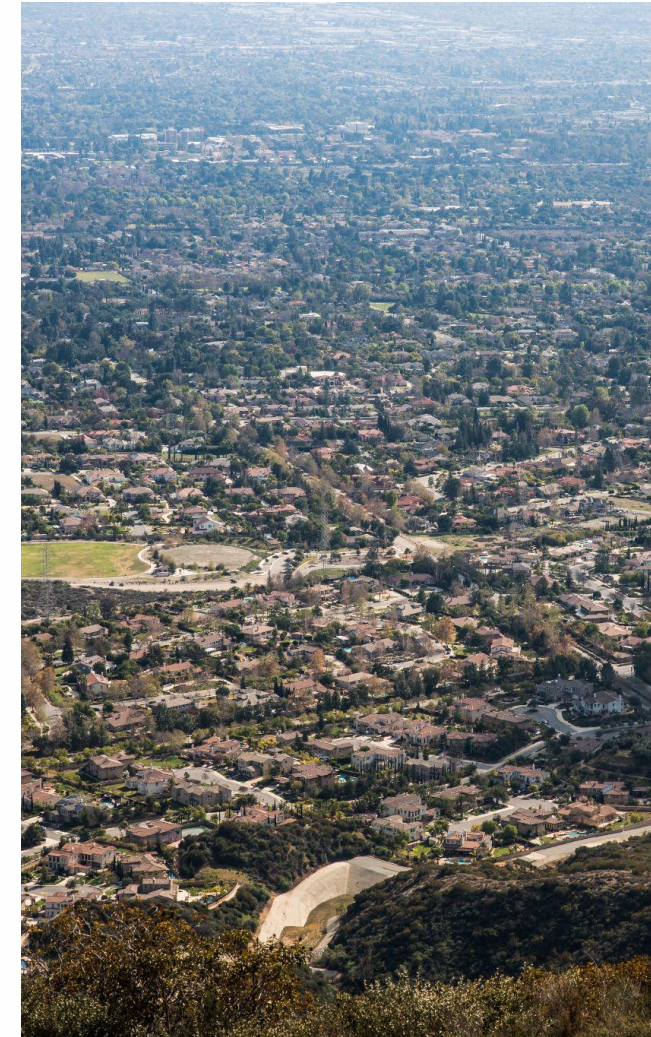
\$170,000+
lifetime bill savings



1,200,000+ kWh
lifetime energy savings



403,000+
gallons of water saved



Project Spotlight: Well Pump Overhaul



Service Beyond Expectation

SoCalREN supported Cucamonga Valley Water District (CVWD) in upgrading the efficiency of their well pumps:

- **2024:** Well 30, improving the pump's efficiency by 9%,
- **2025:** Well 39 and Well 5 in 2025, improving efficiency by 4% and 11% respectively.

These upgrades resulted in substantial energy savings for CVWD.

- SoCalREN provided technical assessment, financial analysis, audits, scope of work review, and project management, significantly reducing project costs.



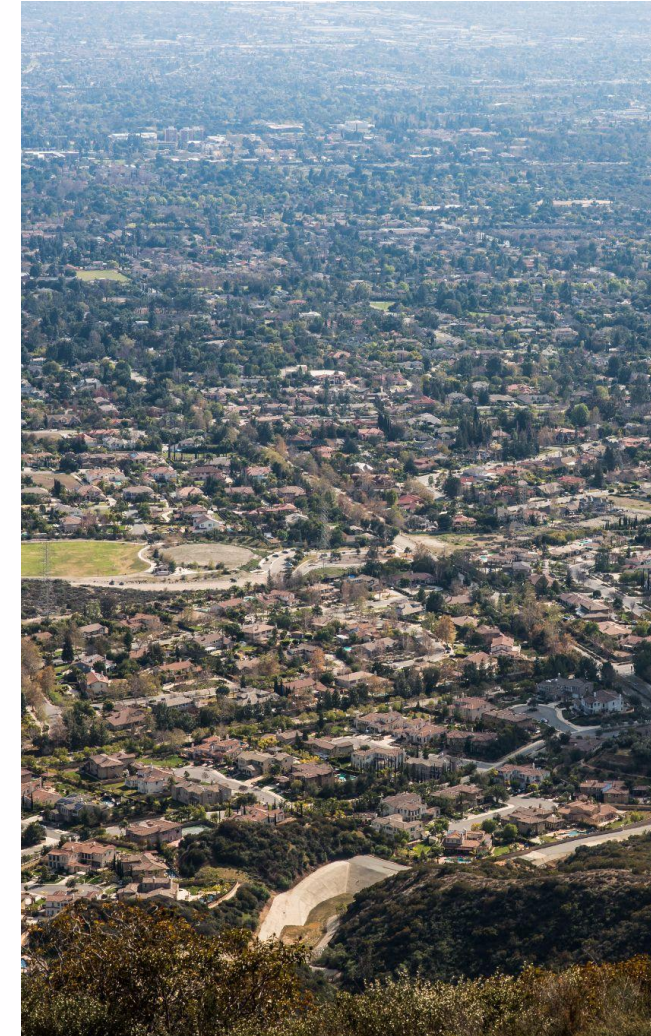
\$447,500+
lifetime bill savings



1.4M+ kWh
lifetime energy savings



\$138,7000+
incentives secured



Project Spotlight: Hermosa Tunnel Optimized Fluid Flow System Project

2025: Hermosa Tunnel Optimized Fluid Flow System project. SoCalREN supported CVWD through the project's complexity, in collaboration with the Water Infrastructure and System Efficiency (WISE) Statewide Program.

- SCR provided assistance with project management, incentive applications, audits, calculations, design and scope of work, including a 6-year measurement and verification plan.



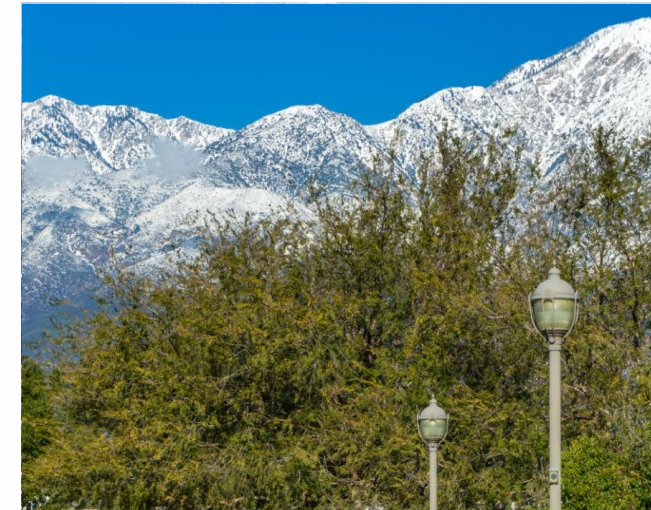
1.89
Simple Payback



834,256.8 kWh
Annual Energy savings



\$62,345
incentives secured



*Below, construction on
Hermosa Tunnel project.*



Questions

Mike Maestas

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Policy and Regulatory Updates

Tessa Charnofsky & Lujana Medina, County of Los Angeles



Legislative Update

Tessa Charnofsky, County of Los Angeles



Legislative Calendar, 2026:

**Sept 30—Last day for
Governor to sign or veto
bills**

**August 5, 2026
Legislative Hearing—Asm
Utilities and Energy
Committee entitled**

**Savings You Don't See:
California's Energy
Efficiency Programs**



State Legislators we've met with thus far

- Asm Steve Bennett
- Asm Mark Gonzalez
- Asm Cottie Petrie Norris
- Asm Nick Schultz
- Asm Pilar Schiavo
- Asm Jacqui Irwin
- Sen Ben Allen
- Sen Monique Limon (staff)
- Sen Susan Rubio (staff)
- Asm John Harabedian (staff)
- Sen Maria Elena Durazo
- Asm Sade Elhawary (staff)
- Asm Rick Zbur (staff)
- Asm Robert Garcia
- Senator Caroline Menjivar (staff)
- Asm Lisa Calderon
- Sen Catherine Blakespear (staff)
- Asm Phillip Chen (staff)
- Asm Gregg Hart (staff)
- Asm Mike Fong
- Sen Tony Strickland (staff)
- Sen Bob Archuleta (staff)
- Sen Sabrina Cervantes (staff)
- Asm Tina McKinnor (staff)
- Asm Jeff Gonzalez
- Asm Isaac Bryan (staff)
- Sen Stephen Padilla (staff)
- Sen Lola Smallwood Cuevas (staff)
- Sen Steven Choi
- Sen Eloise Gómes Reyes (staff)
- Sen Sasha Renee Perez
- Asm Jesse Gabriel (staff)

Total: 32

Scheduled

- Asm Blanca Pacheco
- Asm Al Muratsuchi

Bills Still in Play

SB 905, Becker (D): Electricity

Requires the CPUC, for each electrical corporation, to consider assigning a **reduced ROE for specified categories of capital costs** in rate base (eg undergrounding). Initiates a rulemaking evaluating **alternative financing methods** for electrical distribution, generation, and transmission investments to reduce ratepayer costs. Requires large electrical corporations to **publicly report distribution grid utilization data**—identifying where existing grid infrastructure is underutilized, potentially reducing the need for costly new grid investments

AB 1715 Schiavo (D): Public utilities: Reporting

This bill requires specified quarterly and **annual reporting** by electrical and natural gas corporations regarding **federal funding received** from federal or other funds. The bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to ensure any **savings are delivered to customers** and requires the CPUC to impose penalties on electrical and natural gas corporations for failing to comply with the required reporting.

Bills, Continued

AB 2313 Berman (D) The Home Energy Choice Act

This bill establishes the Home Energy Choice Act, which requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to solicit proposals for, and require **each gas corporation to offer, a Gas Distribution Service Line Replacement Alternatives** Program, on or before January 1, 2028, to provide certain residential gas customers served by a gas distribution service line that will be replaced with a **monetary incentive to deploy gas distribution service line replacement alternatives (home electrification)** and cease gas service to avoid the gas distribution service line replacement.

AB 2124 Pacheco (D) Electricity and natural gas: legislation imposing mandated programs and requirements: third-party review.

Requires the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) to **conduct a review of every legislative proposal that mandates or requires services or programs that result in increased costs** for electrical or natural gas corporation customers. The CCST would prepare a written analysis with relevant data on the efficacy, cost impact and overall effect of each proposed mandate before a vote in legislative policy committees.



AB 2383 Zbur (D), Electricity: large energy use facilities.

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to **establish a new rate class for data centers by January 1, 2028**, and requires the CPUC to direct electrical corporations to file separate tariffs for transmission and distribution and generation services for data centers in the new rate class. This bill **prohibits cost-shifts between the data center rate class and other electrical rate classes**. This bill specifies requirements these tariffs must meet, including, but not limited to, establishing requirements for data centers to **pre-pay for certain utility costs resulting from their interconnection**.



AB 1577 Bauer-Kahan (D) Data centers: reporting. Bill expands access to information about data centers' energy consumption and operations, establishing the following three separate data **reporting requirements** for the owners of data centers with at least 10 MW of electricity consumption

- A requirement to submit certain information about the data center's building elements and **anticipated energy consumption** at the time the data center is energized by its electrical utility.
- A requirement to **annually report the data center's electricity consumption** and certain operations of the data center at a monthly level of granularity.
- A requirement to submit information to a local permitting agency regarding the data center's **anticipated energy needs and noise levels** at the time that permits are requested.

Regulatory Update

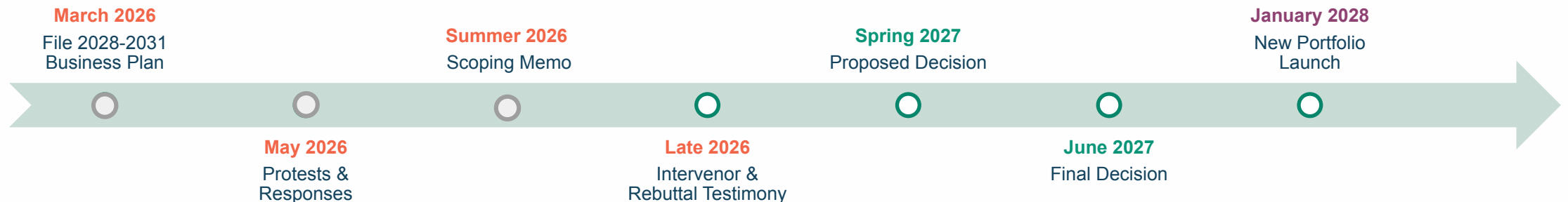
Lujana Medina, County of Los Angeles



SoCalREN Business Plan Update

A.26-03-015, consolidated in A.26-03-009 et al

- CPUC issued the final Scoping Memo for the 2028–2031 portfolio applications on **July 24**.
- The review process will address SoCalREN’s proposed programs, budgets, savings forecasts, equity alignment, and implementation approach.
- SoCalREN is currently addressing CPUC data requests and preparing its Opening Testimony (**due October 30**).
- The Commission’s decision will determine the SoCalREN programs and services available to participating agencies **beginning in 2028**.



SCHEDULE: A.26-03-015 (SoCalREN), consolidated in A.26-03-009 et al.

ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE
Specific Questions from CPUC	August/September 2026
Opening testimony served	October 30, 2026
Rebuttal testimony served	December 3, 2026
Meet and confer session among parties	December 9, 2026
Deadline to file motion to request evidentiary hearings	December 14, 2026
ALJ ruling determining status of evidentiary hearings	December 21, 2026
<i>Remaining schedule assuming no evidentiary hearings</i>	
Opening briefs	January 22, 2027
Reply briefs (matter submitted)	February 12, 2027
Proposed decision issued for comment	Q2 2027
Proposed decision on Commission agenda	Q2 2027
<i>Remaining schedule if evidentiary hearings are held</i>	
Evidentiary hearings	January 25-29, 2027
Opening briefs	February 26, 2027
Reply briefs (matter submitted)	March 19, 2027
Proposed decision issued for comment	Q2 2027
Proposed decision on Commission agenda	Q3 2027

Statewide Low-Income Programs

A.26-01-003 et al.

- The CPUC is reviewing utility proposals for delivering California's statewide low-income programs (ESA, CARE, and FERA) for 2028–2033.
- LA County is actively engaged in the proceeding and will submit testimony on **September 14**.
- Testimony will provide proposed solutions for overcoming barriers the utilities face in delivering ESA services to low-income multifamily properties via intentional coordination with programs like SoCalREN.
- CPUC will issue its Proposed Decision by mid-2027.

CARE | California Alternate Rates for Energy

- ✓ 30–35% electric and 20% gas bill discounts for income-qualified households.

FERA | Family Electric Rate Assistance

- ✓ 18% electric bill discount for households slightly above CARE income limits.

ESA | Energy Savings Assistance

- ✓ No-cost energy-efficiency and weatherization upgrades for income-qualified households and multifamily properties.

Additional Updates

California Climate Credit | R.25-07-013

- The California Climate Credit provides a bill credit to California ratepayers, funded through the California Cap-and-Invest Program.
- SCE **residential customers** will receive \$36 in August and September, for **\$72 total**. Eligible SCE **small business** customers will receive **\$36** in September.
- CPUC is currently **considering how credits should be distributed beginning in 2028**, including whether to provide additional support to lower-income and higher-bill customers.

Cost-Effectiveness and Data Access | R.22-11-013

- SoCalREN filed comments in July supporting more timely, reliable utility data access for program delivery.
- The CPUC issued a proposed decision on the Data Working Group recommendations July 31. SoCalREN is reviewing the proposed decision and related ACC activity for potential program impacts.

Water-Heating Measure Updates

- Updated savings values take effect for affected commercial and multifamily water-heating projects permitted after October 5.
- Agencies with projects underway should coordinate with their SoCalREN representative regarding timing and potential savings impacts.

Q&A



Lunch, 12:10-12:40pm



SoCalREN Program Updates



Public Sector Programs

Sulma Hernandez, County of Los Angeles



New Third-Party Implementers



SoCalREN Public Sector Coverage



Public Programs Service Territory is comprised of 13 Counties

AESC	Implementing in all 13 Counties: Underserved Schools Energization Optimization Program (EOP)
ICF	Implementing in all 13 Counties: - Water and Wastewater Energization Optimization Program (EOP) - Revolving Savings Fund (RSF) - Water Infrastructure Program (WIP)
	Only Implementing in Counties: <i>San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, and Imperial</i> - Project Delivery Program (PDP) - Distributed Energy Resources for Disadvantaged Communities (DERDAC) - Energy Resilience Action Plan (ERAP) - Rural Hard-to-Reach Direct Install (HTR-DI) - Streamlined Savings Pathway (SSP)
Willdan	Only Implementing in Counties: <i>Mono, Inyo, Kings, Tulare, Kern, San Bernardino and Riverside</i> - Project Delivery Program (PDP) - Distributed Energy Resources for Disadvantaged Communities (DERDAC) - Energy Resilience Action Plan (ERAP) - Rural Hard-to-Reach Direct Install (HTR-DI) - Streamlined Savings Pathway (SSP)

Water Infrastructure Program (WIP)



Water Infrastructure Program

Overview

- WIP launched in 2025
- Resource Acquisition program
- Intended to support energy efficiency projects for agencies with water & wastewater treatment facilities and systems
- To streamline program offerings, SoCalREN is closing WIP as a standalone program
- Any potential projects of this subsegment will now be served through SSP

Closure & Transition Steps

- 8/5/26 – SoCalREN's Regulatory Team notified Parties of Service List R.25-04-010 of WIP's Closure Webinar
- 8/12/26 – Program Closure Materials posted to CAEECC's [Program Information](#) site
- 8/19/26 at 11am – SoCalREN hosted WIP Closure Webinar
- SoCalREN will update the SSP Implementation Plan to incorporate WIP services and incentives
- File Mid-Cycle True Up Advice Letter to formalize closure

SEM Programs Transition



Overview

SoCalREN is transitioning its Water & Wastewater SEM and Underserved Schools SEM programs to Energy Optimization Programs:

- Underserved Schools Energy Optimization Program (US EOP)
- Water Wastewater Energy Optimization Program (W/WW EOP)

Objectives of EOP

- Strengthen SoCalREN's ability to deliver measurable energy savings and cost-effectiveness
- Preserve the customer-facing SEM experience
- Maintain customer engagement
- Support long-term portfolio performance

Water Wastewater Framework

Element	Strategic Energy Management	Energy Optimization Program
Segment	Resource, Market Support	Non-Resource, Market Support
Customer Experience	• Energy team development and support • Workshops and coaching • Treasure Hunts • Energy modeling/ baseline support • Opportunity identification • Implementation planning • Milestone-based participation payments • Continuity for existing participants	• No change to customer experience • Change name of “Treasure Hunt” to “Energy Opportunity Assessment”
Incentive Structure	Milestone-Based Participation Incentives SEM Performance incentives	• Milestone-based participation payments • Eligible resource projects
Key Outcomes	• Participation from historically underserved communities • Savings and incentives tied to SEM program structure • Reliance on SEM-specific M&V methodologies • Limited flexibility to optimize TRC / TSB across portfolio • Subject to CPUC SEM program requirements and oversight	• Maintains customer engagement while reducing constraints • Continues participation from historically underserved communities

Underserved Schools Framework

Element	Strategic Energy Management	Energy Optimization
Segment	Resource, Equity	Non-Resource, Equity
Customer Experience	• Energy team development and support • Workshops and coaching • Treasure Hunts • Energy modeling/ baseline support • Opportunity identification • Implementation planning • Milestone-based participation payments • Continuity for existing participants	• No change to customer experience • Change name of “Treasure Hunt” to “Energy Opportunity Assessment”
Incentive Structure	Milestone-Based Participation Incentives Performance incentives	• Milestone-based participation payments • Eligible resource projects
Key Outcomes	• Participation from historically underserved communities • Savings and incentives tied to SEM program structure • Reliance on SEM-specific M&V methodologies • Limited flexibility to optimize TRC / TSB across portfolio • Subject to CPUC SEM program requirements and oversight	• Reduces complexity by removing SEM requirements • Maintains customer engagement while reducing constraints • Continues participation from historically underserved communities

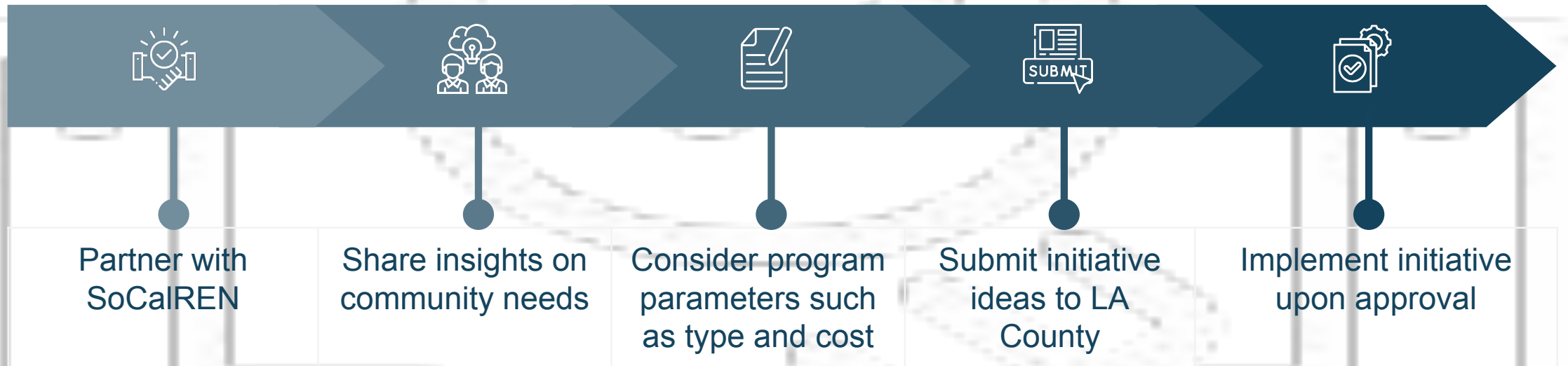
Community-Based Design Collaborative Initiatives

Audrey Bragg, County of Los Angeles



Collaborative Process

SoCalREN works collaboratively with CBO partners will help develop pilot programs (initiatives) funded by SoCalREN to better meet the needs of the communities they serve.



Initiative Application Process

Application requirements

- Activities, goals, and barriers addressed
- Geographic area and target customers
- Organization experience implementing programs
- Proposed methodology for tracking impacts
- Budget breakdown

Facilitators offered feedback to strengthen applications and worked to reduce administrative barriers in the process.

Approved Initiatives at a Glance

High Desert Energy Exchange

Connects community members with energy efficiency programs through trusted, grassroots outreach. Activities include direct outreach and educational opportunities.



Climate Solutions Navigator

Prepares residents across the SoCalREN territory to actively participate in decarbonization, energy efficiency, and emissions reduction initiatives.



Energy Efficiency Community Education

Prepares residents across the SoCalREN territory to actively participate in decarbonization, energy efficiency, and emissions reduction initiatives through education.



EmpowerRent

Expands access to energy-saving technology and devices for renters and increases awareness of energy efficiency measures among low-income and hard-to-reach populations.



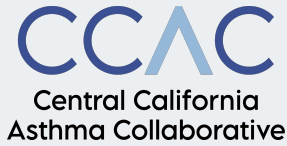
Budgets of Initiatives



High Desert Energy
Exchange (HDEE)

Budget:
\$100,000

Education and
Outreach



Climate Solutions
Navigator (CSN)

Budget:
\$807,500
(Phase 1)

Education and
Outreach



Energy Efficiency
Community
Education (EECE)

Budget:
\$180,000

Education and
Outreach



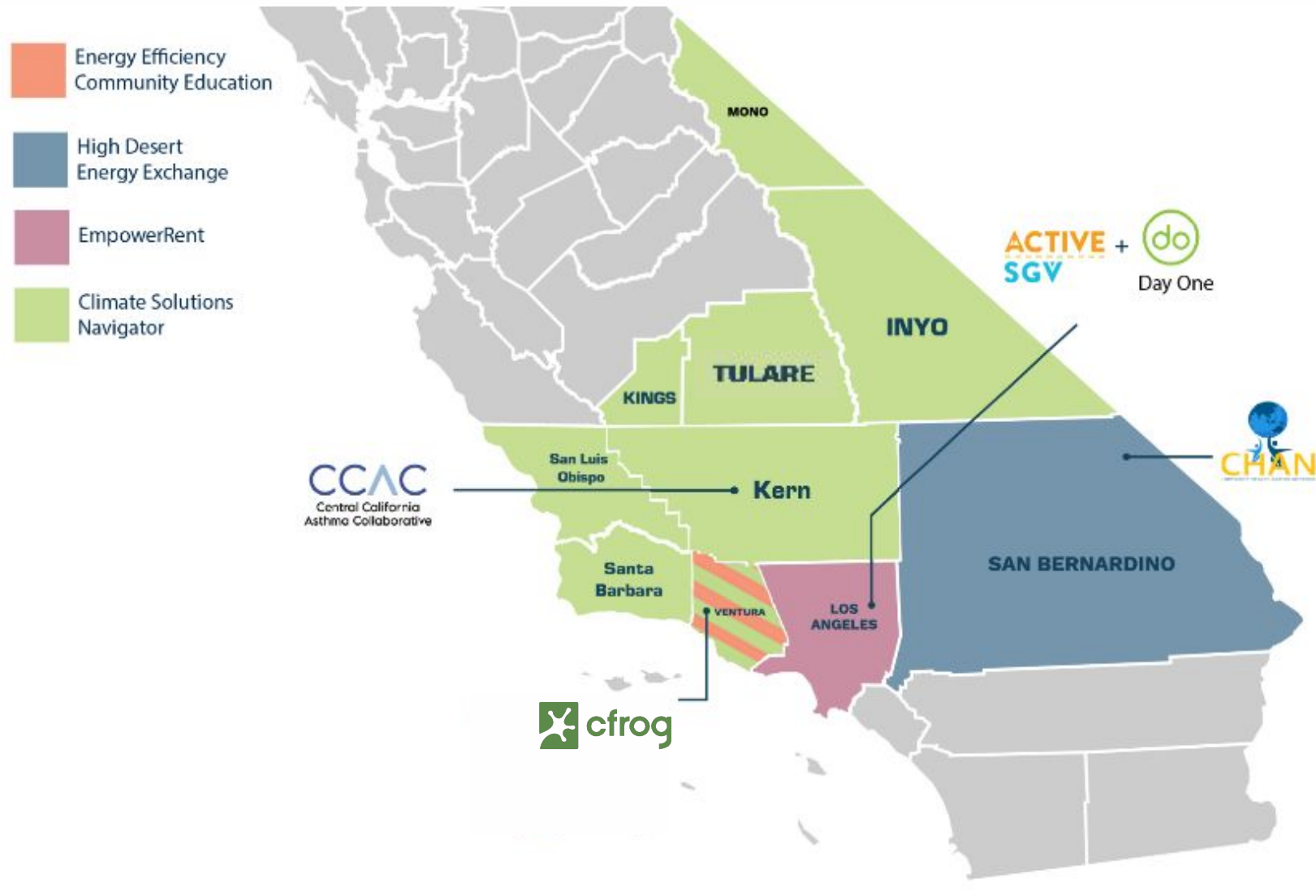
EmpowerRent

Budget:
\$250,000

Direct Support and
Upgrades

Total Budget: \$1,337,500

Cohort 1 Regional Reach



A Closer Look

DayOne

DayOne's mission is to build vibrant and healthy cities through community advocacy and programs that engage youth in sustainability, environmental justice, and active transportation.

Active SGV

Active SGV improves the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley through initiatives that promote sustainable, equitable, and livable communities.



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ACTIVESGV



EmpowerRent

Program Goals & Reach

- Expand access to energy-saving technology and devices for renters
- Increase awareness of energy efficiency measures among low-income and hard-to-reach populations

Core Activities

- Distribute energy-efficient incentives such as smart power strips, portable air conditioning units, and air purifiers
- Conduct community-focused outreach and education

Target Population

- Renters across the San Gabriel Valley

Performance metrics

- Number of participants reached through outreach
- Number and type of energy-efficient appliances distributed per household
- Pre- and post-surveys, photos, and sign-in sheets
- Event summaries
- Community engagement report



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ACTIVESGV



Organizing Cohort 2

SoCalREN is seeking 6 community-based organizations in San Bernardino, Orange, and Riverside Counties to join the second cohort of the Collaborative and help us build a more energy efficient future.

We're looking for organizations with the following focus areas:

- Environmental justice
- Public health
- Clean transportation
- Climate action
- Other closely related sectors



Opportunities for CBOs



- Stipends will be provided
 - \$10k total for attending 5 meetings
 - Additional \$2k for conducting community outreach
- Recognition and promotion
- Expand your network with access to public agency stakeholders and collaborative partners

Collaborative Member Expectations

- Each organization should designate one representative to attend monthly Collaborative meetings
- Attendance of approximately 5 meetings, including pre- and post-meeting preparation as applicable
- Support in gathering community feedback through surveys or in-person sessions
- Provide insights and expertise to guide design of new initiative programs
- Uphold cultural competence and inclusivity

Q&A



Networking Lunch



Conversation on Local Energy Needs and Priorities

Laurel Rothschild, The Energy Coalition



- What are the most prominent energy issues being discussed within your agency right now?
- What are your community's most pressing energy needs?
- Where would you like to see more collaboration between SoCalREN sectors/programs?
- What questions do you have for us related to SoCalREN opportunities and what's coming up?

Closing Remarks

Audrey Bragg, County of Los Angeles



Online Resource for Advisory Committee Members

Advisory Committee



Working Group Updates

As needed documents such as operating structure, meeting minutes and opportunity trackers.

[More Info](#)



Regulatory Reports

Monthly regulatory reports and proceeding updates.

[More Info](#)



Advisory Committee Meeting Materials

Quarterly meeting materials such as agendas, minutes, presentations and other supporting documents.

[More Info](#)

2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule



Date	Time
Q1 - Wed March 31st, 2026	Virtual 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Q2 - Wed June 30th, 2026	Virtual 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Q3 - September 2nd, 2026	In-person - Frontier Project 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
Q4 - December 9th, 2026	Virtual 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Please take 2 minutes to fill out our meeting survey!

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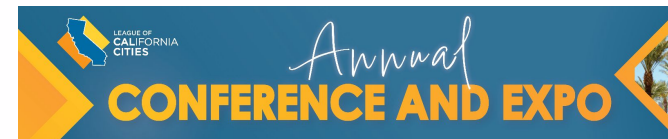
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- **Recent episode:** Climate Resilience and Disaster Preparedness
- Currently available on [Spotify](#) and [Apple Podcasts](#) platforms.

Upcoming SoCalREN Events:



Green California Summit
September 15–16, 2026
Pasadena, CA



League of California Cities Annual Conference
September 23–25, 2026
Anaheim, CA

Adjourn

