

State & Local Energy Climate Coordination (SLECC)

Coordination meetings between State and local leaders across California

Welcome!

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TODAY'S AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Roundtable Updates
- Group Discussion: *Working Draft 2025 SLECC Report + Agency Outreach*
- Working Group Breakout for 2026 Priorities
- *Report out and takeaways*
- Takeaways and Next Steps



New Approach in 2026!

- Focus on 3 top Priorities outlined in 2025 SLECC Report
- Direction, ideation, and facilitation supported by State and Local Leads
- More direct work with agencies
- Working Group Breakouts focused on making headway on **most actionable solutions**
- Synthesize identified solutions and progress in 2026 Report

SLECC's Purpose

CCEC's State-Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) initiative emerged in 2023 from the growing need to **streamline statewide and regional communication and ideation among state and local leaders on sustainable energy, climate mitigation and other related issues** (housing, transportation, resilience, health, economic development and equity).

SLECC aims to **co-create actionable solutions to rapidly unlock the unique potential of place-based progress across CA**. This model makes coordination and engagement more accessible, sustained and responsive, while reducing widespread engagement fatigue.



Roundtable Updates

*What does **your** organization want State and local governments to know more about?*


- *Assistance, learning, or engagement opportunities*
- *Recent successes/lessons*
- *Information needs*
- *Invitations to partner*



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SLECC REPORT

What We Know So Far About...
How California can deliver state and local solutions that really address the biggest barriers to accelerating place-based energy and climate progress

Based on findings from 2023-2025 State-Local Energy & Climate Coordination (SLECC) initiative administered by CivicWell's California Climate and Energy Collaborative (CCEC)

WORKING DRAFT (updated JANUARY 15, 2026)
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- Since 2023, SLECC has held nearly 20 virtual and in-person statewide or regional convenings
- We've collected 800+ unique & nuanced challenges that approximately 1,000 local and state leaders have shared about what's keeping you from advancing place-based energy, climate and related issues and approximately 200 initial solution ideas, all of which are in the SLECC Dashboard (demoed last meeting)
- In recent months, we have worked to analyze that information and identify the most important priorities, which we will amplify and address this year

***Real coordination is more than talk.
 It's outcomes, driven by systems change and operational reforms.***



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The report:

- Is organized by 7 Topic Areas sections which outline:
 - All 32 barriers
 - Desired future
 - Agencies working on topic
 - What's already working
- Provides details about the top 13 barriers alongside a sampling of state and local
 - initial solution ideas (most frequently suggested)
 - success spotlights
 - further progress pathways
- Introduces 3 2026 Priorities
- Also shares important lessons learned about how to effectively coordinate among state-local leaders

2025 TOP BARRIERS BY TOPIC AREA	2026 PRIORITIES
<p>Clean Energy & Building Decarbonization</p> <p> 1. Grid Infrastructure (Pr. 3) 2. Interconnection & Energization Processes (Pr. 3) 3. Energy Affordability & Rates (Pr. 1) 4. Retrofit Feasibility (Pr. 1)</p>	<p>1. Affordability & Decarbonization: Scaling up efficient, electrified and climate-resilient buildings and homes amid affordability concerns</p> <p>2. Streamlined Funding and Implementation: Streamlining access to funding and implementation support for community-driven climate action plans and clean energy, efficiency and decarbonization initiatives in difficult times</p> <p>3. Grid Resilience & DER Integration: Building local energy resilience through improved utility processes for interconnection, grid infrastructure, and distributed energy resources</p>
<p>Climate Action Plans</p> <p> 1. Transitioning to Implementation (Pr. 2) 2. Planning Capacity (Pr. 2)</p>	
<p>Clean & Active Transportation</p> <p> 1. Transportation Electrification (Pr. 3)</p>	
<p>Housing & Climate Nexus</p> <p> 1. Climate Resilient Housing (Pr. 1)</p>	
<p>Community Resilience</p> <p> 1. Energy Resilience (Pr. 3)</p>	
<p>Funding Access & Capacity Building (Cross-cutting)</p> <p> 1. Insufficient Investment (Pr. 2) 2. Unstable Assistance (Pr. 2) 3. Application Burden & Accessibility (Pr. 2)</p>	
<p>Meaningful & Equitable Engagement (Cross-Cutting)</p> <p> 1. Representation & Inclusion (Pr. 2)</p>	



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How Readers Can Use This Report

- This report is intended to be useful to multiple practitioner-level audiences:
- **Staff and leaders of local governments and other place-based, community-serving organizations** can use this report as a tool to elevate priorities and local solution ideas that have emerged across the state, to influence decision-makers across administrative, regulatory, or legislative levels in state or local spheres. They can also use ideas and "success spotlights" highlighting place-based best practices to inspire their own work.
 - **State leaders in agencies or legislative and regulatory bodies** can use this report to access a detailed understanding local barriers and community-driven needs across the state and help generate and implement effective programs, policies, and projects to address them.
 - **Support organizations like NGOs, foundations, or academic institutions** working to make change in how CA delivers solutions to advance place-based progress on energy, climate and other related matters.

Success Spotlights

<p>CPUC R.87-11-012 established an annual Cost of Capital (COC) proceeding for JOUs. In December 2025, the CPUC voted to drop the return on equity for Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric by 0.3 percentage points each, to just under 10 percent, which are more consistent with national trends. Legislation introduced in both Rhode Island (H 5018) and New York (S6687) proposes to establish a fixed ROE of 4 percent annually for electric and gas utilities.</p>	<p>Local programs like Watts Rising and Habitat for Humanity programs are addressing structural building needs and going beyond basic energy saving upgrades. RENs have a successful model for bringing energy efficiency programs to hard-to-reach communities and demonstrating the economic value of localized demand reduction. City of Colton's municipal utility maintain stable rates and energy efficiency and weatherization programs that may not maximize state-reported savings, but better serve their low-income, high-need customer base.</p>	<p>A package of 2025 CA legislation aptly refocused on system cost drivers rather than cuts to energy programs. AB 825 was amended to cut energy costs and improve grid reliability by joining a Western regional power market. SB 254 sets up a public financing system to build new transmission lines, and bars utilities from earning profit on the next \$6 billion spent on wildfire-safety upgrades. In addition, AB 1167 (the California Ratepayer Protection Act) prohibits investor-owned utilities from charging customers for political lobbying, promotional advertising, and shareholder-related expenses, requires transparency about who pays for utility ads, and mandates financial penalties for violations. Oregon's HB 3546 creates a classification of service for large energy use facilities (e.g. data centers) with rates proportionate to the costs of service.</p>
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Further Progress Pathways and Next Steps

- SLECC will focus on this barrier as part of **Priority 1** and will continue to flesh out reasonable local and state actions that can be taken. Preliminary near-term pathways to make progress that should be further explored by SLECC and other interested bodies include:
- Policy, Planning, and Research*
- **Little Hoover Commission** regularly holds hearings and produces publications on this topic.
 - **Just Solutions' Energy Affordability Policy Library** can be mined for more state level ideas and examples
 - **CPUC proceedings** like future Cost of Capital proceedings, Wildfire Management or rate cases are an important way to engage on this topic (e.g. through **JGSEC**)
 - **CEC IEPR and SB 100 Reports**: Ensuring affordability for consumers while meeting state energy goals is a core component of the CEC's ongoing 2025 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) and the SB 100 Joint Agency Report.
 - **The CA Governor race** includes candidates that are amplifying the urgency to address energy affordability, some suggesting rates need to come down 25%
 - **The Local Government Climate Policy Alliance** is developing related legislative strategies.
 - **SB 541 (fact sheet)**: a bill vetoed last year that would reduce electricity rates by using **DERs Assistance Program Design and Deployment**
 - Explore "**Go Big. Save Big**" **Approaches to Fund Building Electrification in CA**" (UCLA, 2025)



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- **Next steps**

- Gather feedback on Working Draft of report
 - Please comment directly in the report or send email to info@eecoordinator.org by January 31: *What did we miss or mischaracterize?*
 - Engage directly with individual agencies to provide overview of report and gather relevant successes, progress pathways, and other engagement needs that can help address top barriers
- Use SLECC workgroup breakouts to identify the most specific and actionable near term solutions
- Plug away at progress on these solutions in March, June, and September mtgs
- Synthesize progress and recommendations in December for 2026 SLECC Report Addendum
- Amplify report in various decision-maker venues



Working Group Breakouts

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Visit the murals below and choose the Working Group Breakout you'd like to participate in throughout 2026

1. [**AFFORDABILITY & DECARBONIZATION**](#) - Scaling up decarbonized and climate-resilient buildings and homes amid affordability concerns (3 Barriers; facilitated by **Angie Hacker, CCEC - stay in this room**)
2. [**STREAMLINED FUNDING & IMPLEMENTATION**](#) - Streamlining funding access and implementation support for Community-driven climate action plans and clean energy, efficiency and decarbonization initiatives in difficult times (5 barriers; facilitated by **Sean Kennedy, SGC**)
3. [**GRID RESILIENCE & DER INTEGRATION**](#) - Building local energy resilience through improved utility processes for interconnection, grid infrastructure, and distributed energy resources (4 barriers; facilitated by **Kelsey Wolf-Cloud, CCEC**)

We'll have 40 minutes in breakouts to focus our work and future breakouts in 2026:

- Review, add to, discuss and vote on the most promising and actionable solutions and progress pathways
- Recommend relevant speakers
- Volunteer to be a state or local topic Lead

Return to main room at 4:15pm for report out and takeaways



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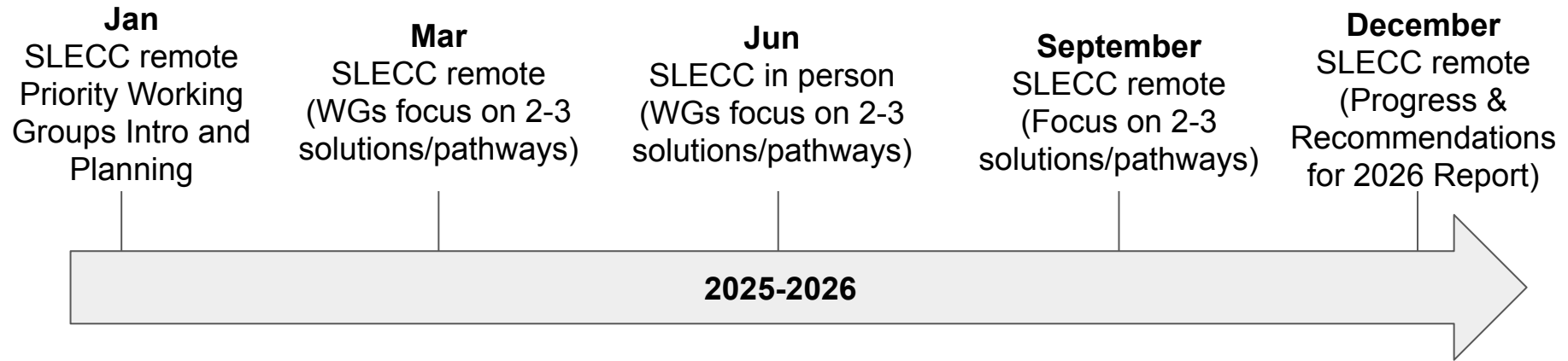
Report Out & Takeaways

- **Facilitators:** share the 3 solutions and 3 progress pathways that received most votes
- **All:** Discuss takeaways or questions





Draft Plan for SLECC 2026



Regional meetings and REACH materials + Lead and SLECC Partner Meetings

Agency insights meetings
Finalize & Present Report

Assistance Marketplace

Contact Angie Hacker
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What's Next?

- Send feedback by January 31
- Leads meet in February
- Next SLECC statewide meeting date:
March X 2026

*Thank you for continued help improving
state-local coordination!*