California Climate and Energy Collaborative

Local Energy Resources Network (LERN) Additional Resources

LERN Meeting #56:
Featuring: Bernadette Austin, CivicWell; Dash Leeds, Sierra Club; Elizabeth Harris, County of Santa Clara

Tuesday, September 8th | 11:00 -12:00 PM PT

Funding

- **Regional Wildfire & Landscape Resilience Grants: Pre-proposal June 30, Application September 17, 2026**
  https://www.fire.ca.gov/What-We-Do/Grants/Regional-Grants

- **Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Program - pre-app June 30; closes Sept 30, 2026**
  https://sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/tcc/

- **Community Resilience Centers Program - close Sept 25, 2026**
  https://sgc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026.04.29-CRC-Final-Round-2-Guidelines-REMEDIATED.pdf

- **FY 27-28 Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant - close October 9, 2026**
  https://dot.ca.gov/programs/transportation-planning/division-of-transportation-planning/regional-and-community-planning/sustainable-transportation-planning-grants

- **Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program R2 - app due October 13**
  https://lci.ca.gov/climate/icarp/grants/extreme-heat-round-2-resources.html

- **California's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program – Solicitation 6 Community Charging, Application October 16, 2026**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-02/gfo-25-603-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula

- **Charger Service Skills Accelerator - October 30, 2026 (workshop August 19, 2026)**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-08/gfo-26-601-charger-service-skills-accelerator

- **FY 26-27 Forest Health Research CCI Grants - November 18, 2026**

https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health-research-program/applicant-and-grantee-resources

- **Innovations in Open Data & Modeling for a Climate- and Wildfire-Resilient Electricity System - November 20, 2026**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-08/gfo-26-501-innovations-open-data-and-modeling-climate-and-wildfire-resilient

State & Federal Opportunities

- **FY 2025-2026 State Budget (highlights); SB/AB 102, budget bills (Prop 4, Cap & Invest Reauthorization)**
  https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/understanding-the-governors-2025-26-state-budget-proposal/?utm_source=LARC+Announcements&utm_campaign=49a0bcda33-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_1&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2cf5362fad-49a0bcda33-373249900&mc_cid=49a0bcda33&mc_eid=9771425b26

- **CCEC Legislative Tracker**
  https://eecoordinator.info/legislative-database/

- **FY 2025-2026 Federal Budget (HR. 1) - tax credits guidance for solar/win**
  https://taxlawcenter.org/blog/treasury-releases-much-anticipated-beginning-of-construction-guidance-for-solar-and-wind

- **H.R. 3699 "Energy Choice Act"**
  https://lnkd.in/gW5F_RQn

- **OMB's Proposed Regulation for Federal Financial Assistance - National Council of Nonprofits Comments**
  https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/files/media/documents/2026/NCN-Comment-to-OMB-on-Uniform-Guidance%20.pdf

Other Assistance

- **Guidance Document for 2025 Local Ordinance Applications**

https://lnkd.in/g4Efiq5Y

- **LCI: General Plan Guidelines Update (including guidance on AB 39) - Open House Draft may be ready for review next summer**

- **Free technical assistance - Rolling**
  https://cfcc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/CalOES_CFCC_Fall2024.pdf

Input Opportunities

- **Non-Energy Impacts (NEI) Informational Proceeding - open docket**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceeding/order-instituting-informational-proceeding-non-energy-impacts-nei

- **Draft Supplemental Guidance to Avoid Substantial Burdens or Harms to Priority Populations - closes Sept. 15, 2026**
  https://www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov/public-participation-opportunities

- **SB 54 Plastics Pollution Mitigation Fund - survey and workshops - extended to September 30, 2026**
  https://calepa.ca.gov/programs/sb54ppmf/

- **Catalyst Convenings - North Coast (9/15), Inland Deserts10/6**
  https://sgc.ca.gov/meetings-events/catalyst-convenings/

Links from the Chat & Presentation

- **Bernadette Austin, CEO, CivicWell - CivicWell Webinar Series**
  - **Strategies for Centering Community in Transportation Planning**
    - October 1, 2026 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
    - Info: https://civicwell.org/civic-events/sustainable-future2026/
    - **Registration Here**
  - **Rebuilding for a More Sustainable Future**
    - October 8, 2026 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
    - Info: https://civicwell.org/civic-events/sustainable-future-2026/
    - **Register Here**
  - **Habitat Conservation in an Evolving Policy Landscape**
    - October 15, 2026 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
    - Info: https://civicwell.org/civic-events/habitat-conservation-2026/
    - **Register Here**
- **Dash Leeds, Sierra Club**

    - **Questions for Sierra Club: melissa.yu@sierraclub.org**
    - **Air District Website:**
        - https://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/rules/reg-9-rule-6-nitrogen-oxides-emissions-from-natural-gasfired-water-heaters
    - **Rebates:**
        - https://www.switchison.org/
        - https://www.transit.dot.gov/bus-program due 9/21

- **Elizabeth Harris, County of Santa Clara:**
    - CCEC Forum Presentation & Worksheet (Worksheet can be found on page 25)
        - https://eecoordinator.info/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026-CCEC-Conference-RAC-presentation.pptx.pdf
    - Past Forum resources including notes from the presentations can be found on our website
        - https://eecoordinator.info/past-forum-resources/
    - **Chat:**
        - CalMTA provided incentives and compensation for installing induction ranges
            - https://calmta.org/induction-cooking/
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