California Climate and Energy Collaborative

Local Energy Resources Network (LERN) Additional Resources

LERN Meeting #57:
Featuring: Andrew Reyes, CARB; Jillian Blanchard, L4GG; Catherine Foster, LCI; and Julianna Joss, 3C-REN

Tuesday, October 13th | 11:00 -12:00 PM PT

Funding

- **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

- **Energy Technology Innovation Partnership Project - November 18, 2026**
  https://www.nlr.gov/state-local-tribal/energy-technology-innovation-partnership-project

- **CAs National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program – Solic. 6 Community Charging - November 20, 2026**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-02/gfo-25-603-californias-national-electric-vehicle-infrastructure-formula

- **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 Coastal Conservancy: Grants Pre-Applications and Technical Assistance - rolling**

https://scc.ca.gov/grants/

- **Food Production Investment Program - anticipated release in October 2026**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2026-10/food-production-investment-program-fpip-2026

- **Watershed Resilience Grant Program - anticipated release in 2027**
  https://us.list-manage.com/z4Zv3BCSY8w?e=9771425b26&c2id=432bf2afa1e00ffabc04febb4d4833c3&m=U9tLTxRLrq-DWplbxu0eqjDq4KqwciUfh0PH8GkEssOgwwGrnrS4jWP6azNX

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

- **The Climate Center: CA Climate Policy Recap for 2026 webinar - Oct 21**
  https://theclimatecenter.org/events/california-climate-policy-recap-for-2026-the-good-the-bad-and-the-future/

- **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

- **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

- **CalFleet technical assistance**
  https://calfleetadvisor.org/

- **Data Center Model Policy Guide**
  https://webuildprogress.org/data-center-model-policy-guide

Input Opportunities

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

- **EPIC 5 Investment Plan - Hybrid Public Workshop 10/20-10/22**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceeding/electric-program-investment-charge-2026-2030-investment-plan-epic-5

- **Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update Workshop on Load Modifier Inputs & Assumptions - Nov 12, 2026**
  https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report-iepr/2026-integrated-energy-policy-report?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

- **Next SLECC Meeting - December 3, 2026**
  Contact rramirez@civicwell.org to be added to the Google Group if you are interested

Links from the Chat & Presentation

- **Andrew Reyes, CARB**
  - Drive Forward Expo Homepage
    - https://driveforwardexpo.org/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=agency&utm_content=carb_081026&utm_campaign=trucks_o
  - Home - Cal Fleet Advisor
    - https://calfleetadvisor.org
  - For any questions or concerns, send me an email: Andrew.Reyes@arb.ca.gov

- **Jillian Blanchard, L4GG**
  - Here's the link to get help on your federal funding (including untenable grant conditions) - https://www.lawyersforgoodgovernment.org/fund-protection-clinic
  - Sharing links here for anyone who is ready to share their story about the value and benefits of low income solar:
    - For General Public:
    - News Media:
      - Work with our Public Relations team to have your voice heard
      - Send an email to Zealan Hoover at zealan@impactstrategy.us with details regarding how you have been harmed by SFA termination and/or how you would benefit from its implementation (energy affordability, resilience, etc.)
      - Email and Call Your Members of Congress
      - Identify your local representative here: https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member
      - Find a template letter here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1D9ppx2lmizRkE4sPbVyuO4B6hGlomavFSIwzdeEBu3E/edit?usp=sharing
      - Submit following the instructions on their website
      - Call or Meet Your Elected Representatives
      - Identify your local representative here:https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member
      - Schedule a meeting (virtual or in person)
      - Call via the Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
  - **Catherine Foster, LCI**
    - California Extreme Heat Action Plan 2026

            - https://lci.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/California-Extreme-Heat-Action-Plan-2026.pdf
        - OEHHA - California Communities Extreme Heat Scoring System
            - https://calheatscore.calepa.ca.gov/
        - Vulnerable Communities Platform
            - https://vcp.lci.ca.gov/
    - **Julianna Joss, 3C-REN**
        - SGC/DOC has offered 6 rounds of Transformative Climate Communities grants and we are crossing our fingers for additional rounds: https://sgc.ca.gov/grant-programs/tcc/
        - Resilient Cuyama Valley Initiative | Santa Barbara Climate Collaborative: https://www.sbclimatecollaborative.org/landing/rcvi