

AGENDA
EPIC Policy + Innovation Coordination Group
Wrap-Up Workshop
July 9, 2024, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Courtyard Room
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
(virtual attendance option available via registration)

Public Webinar Registration

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Background

About the EPIC Program. The Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) supports the development of new, emerging, and pre-commercial clean energy innovations in California. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires that EPIC portfolios be designed to ensure ratepayer benefits in the form of equitable access to safe, affordable, reliable, and environmentally sustainable energy for electricity ratepayers. This program is funded by California utility customers under the auspices of the CPUC. EPIC funds are currently administered by the California Energy Commission (CEC), which administers 80% of EPIC funds and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), which together administer the remaining 20% of EPIC funds.

In its most recent EPIC Decision (D.)24-03-007, the CPUC approved five (5) Strategic Goals for the EPIC Program. The approved Strategic Goals are Transportation Electrification, Distributed Energy Resource Integration, Building Decarbonization, Achieving 100 Percent Net-Zero Carbon Emissions and the Coordinated Role of Gas, and Climate Adaptation. These are clear and measurable goals for developing EPIC portfolios to be used in program evaluations to measure impacts of EPIC investments in supporting achievement of California's 2045 climate, energy, and equity targets. The next steps authorized by the decision include several workshops to develop Strategic Objectives.

Strategic Objectives are clear, measurable, and robust targets to guide EPIC investment plan strategies to scale and deploy innovation to align with EPIC's Strategic Goals that:

- Address the key identified gaps for critical pathways to demonstrated progress in achieving California's climate goals,
- Focus on the unique role ratepayer funded research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) should play in leading innovation investment, and
- Incorporated important crosscutting principles identified in the decision.

Specifically, (D.)24-03-007 endorsed principles for crosscutting strategies to be considered in development of the Strategic Objectives. These principles relate to (1) equity, (2) emerging strategies, and (3) safety (including cybersecurity).

Purpose of the Wrap-Up Workshop

The Strategic Objectives Wrap-Up Workshop will provide an engagement opportunity for stakeholders to review the final draft Strategic Objectives for the EPIC program that: 1) align with the five Strategic Goals approved by the CPUC for the EPIC 5 Program Period, and 2) take into consideration the guiding framework for the Strategic Objectives Technical Working Group process.

- **Pathways:** Set of critical actions necessary to support meeting the State’s 2045 zero carbon goals via the most effective strategies and technology innovation.
- **Gaps:** Key challenges for achieving zero carbon goals and how RD&D should be prioritized to address opportunities and barriers more quickly along critical pathways.
- **Roles:** The best-positioned stakeholders (ratepayers, state, federal, private sector) to lead innovation investment addressing identified gaps, including through coordination and collaboration.
- **Outcomes:** Clear, measurable, and reasonable targets to be used by administrators in developing EPIC portfolios and used in program evaluations to measure impacts of EPIC in supporting achievement of California’s 2045 zero carbon goals.

Participation in the Workshop is open to all interested parties.

Format

The Accelerate Group will facilitate the Wrap-Up workshop under the guidance of CPUC’s Energy Division. This will be held in-person with a virtual component. The final draft of Strategic Objectives may address one or more Strategic Goal areas. This workshop will involve an integrated discussion, and all-day attendance is advised.

Agenda

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| I. | Welcome and Agenda Overview | 10:00 – 10:10 AM |
| II. | Opening Remarks | 10:10 – 10:20 AM |
| III. | Background and Review of the Process | 10:20 – 11:20 AM |
| IV. | Presentation of individual Strategic Objectives on topics generally related to the Transportation Electrification and Building Decarbonization Goals | 11:20 AM – 11:50 AM |
| V. | Stakeholder Discussion and Q&A | 11:50 AM – 12:20 PM |
| VI. | Lunch | 12:20 – 1:35 PM |
| VII. | Presentation of individual Strategic Objectives on topics generally related to the DER Integration, Climate Adaptation, and the Achieving 100% Net-Zero Carbon Emissions and the Coordinated Role of Gas Strategic Goals | 1:35 – 2:15 PM |
| VIII. | Stakeholder Discussion and Q&A | 2:15 – 2:45 PM |
| IX. | Break | 2:45 – 2:55 PM |

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| X. | Presentation of individual Strategic Objectives that support grid planning and operations and address multiple Strategic Goals | 2:55 – 3:20 PM |
| XI. | Stakeholder Open Discussion and Q&A | 3:20 – 3:45 PM |
| XII. | Wrap up and Next Steps | 3:45 – 4:00 PM |

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