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## **Regulatory Weekly File**

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The Regulatory Weekly File is released each Friday afternoon summarizing the regulatory and policy actions of California's administrative agencies in the past week and in the weeks ahead. The first two sections summarize major actions, and the remaining sections focus on individual departments.

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## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On May 30, members of the Legislature sent a <u>letter</u> to CalRecycle and the Administration identifying areas in the SB 54 regulation they argue are inconsistent with the governing statute. On May 27, CalRecycle held its first workshop on the regulations since the Governor directed the agency to reduce costs to small businesses. An article summarizing the workshop is available <u>here</u>.
- On June 4, the California Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Center for Biological Diversity, Inc. v. Public Utilities Commission*. Advocacy groups sued the Commission for a 2022 decision that cut subsidies to households with solar systems. Oral arguments will be posted <a href="here">here</a> and the Court's opinion must be published by September 3.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S SIGNIFICANT MEETINGS**

- <u>June 11</u>, 11:00 am, Sacramento & virtual, the California Energy Commission will hold its monthly meeting. The <u>agenda</u> includes considering approval to construct the Darden Clean Energy Project, the Energy Conservation Manual for the 2025 Energy Code, and 2025 California Building Energy Code Compliance software updates. The Commission will also consider approving a \$5 million grant to Cal Poly Humboldt to design and construct a system of nested microgrids and a \$10 million grant to Pilot Travel Centers to install six hydrogen dispensers and two liquid hydrogen storage tanks in Lodi and Ripon to refuel medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.
- <u>June 12</u>, 11:00 am, Sacramento & virtual, the California Public Utilities Commission will meet. The
   agenda includes considering several rulemakings including Building Decarbonization (<u>R.19-01-011</u>) and
   amendments to General Order 133 (<u>R.22-03-016</u>). The Commission will also discuss several complaints.
   Please note: Check the Commission's <u>hold list</u> next week as some of these items may be pulled from the
   agenda for a future date.
- June 12, 1:00 pm, Sacramento & virtual, CARB's AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory
  Committee will meet. The <u>agenda</u> includes a discussion on building decarbonization and natural and
  working lands draft resolutions. CARB will also present on performance standards for emission
  detection systems pursuant to SB 1137.

# THIS WEEK'S NOTICED REGULATIONS

Agency	Proposed Rule	Important Dates
State Lands	Marine Invasive Species Act	7/21 Comment Deadline
Commission	Enforcement and Hearing	
	Process	
Dept. of Justice	Civil Fines for Firearms Dealers	7/22 Comment Deadline
Board of Forestry and	Vegetation Treatment in the	7/24 Comment Deadline
Fire Protection	Watercourse and Lake Protection	7/24 Public Hearing
	Zone	
Dept. of Corrections	Compassionate Release	7/21 Comment Deadline
and Rehabilitation		7/21 Public Hearing
Board of Naturopathic	Delegation of Functions	7/21 Comment Deadline
Medicine		
Dept. of Toxic	SB 502 (2022) Mandated	7/21 Comment Deadline
Substances Control	Framework Regulations	
	Amendments	

# **DEPARTMENTS IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION**

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# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

## **Upcoming Meetings & Workshops**

Date	Title
June 11, 16, 18,	Public Forum: Application for Verizon's acquisition of Frontier
24, 30	companies in California
June 11	Quarterly Low-Income Oversight Board Meeting
June 12	Commission Meeting
June 12	Energy Division Virtual Open House
June 13	Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting
June 26	Commission Meeting

#### Open Rulemakings

CPUC is exempt from the California Administrative Procedures Act and has a unique rulemaking process. It has more than 50 open rulemaking proceedings; you can search for a specific proceeding <a href="here">here</a>. Below are some of the commonly discussed matters.

R.25-02-005	Update and Reform Energy Resource Recovery Account and
	Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Policies and Processes
R.24-10-005	Consider Proposed Changes to General Order 95 to Modernize
	the Rules and Regulations Governing the Design and
	Construction of Overhead Electric and Communications Facilities
	in California.
R.24-06-012	Changes to the Commission's Carrier of Last Resort Rules
R.20-08-020	Revisit Net Energy Metering

# ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OR "CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION" (CEC)

**Upcoming Meetings & Workshops** 

Date	Title
June 10	Preliminary Staff Assessment Technical and Mitigation Workshop
	Willow Rock Energy Storage Center - Day 2 (If Necessary)
June 11	Energy Commission Meeting (Agenda)
June 13	Workshop on the Lithium Valley Vision
June 13	Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Meeting
June 18	Staff Workshop on Assembly Bill 3: Scoping Reports on Offshore
	Wind Seaports, Workforce, and Supply Chain
June 18	How to Apply for the CALeVIP Fast Charge California Project

Proposed Rule	Status	Important Dates
Power Source Disclosure Program	Under review at OAL.	

# CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB)

**Upcoming Meetings & Workshops** 

Date	Title
<u>June 11</u>	One-Stop Truck Event: Oakland
<u>June 11</u>	Senate Bill (SB) 1075 Lancaster Community Meeting
June 12	AB 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
June 12	Senate Bill (SB) 1075 Harbor City Community Meeting
June 13	Innovative Small E-Fleet Pilot Program New Options Workgroup
June 17	Kick-Off Workshop: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Clean Transportation
	Incentives Funding Plan
June 17	Evening Community Meeting: Clean Transportation Incentives
	for a Cleaner California
June 18	Zero-Emission Showcase + Ride & Drive Event (Anaheim)
June 20	Funding Plan Workgroup for Clean Mobility Investments
June 26 & 27	Board Meeting

#### **Announcements**

• On June 3, the Governor announced the Board will deploy mobile air monitoring equipment to collect detailed air quality data in 64 underserved communities. More information <a href="here">here</a>.

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
Low Carbon Fuel Standard	Resubmitted to OAL 5/16.	6/30 OAL Deadline
Locomotive Repeal	Initial comment period open.	6/16 Comment Deadline
		6/26 Public Hearing
2024 Area Designations	Initial comment period	
	closed.	
Advanced Clean Trucks Pooling	Initial comment period open.	7/14 Comment Deadline
Amendments		7/24 & 25 Public Hearing

# DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)

## **Upcoming Meetings & Workshops**

Date	Title
June 17	Board of Environmental Safety Virtual Fee Workshop

#### Announcements

• This week, a legal blog was published on a recent California Court of Appeals case, *Pacific Auto Recycling Center, Inc. v. California Department of Toxic Substances Control*, which determined a 30-year hazardous waste control policy was still in effect and DTSC must use the rulemaking process to set it aside. Full blog available <a href="here">here</a>.

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
Listing Nail Products Containing	First modified text comment	
MMA as a Priority Product	period closed.	
Industrial Ethyl Alcohol Exemption	Initial comment period open.	6/30 Comment
		Deadline
Clarifying Compliance Options for	Initial comment period open.	7/7 Comment
<u>Importers</u>		Deadline
Conditional Exemption for	Initial comment period open.	7/14 Comment
<u>Undeployed Airbags</u>		Deadline
SB 502 (2022) Mandated Framework	Initial comment period open.	7/21 Comment
Regulations Amendments		Deadline

# DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY (CALRECYCLE)

## **Upcoming Meetings & Workshops**

Date	Title
June 12	Measuring Contamination in Composting Programs Webinar
June 17	Monthly Meeting
June 17	Webinar on Labeling and Collecting Large Format Batteries for
	Recycling
June 18	Illegal Dumping Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
June 20	SB 54 Advisory Board Meeting
June 23	SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer
	Responsibility Act Non-Regulatory Public Workshop

#### **Announcements**

• On May 29, the Office of Administrative Law approved increases in covered electronic waste recovery and recycling payment rates, effective July 1. More information <a href="here">here</a>.

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
SB 156 Handling Fee Rate	Approved by OAL 6/5.	In effect.
<b>Determination Emergency</b>		
Regulations		
SB 54 Plastic Pollution Prevention	CalRecycle restarted the	
and Packaging Producer	informal rulemaking	
Responsibility Act Regulations	process on 5/27.	

# DEPARTMENT OF MANAGED HEALTH CARE (DMHC)

#### <u>Upcoming Meetings & Workshops</u> None.

Open Rulemakings

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
Provider Directories	First revised text comment	
	period closed.	

# **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS)**

**Upcoming Meetings & Workshops** 

Date	Title
June 10	Stakeholder Hearing Information: Medi-Cal Enrollment
	Requirements and Procedures for Pharmacy Providers that Hold a
	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA)
	Certificate of Waiver
June 12	Managed Care Advisory Group (MCAG) Meeting
June 19	Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel (MCHAP) Meeting
June 24	What's New in the 2024 U.S. Centers for Disease Control and
	Prevention (CDC) Medical Eligibility Criteria (MEC), Selected
	Practice Recommendations (SPR), and Quality Family Planning
	(QFP) Guidelines webinar (advance registration required).
June 25	CalAIM Managed Long-Term Services & Supports & Duals
	Integration Workgroup

#### <u>Announcements</u>

• On June 3, the Department released an advisory stating new data shows Medi-Cal Community Supports, a new way of delivering health care services, is successful and cost-effective. More information here.

Proposed Rule	Status	Important Dates
Pharmacist Services	Initial comment period closed.	

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS AND INFORMATION (HCAI)

**Upcoming Meetings & Workshops** 

Date	Title
June 9	Health Care Affordability Board Meeting (Agenda)
June 12	OSHPD 3 Primary Care Clinic Public Meeting
June 12	Advisory Loan Insurance Committee
June 16	Health Care Affordability Advisory Committee Meeting
June 17	Hospital Equity Measures Advisory Committee Meeting
June 18 & 19	Hospital Building Safety Board
June 18	HPD Data Release Committee Meeting
June 25	June Total Health Care Expenditure (THCE) Data Submitter
	Workgroup

#### **Announcements**

- The Office of Health Care Affordability published the <u>Baseline Report on Health Care Spending Growth Trends in California for the years 2022 and 2023</u>. This report highlights changes in spending at the statewide level and by market, payer, region, and service category.
- A psychiatry residency program is poised to launch in Imperial County in a partnership between UC San Diego Health and Imperial County Behavioral Health Services thanks to a \$2.5 million grant awarded by HCAI. More information here.

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
Distressed Hospital Financial	Initial comment period closed.	
Monitoring		
Non-Claims Payment Data Collection	First modified text comment	
	period closed.	
Hospital Equity Measures Reporting	Approved by OAL.	In effect.
<u>Program</u>		

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD)

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Workshops**

Date	Title
June 12 & 13	Registration and Titling Mobile Office in Fresno
June 24	2025 Tribal Multifamily Finance Super Notice of Funding Availability - Virtual Workshop

Notice of Funding Availability Calendar <u>here</u>.

#### Announcements

- June 5, the California Attorney General issued a builder's remedy legal alert to local governments, warning that cities and counties with noncompliant housing elements may not be able to deny certain housing projects. More information <a href="here">here</a>.
- The Department published updated federal income limits and federal rent limits for numerous programs including the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program including HOME-ARP, and National Housing Trust Fund Program, and Housing for a Healthy California Article I Programs. More information available <a href="https://example.com/health/healt

## Open Rulemakings

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
Mobile home Residency Law	Initial comment period closed.	
Protection Program Certificate of	_	
Compliance Package		

Note: HCD and several other agencies propose changes to the building standards code (Title 24). This document does not discuss those activities but if you have any questions about the status of the current triennial process, please contact us at <a href="mailto:administrativelaw@nmgovlaw.com">administrativelaw@nmgovlaw.com</a>.

# **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS)**

**Upcoming Meetings & Workshops** 

Date	Title
June 12	Care and Supervision Working Group
June 12	State Advisory Council on Refugee Assistance and Services
	Quarterly Meeting
June 13	Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting, contact
	<u>Tribalaffairs@dss.ca.gov</u> to participate.
June 16-19	Afghan Welcome Centers (Oakland), contact
	Abdi.Abdillahi@dss.ca.gov or Brian.tam@dss.ca.gov to
	participate.
June 17	SUN Bucks All Stakeholder Webinar, contact
	SUNBucks@dss.ca.gov to participate.
June 17 & 18	Equity-Centered Quality Rating and Improvement System (EC-
	QRIS) Advisory Panel Meeting, contact
	<u>Lisa.Sullivan@dss.ca.gov</u> to participate.
June 25	Whole Child Community Equity Workgroup Meeting, contact
	Michelle.Sonico@dss.ca.gov to participate.

There are numerous additional recurring meetings offered each month; a complete list is found <u>here</u>. California foster care program stakeholder engagement opportunities available <u>here</u>.

#### **Announcements**

• June 4, the Governor and the Department launched SUN Bucks, a new federally funded food program to provide children in low income families with adequate nutrition during summer. More information <a href="here">here</a>.

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
Adoptions Resource Family	Initial comment period open.	7/9 Comment Deadline
Approval		
Immediate Need Regulations	Initial comment period closed.	
Package		
CalWORKs HSP, BFH, and HDA	Initial comment period closed.	
<u>Program</u> s		
CalWORKs Homeless Assistance,	Initial comment period closed.	
SB 1065 changes to eligibility and	-	
administrative processes		
CalWORKs Home Visiting Program	Initial comment period closed.	
Transitional Housing Placement	First modified text comment	
Program	period closed.	
Adoption Agency Regulations	Under review at OAL.	
Amendments		
Reproductive Health of Foster Youth	Under review at OAL.	
and Social Worker Activities		

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)

Next Week's Meetings & Workshops

Date	Title
June 10	CA State Matchmaking Summit: From Certification to
	Connection (Ontario)
June 11	How to Respond to an RFP
June 11	2025 Biz Expo, Forging Forward (Pomona)
June 11	How to do Business with the State (Eureka)
June 11	Caltrans District 3 Meet the Primes (Marysville)
June 12	2025 Sacramento Area Procurement Fair (Citrus Heights)
June 12	Small Business Expo II 2025 (La Mesa)

Notable Open Bids

Proposed Rule	Description	Deadline
GO-Biz Clean Energy	Contractor will prepare an assessment report of the barriers,	6/10
Assessment Report	challenges, and impediments limiting the deployment and	
	development of clean energy projects that support strategies to	
	advance California's energy and climate goals as identified in	
	CARB Scoping Plan.	
<b>DWR</b> Financial Advisor	The Contractor will provide financial advisory services to the	6/9
	Department of Water Resources in connection with the Department	
	of Water Resources Charge Fund (DCF) program.	
CalTrans Encampment	Contractor shall furnish all labor, equipment, tools, parts, materials,	6/10
Removal	supplies, traffic control, travel, and incidentals necessary to provide	
	Encampment Site Waste Removal and Cleanup Services in Del	
	Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Siskiyou, Mendocino and Lake Counties.	
Early Earthquake	Cal OES requires a Contractor to organize and coordinate a	6/11
Warning Education and	comprehensive and inclusive statewide Earthquake Early Warning	
Outreach Campaign	(EEW) education and outreach campaign; provide public relations	
	activities and engagement that achieve targets, including increasing	
	downloads of the California EEW app MyShake.	
CalVet Bedbug	Contractor will provide services at CalVet's Chula Vista Veteran's	6/12
Treatment Services	Home.	

# CALIFORNIA PRIVACY PROTECTION AGENCY (CPPA)

### **Upcoming Meetings & Workshops**

Date	Title
July 24	Board Meeting

#### Open Rulemakings

Proposed Rule	Status	<b>Important Dates</b>
CCPA Updates, Cyber, Risk,	First modified text comment	
ADMT, Insurance Regulations	period closed.	
Delete Request and Opt-out	Initial comment period open.	6/10 Comment Deadline
Platform ("DROP") System		6/10 Public Hearing
Requirements		

#### CIVIL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT

## **Upcoming Meetings & Workshops**

None.

The Department's Outreach and Education Unit participates in local events throughout the state. Its current activities are announced <u>here</u>.

#### Announcements

• The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California settled a case over alleged disability discrimination for \$200,000. More information here.

Open Rulemakings

Proposed Rule	Status	Important Dates
Contractor Nondiscrimination	Initial comment period closed.	
Compliance	-	
Conciliation Procedures	Initial comment period closed.	
Automated-Decision Systems	Under review at OAL.	

### **LAW REVISION COMMISSION**

## **Upcoming Meetings & Workshops**

Date	Title
June 26	Commission Meeting (tentative agenda)

## **About the Administrative Law Practice Group**

The group represents clients before state administrative agencies in a number of key areas, including health, utilities and energy, transportation, environmental compliance, public finance, taxation, licensing, contracting and procurement and land use. It also represents clients before California's constitutional offices and administrative bodies such as the Department of Justice, Department of Insurance, Franchise Tax Board, Board of Equalization, Fair Political Practices Commission, Air Resources Board, Energy Commission, Coastal Commission.

Our practice group can provide a variety of services in the following areas:

**Regulations**: Monitoring & reporting, issue identification, comment letters or regulatory language drafting, advocacy & testimony

**Licensing**: Permit, registration, or license requirement review, application preparation

**Administrative Disputes** (Citations & Disciplinary Actions): Fine negotiation, license complaint dispute resolution, administrative hearing representation

#### **Meet the Team**



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