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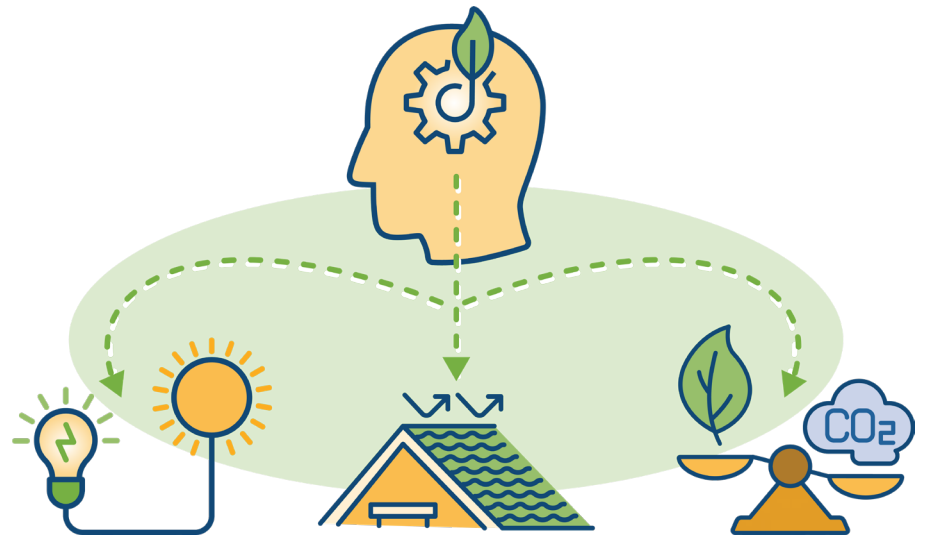
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CPUC Propelling Energy Market Transformation

You may have heard the term Energy Market Transformation, but what does it really mean? In a nutshell, it is the process of intervening in a market to create lasting change by removing barriers and accelerating the adoption of innovative technologies or practices. The results mean faster progress on California’s climate and clean energy goals. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) aims to integrate new energy market transformation initiatives in ways that will be self-sustaining and ultimately yield measurable benefits that will remain long after the processes have been implemented. Most importantly, these new initiatives will also support the CPUC and California’s goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, create workforce development opportunities, and foster equity in all of the state’s diverse cities and communities.



On January 31, 2023, the CPUC [announced](#) that it had selected its first-ever Market Transformation Administrator ([CalMTA](#)) to help propel energy efficiency transformation through leading-edge [initiatives](#) that will also bring sustainable, cost-effective market changes to California.

Resource Innovations, a clean energy services provider owned and managed by leading women in the energy field, was selected as the CalMTA. Resource Innovations will partner with a team of experts in program development, evaluation, and equity inclusion.

The CalMTA’s work includes soliciting ideas from the market; growing ideas internally; developing and applying selection criteria for initiatives; consulting with and reporting to a Market Transition Administrator Board comprised of industry experts and the CPUC; and issuing public reports on selection outcomes.

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Outdoor Experience Learning Opportunities for People of All Ages

In continued efforts to impact land conservation throughout California, the CPUC achieved a legacy of long-term land preservation efforts through a 2003 settlement agreement with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The agreement required PG&E to create the [Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council](#), with funding of \$30 million dedicated to youth educational programs and \$70 million for land planning and enhancements, known as the Land Conservation Commitment. As a result, the CPUC successfully facilitated a unique productive partnership in California that paired land resources with proactive educational outreach and conservation efforts that benefit current and future generations.

In June 2019, 62 acres of pristine wilderness land was donated by PG&E to the San Joaquin County Office of Education ([SJCOE](#)). This land donation enabled SJCOE to create a learning hub for its students and area residents called the Sky Mountain Educational Center.

The 62 acres of land in Placer County (just south of Lake Valley Reservoir) are now protected in perpetuity with a land conservation easement that will benefit California residents while also providing:

- Outdoor recreation such as hiking, fishing, nature study, environmental education, and sightseeing.
- Natural habitats for fish, wildlife, and plants that includes species protected under the California and/or Federal Endangered Species Act.
- Sustainable forestry that maintains forest resources on the property consisting of Sierra mixed conifer.
- Land in keeping with the surrounding environment that provides contiguous forested landscape visible to passersby on the nearby roads and highways.

In addition to the land donation from PG&E, the Stewardship Council allocated funding to facilitate physical renovations and improvements to bring the Sky Mountain Educational Center up to current State codes so SJCOE can move forward with using it as an educational facility for children. Today, the Sky Mountain Educational Center offers students of all ages a rare opportunity to experience the outdoors and its respective unique ecosystems through hands-on outdoor learning programs. There are classrooms in the forests, on the water's edge, and inside of a snowbank.

The Stewardship Council has nearly completed the Land Conservation Commitment planning process and will cease operations soon. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (a California State Agency) was appointed by the CPUC to administer the remaining Land Conservation Commitment funds following dissolution of the Stewardship Council.

The success of programs like the Sky Mountain Educational Center are the result of the collaborative efforts of the CPUC and the Stewardship Council to conserve land and create access to nature for all people in California. ■



New Area Code Joins 530 Region

The CPUC has acted to ensure that telephone numbers continue to be available to meet the demand in the geographic region served by the 530 area code by approving a second area code (called an overlay) that will provide additional numbering resources while minimizing customer inconvenience. The new area code to overlay the 530 area codes is 837.

The [530 area code](#) is projected to run out of available prefixes (the first three numbers after the area code in a telephone number) during the third quarter of 2025. The CPUC approved the request of the [North American Numbering Plan Administrator](#), the neutral third-party area code relief planner for California, for an area code overlay. No existing customers will be required to change their area code or specific telephone number. The new overlay area code of 837 will be available for new telephone number assignments in the same region as the 530 area code upon exhaust of available prefixes in the existing 530 area code.

The 530 area code covers most of the northeastern portion of California, including all or portions of Alpine, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Modoc, Mono,

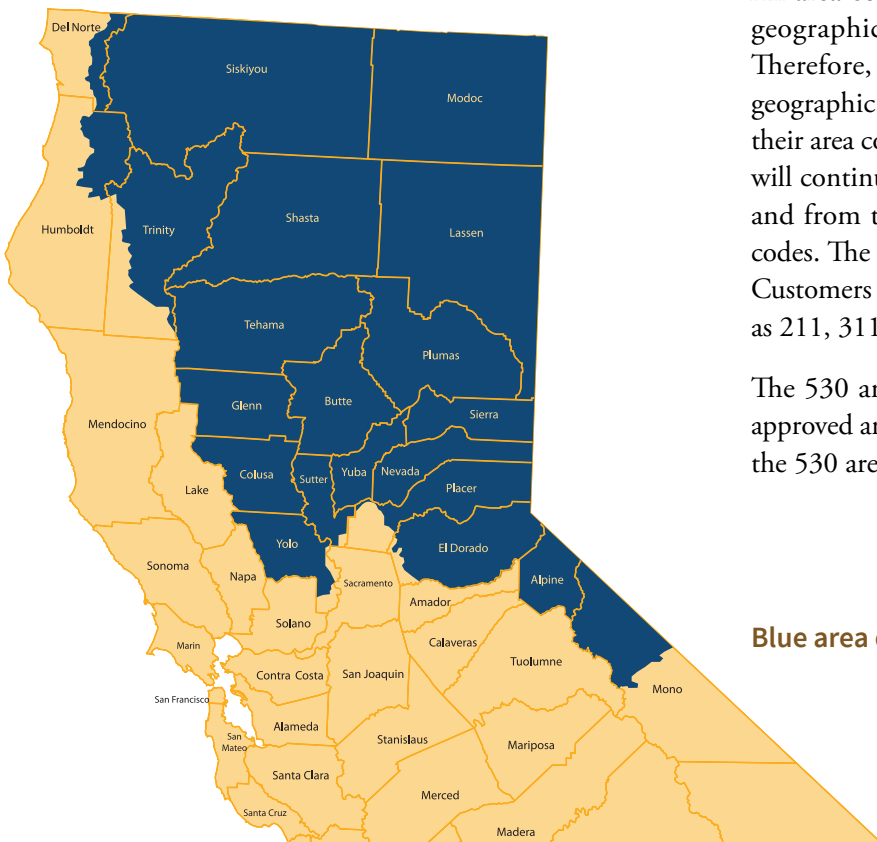


Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba counties. It serves cities and communities including but not limited to Chico, Davis, El Dorado Hills, Oroville, Paradise, Placerville, Red Bluff, Redding, South Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Woodland, and Yuba City, as well as unincorporated areas.

An area code overlay adds an additional area code to the geographic region served by the existing area code(s). Therefore, multiple area codes co-exist within the same geographic region. Existing 530/837 customers will retain their area code and specific telephone number(s). Customers will continue to dial the three-digit area code for all calls to and from telephone numbers with the 530 and 837 area codes. The price of a call will not change due to the overlay. Customers can still dial just three digits to reach 911, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711, and 811.

The 530 area code was formed in 1997 when the CPUC approved an area code split of the 916 area code, introducing the 530 area code. ■

Blue area denotes 530/837 area codes



THE DOCKET:

Proceedings Filed at the CPUC May 2023

PROCEEDING NUMBER | FILED DATE | FILER

A2212009 | 4/28/2023 | ALJ/WATTS-ZAGHA/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting interim rate recovery.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507388175>

R2002008 | 4/26/2023 | COMMR/SHIROMA/CPUC

Proposed Decision approving Pilot Programs to Leverage Federal Affordable Connectivity Program Funds.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507387869>

C2208002 | 4/28/2023 | ALJ/RAMBO/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision dismissing complaint and staying changes in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's application of its Electric Rule 16 Tariff.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507387946>

A2304010 | 4/20/2023 | CONTENT+CLOUD CORPORATION

Application of Content+Cloud Corporation for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation pursuant to the

provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=506961200>

A2304011 | 4/20/2023 | DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC.

Application of Digital Technology Solutions, Inc. dba DTS Fiber for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Full Facilities-Based and Resold Competitive Local Exchange and Non-Dominant Interexchange Service.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=506878484>

A2304012 | 4/21/2023 | SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

In the Matter of the Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U905G) for authority to: (1) issue one or more types of debt securities in the principal amount of up to \$600,000,000; (2) refinance previously issued short-term debt securities; (3) refinance previously authorized securities under the Evergreening Authority Guidelines; and (4) enter into one or more interest rate risk management contracts.

<https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2304012>

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Have An Idea?

CalMTA is seeking ideas that will accelerate market adoption of a new or under-used energy efficiency technology or practice through a Request for Ideas (RFI) that opened on June 15, 2023 and will run through August 18, 2023. Those with an idea can submit through the newly launched [Idea Portal](#). If the idea is selected to advance, the CalMTA will develop a plan for implementation and conduct a competitive solicitation of bids for its delivery. The CPUC will review and approve the market transformation plans that result from this process. Decisions are made based on forecasts and research and can include business case studies, market characterization studies, industry expertise, and risk analysis.

The development and implementation of a full portfolio of Market Transformation initiatives is expected to require several years of work, ongoing evaluation, and stakeholder engagement. This will serve to illustrate how the portfolio of Market Transformation initiatives is creating lasting energy

savings and impacting California's climate goals by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, advancing workforce development, and increasing equity inclusion. ■

C2004007 | 4/1/2020 | MARK FOLEY

Foley Investments, LP. d/b/a Santanna Apartments, Complainant vs. Alisal Water Corporation d/b/a Alco Water Service (ALCO) (U206W), Defendant. (Charging Allegations: for replacement of water main.)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=506976142>

A2209016 | 5/5/2023 | ALJ/MATHEWS/WILSON/CPUC

Proposed Decision granting request for an all-services area code overlay in the 530 Numbering Plan Area.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508084946>

R1109011 | 5/4/2023 | ALJ/HYMES/CPUC

Proposed Decision adopting additional safety requirements to address load masking.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508064390>

R1705010 | 5/5/2023 | CMMR/ALICE REYNOLDS/CPUC

Phase 2 Proposed Decision revising Electric Rule 20 and establishing local and tribal government consultation requirement.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508078080>

R1706026 | 5/4/2023 | ALJ/WANG/CPUC

Proposed Decision addressing greenhouse gas-free resources, long-term renewable transactions, energy index calculations, and energy service providers' data access.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508069560>

C2211005 | 5/2/2023 | ALJ/RIZZO/CPUC

Presiding Officer's Decision dismissing the Complaint.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507658640>

A2304013 | 4/27/2023 | VNILA SERVICES, INC.

Application of VNILA SERVICES INC. for Registration as an Interexchange Carrier Telephone Corporation Pursuant to the Provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 1013.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507387842>

A2305001 | 5/1/2023 | SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY

In the Matter of the Application of SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY (U337W) for an authorized Cost of Capital for 2024 through 2026.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507605485>

A2305002 | 5/1/2023 | GREAT OAKS WATER COMPANY

Application of Great Oaks Water Company (U162W) for an Order establishing its authorized cost of capital for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507388194>

A2305003 | 5/1/2023 | SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS

Application of Suburban Water Systems (U339W) for Authority to Establish its Authorized Cost of Capital for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507825180>

A2305004 | 5/1/2023 | LIBERTY UTILITIES (PARK WATER) CORP.

Joint Application of Liberty Utilities (Park Water) Corp. (U314W) and Liberty Utilities (Apple Valley Ranchos Water) Corp. (U346W) for Authority to Establish an Authorized Cost of Capital for 2024 – 2026.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507605502>

A2305005 | 5/2/2023 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY to increase its authority to finance short-term borrowing needs by \$1.0 billion to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$8.5 billion. (U39M)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507816310>

A2305006 | 5/4/2023 | STAR & CRESCENT BOAT COMPANY

Application of STAR & CRESCENT BOAT COMPANY (VCC-63), doing business as FLAGSHIP CRUISES & EVENTS, for a Passenger Fare Increase and Authority to Establish a Zone of Rate Freedom for its Vessel Common Carrier Service on San Diego Bay Between the City of Coronado and the City of San Diego.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507825242>

C2304014 | 4/26/2023 | MARK DENNE

Mark Denne, Complainant vs Charter Fiberlink CA-CCO, LLC (U6878C); Spectrum Advanced Services, LLC d/b/a Time Warner Cable (U1158C); and Time Warner Cable d/b/a Time Warner Cable (U6874C), Defendants. [Charging allegation is violations of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA).]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507387528>

C2304015 | 4/26/2023 | CENTRAL VALLEY AG MANAGEMENT, LLC

(ECP) Central Valley Ag Management, LLC for Triple R Ranch, Complainants vs. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), Defendant. [Charging allegation is for failure to timely provide electric service.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=507387861>

R0504005 | 5/17/2023 | COMMR/HOUCK/CPUC

Proposed Decision denying Petition for Modification and closing docket.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=509017786>

A2305010 | 5/12/2023 | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) For Authority to Increase Its Authorized Revenues for Electric Service In 2025, Among Other Things, and to Reflect That Increase in Rates.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508571137>

A2305012 | 5/15/2023 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Adoption of Electric Revenue Requirements and Rates Associated with its 2024 Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) and Generation Non-Bypassable Charges Forecast and Greenhouse Gas Forecast Revenue Return and Reconciliation. (U39E)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508571398>

A2305013 | 5/15/2023 | SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) for Approval of its 2024 Electric Procurement Revenue Requirement Forecasts, 2024 Electric Sales Forecast, and GHG-Related Forecasts.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=509017735>

A2305014 | 5/12/2023 | CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL

Application of the California High-Speed Rail Authority to Construct Four Proposed High-Speed Rail Tracks and Rail-Rail Grade Separation at CHSRA'S MP 223.56 crossing over UPRR/SJVRR's existing Mainline Track at MP 249.46, part of the Proposed Hanford Viaduct Structure, located in the County of Kings, State of California.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508571502>

(ECP) C2305011 | 5/11/2023 | SAMMY R. HERNANDEZ

(ECP) Sammy R. Hernandez, Complainant vs. Havasu Water Company, Inc. (U352W), Defendant. [Charging allegation is failure to provide safe and reliable service and billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508571063>

(ECP) C2305015 | 5/16/2023 | RAY NICHOLS

(ECP) Ray Nichols, Complainant vs. Southern California Gas Company (U904G), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508571184>

(ECP) C2305016 | 5/16/2023 | AMIT SINGH

(ECP) Amit Singh, Complainant vs. San Jose Water Company (U168W), Defendant. [Charging allegation is billing error.]

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K2305017 | 5/17/2023 | DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY

Appeal of Desert Community Energy (ID 223) from Citation No. E-4195-0133 in the amount of \$374,647.20 issued by the Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=509016079>

R2305018 | 5/18/2023 | CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Update and Amend Commission General Order 131-D.

<https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/R2305018>

A1710007 ET AL. | 10/6/2017 | SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902M) for Authority, Among Other Things, to Update its Electric and Gas Revenue Requirement and Base Rates Effective on January 1, 2019.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=509017744>

A2110010 | 10/26/2021 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of its Electric Vehicle Charge 2 Program. (U39E)

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=508572058>

R0911014 | 11/20/2009 | CPUC

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Examine the Commission's Post-2008 Energy Efficiency Policies, Programs, Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification, and Related Issues.

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/SearchRes.aspx?DocFormat=All&DocID=509105656>



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About this publication

This monthly newsletter is to keep you informed of proposals by the CPUC's Commissioners and Administrative Law Judges, as well as utility applications, and other issues and work of note. We also include a list summarizing the filings at the CPUC in the previous month.

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