

Local Energy Resources Network



Meeting 46
November 18, 2025



Welcome!

Purpose

Interactive 1-hour meetings designed to be a regular space where local governments - and those who work with them - can help each other learn about (and possibly inform) available opportunities to advance their energy and climate goals.

TODAY'S AGENDA

- Opportunity Roundtable
- Opportunity Spotlights
 - CARB Drive Forward Initiative
- Featured discussion:
 - Help CCEC Help You
- Bonus Breakout



Opportunity Roundtable

[View all Opportunities](#)

Policy Drives Investment

Agencies Scope/ Design Assistance Programs & Gather Input

Applicants Apply to Funding Solicitation

State

- FY [2025-2026 State Budget](#) (highlights); [SB/AB 102](#), budget bills (Prop 4, Cap & Invest Reauthorization)
- [AB 825](#)
- [EO N-33-25](#)
- [CCEC Legislative Tracker](#)

Federal

- FY 2025-2026 Federal Budget (HR. 1) - [tax credits guidance for solar/win](#)
- Federal Shutdown - over - [\\$7.56B in DOE clean energy projects canceled](#); [possible \\$15B in additional cuts](#) - [In CA 93 project cancellations worth \\$3.5 billion](#)

Funding

- CalTrans: [FY 2026-27 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants](#) - November 21
- CEC EPIC: [Distributed Resources for Innovative Vehicle Energization Strategies](#) - November 21
- SCE: [Microgrid incentive Program - Application Window 2](#) - November 28
- CEC: [Depot Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure for Medium- and Heavy-Duty On-Road ZEB](#) - Dec 12
- CEC: [California Training for Residential Energy Contractors \(TREC\)](#) - Pre-app Workshop Nov 19, Q's Nov 20, app Dec 22
- CEC: [Communities in Charge - Wave 4](#) - January 9, 2026
- [US Economic Dev. Admin: FY Disaster Supplemental Grant Program](#) - March 3, 2026
- CARB: [Planning & Capacity Building Project Grants](#)- Applications open soon
- LCI: [Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program](#) - Applications pending

Other Assistance

- CEC: HEEHRA Phase I Program - [TECH CC stackable SF/MF rebates \(up to \\$8,000\)](#)
- CPUC: [Self-Generation Incentive Program \(SGIP\) Energy Storage Incentives for Low-Income Homes](#) - Rolling
- CalREN: [Equitable Electrification Forum](#) - November 19, 10AM-12PM
- [CalOES: Free technical assistance](#) - Rolling

Input Opportunities

- SGC: [Transformative Climate Communities and Community Resilience Center Program Guideline Input](#) - thru Dec
- [CEC Equitable Building Decarbonization docket: 22-DECARB-03](#) - ongoing
- CEC [IPER Workshops](#) - December 11 (remote)
- CEC [Building Energy Action Plan](#) - First Draft in Review by Governor - public workshop to follow (TBD)



Opportunity Spotlight - Drive Forward (CARB)



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Drive Forward Initiative

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Larry Rillera, Staff Air Pollution Specialist

Executive Order N-27-25: California Continues Forward



Reaffirms commitment to deploying ZEVs



Update state purchasing requirements to prioritize manufacturers aligned with state emissions goals



Assess additional actions to advance ZEV adoption



Develop new regulations to reduce GHG, criteria, and toxic pollutants



ZEV Forward

- Assess additional actions to advance ZEV adoption



Discussion Pulse Points

Affordability

"solid commitment to incentives"



"work with local [funding] programs"



"maximize [funding] for those who need it most"

Infrastructure

"expand charging infrastructure in frontline communities"



"reliable charging stations along key freight corridors"



"make permitting easier"

ZEV Market

[ZEVs] "are rapidly picking up pace"

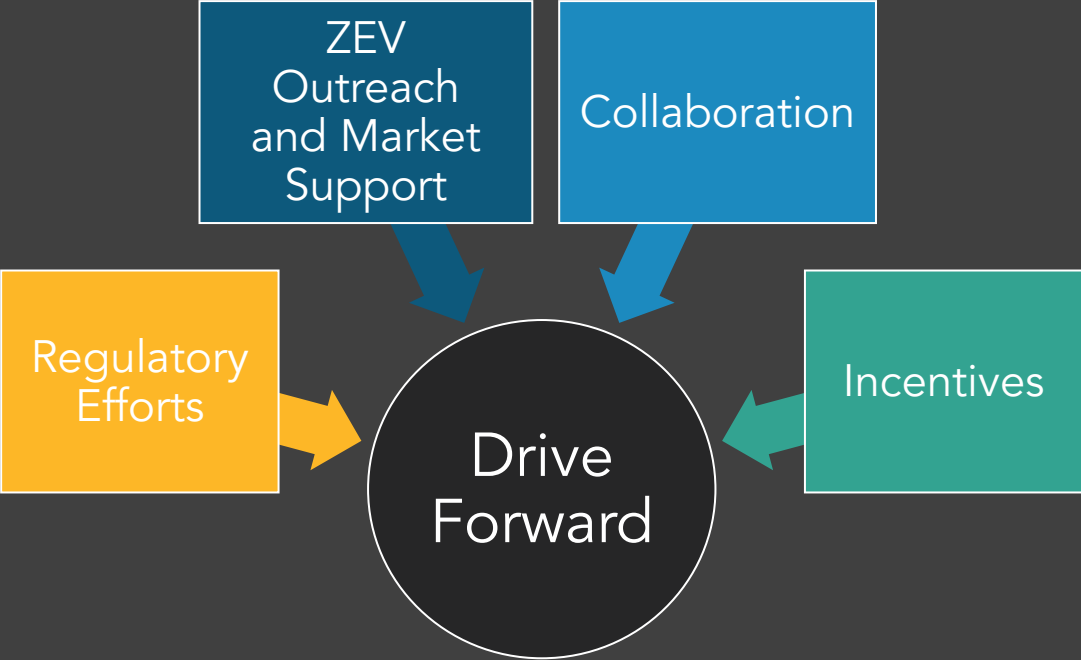


"consider the secondary market"



[support] "the coalition of the willing"

Drive Forward Initiative



Drive Forward: Timeline through Early 2026

Drive Forward: Light-Duty Vehicle Standards Workshop
October 21, 2025
• Kickoff for 2027 Rulemaking

Drive Forward: Heavy-Duty Vehicle Standards and Strategies Workshop
December 3, 2025

Drive Forward: Incentives Workshop
November 13, 2025

Continued Development on Vehicle Standards and Strategies
2026 and Beyond
• Q2 Light-Duty and Heavy-Duty Workshops



Drive Forward: Light-Duty Vehicle Program

- Goals:

- Reduce emissions from light-duty vehicles to protect the health of our most vulnerable populations
- Design stringent but flexible programs that achieve cost-effective emission reductions
- Incentivize early action
- Ensure real-world emission reductions

- Workshops and Community Meetings:

- [October 21 2025](#) – recording available
- Next workshop – Winter/Spring 2026
- Community meetings - Spring/Summer 2026

- Stay Involved

- Sign-up to email list to stay involved



Sign-up to email list



Drive Forward: Incentives Workshop

November 13, 2025

Goal: Facilitate discussion on the next phase of incentives policies and funding needs

Topics included:

- Status of current incentive programs
- Successes, challenges, and lessons learned
- Funding needs and strengthening collaboration

More information can be found at:

- <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/events/workshop-drive-forward-incentives>



Drive Forward: Heavy-Duty Vehicle Standards and Strategies Workshop

December 3, 2025

Goal: Begin collaboration in developing regulatory strategies for achieving statewide emission reduction targets

Topics will include:

- Background on need for emissions reductions
- Manufacturer standards
- Fleet regulations
- Other strategies

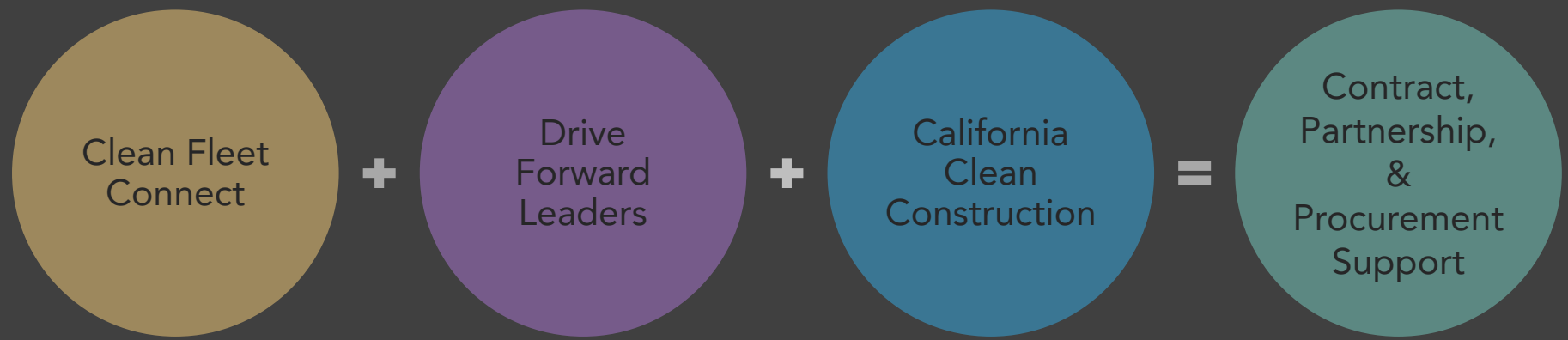
Participants can join the hybrid workshop:

- In person: CalEPA Headquarters, Sacramento
- Online: via Zoom



Encouraging Zero-Emission Technologies

Explore opportunities to connect voluntary programs to State and local government procurement and contract practices



Drive Forward: Outreach and Community Engagement

- Expanding dialogue sessions that are used to shape programs
- Provide guidance to navigate regulatory efforts
- Support for rural and tribal communities
- Engaging communities on their terms
- Building trust and lasting partnerships



Thank you!

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CCEC Services

- [Annual CCEC Forum](#)
- [Local Energy Resources Network \(LERN\)](#)
- [State/Local Energy and Climate Coordination \(SLECC\)](#)
- [Regional Energy and Climate Hub \(REACH\)](#)
- [wEEKly Newsletter](#)
- [CURRENTS Quarterly Newsletter](#)
- [Resource Library](#)
- [Legislative Tracker and Annual Legislative Report](#)
- [Technical Assistance](#)
- [LinkedIn Peer-to-Peer Networking Group](#)
- [Comment Letters and Input Opportunities](#)

Other web meetings (i.e. Federal Huddles)



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7LKRBNJ>



Annual Forum

- The CCEC Forum brings together several hundred local government staff, elected officials, and community organizations, to collaborate and learn from each other as they work to advance fair and equitable climate change and energy practices.
 - **Hilton at Universal City**
 - **June 24-25, 2026**
 - CSFP to be released in January!

Help us shape the 2026 CCEC Forum

The following questions are intended to get a better understanding of your priorities for the 2026 CCEC Forum.

Please note that the Call for Session Proposals (CFSP) will open in Early January. If you're interested in submitting a proposal to present at the Forum, please subscribe to CCEC Forum updates.

6. What topics or issue areas are you most **interested in hearing about** at the CCEC Forum?

7. What would you like to see incorporated into the **Forum theme**? ([click here](#) to see past themes)



SLECC

- State/Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) serves as a statewide communication and ideation hub to help State and local leaders improve coordinated efforts to more rapidly unlock the unique potential of California regions and communities to address energy and climate goals.
 - Engage & Ideate
 - Quarterly statewide meetings
 - Regional convenings
 - Amplify Priorities and Solutions
 - Dashboard and reports

State and Local Coordination

The State and Local Energy and Climate Coordination (SLECC) Priorities and Solutions Dashboard seeks to honor, document, and amplify the valuable insights participants have generously shared regarding state and local priorities for energy, climate, and land use initiatives during engagements convened or supported by SLECC and through other relevant state-local engagements to date since 2023. State and local stakeholders have elevated topics critical to advancing place-based energy, climate, and land use progress that require further attention and ideation. This section synthesizes themes and information gathered under seven thematic priority areas: Climate Action, Housing and Climate Nexus, Community Resilience, Clean Energy and Building Decarbonization, Clean and Active Transportation, Meaningful and Equitable Engagement (Cross Cutting), Funding Access and Capacity Building (Cross Cutting).

CCEC is looking to help refine the priorities of our network and to that end we ask that you prioritize the barriers listed under each thematic priority area.

If you are interested in providing additional feedback about these areas or our process please [review our webpages](#) here and use our [feedback form](#).

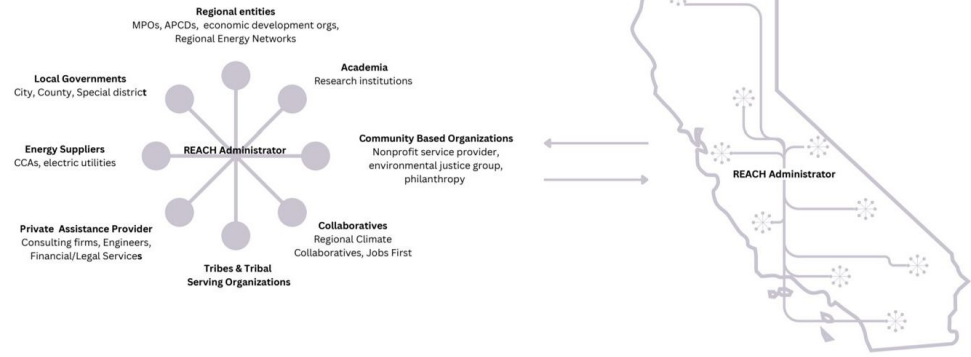


Help CCEC Help You

Please add questions in the chat

REACH

Regional Energy and Climate Hubs (REACH)



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REACH's long term mission is to leverage the collective power of state, federal and regional capacity and resources to advance place-based energy, climate, and land use priorities through lasting regional hubs. It is community-driven (local gov, tribal gov, academic institutions, philanthropy, CBO/NGOs) and partners and engages with State and federal agencies.

In the effort to continue engagement in each region, REACH is intended as an ongoing series. To that end, we are working on a series of resources for each region including a website with previous events (if any), a regional assistance guide, a landscape analysis and a listserv that folks working in a particular region are welcome to join to stay up to date and engage with their area.

15. Please share your contact information if you would like to join the REACH listserv for your region.

Name

Title

Organization

Email Address

Prev Next

Next Steps

- Assistance Marketplace & Pilot



Discussion

*Please add questions
in the chat*

Q&A and Discussion

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What's Next?

- Bonus Breakouts up next!
- Next meeting **December 9th**
- Share [invitation](#) with others

See you next time!



Optional: Bonus Breakouts

Thanks for joining us!

This is a space for informal discussion among the LERN network. Feel free to:

- Offer an announcement, success story, or opportunity
- Share a need for information, collaborators, or advice
- Raise a suggested topic or speaker for future LERNS

If you need an in-depth discussion, you can pitch a specific bonus breakout topic and invite others to join you (today or we can plan ahead for next month)



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