

# West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

**Monthly Stakeholder Meeting**  
**February 27, 2025**



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# Agenda

- Welcome and Agenda review
- Formation Committee Roles and Principles
- Legislative Update & Timeline
- Funding:
  - DOE Grant
  - Additional Funding Plan
- Work Plan Update
- Upcoming opportunities for additional Stakeholder engagement



# Formation Committee Membership

## Members

- Kathleen Staks (Western Freedom), *Chair*
- Michele Beck (Utah Office of Consumer Services)
- Alaine Ginocchio (representing Western Resource Advocates)
- Evelyn Kahl (California Community Choice Association)
- Scott Ranzal (Pacific Gas and Electric)
- Jim Shetler (Balancing Authority of Northern California)
- Lisa Tormoen Hickey (representing Interwest Energy Alliance)

*The Formation Committee is a subcommittee of the Launch Committee and does not have a decision-making role. Any changes to the Step 2 proposal as adopted by the Launch Committee in November or implementation documents will go through a stakeholder process and will be adopted by the full Launch Committee as has been the process to date.*



# Formation Committee Liaisons

## **BOSR Liaisons**

- Commissioner Milt Doumit (Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission)
- Commissioner John Hammond (Idaho Public Utilities Commission)
- Commissioner Darcie Houck (California Public Utilities Commission)

## **WEM Governing Body Liaisons**

- Andrew Campbell
- John Prescott

## **CAISO Board of Governors Liaison**

- Jan Schori

*Members of the WEM GB, CAISO Board, and BOSR are acting as liaisons and are serving in a purely advisory role to the Formation Committee. They are not official or voting members of either the Formation Committee or the Launch Committee, or acting in any decision making capacity, on behalf of the Formation Committee or their respective bodies.*



# Formation Committee Support and Principles

## **CAISO Staff**

*CAISO staff is serving in a technical and advisory role, including providing subject matter experts on relevant topics such as CAISO's market structure, tariff and related agreements, technology platform, corporate governance structure, and/or an understanding of any legal requirements that may be relevant as the Launch Committee evaluates potential options. CAISO staff is not a member of the Launch Committee, and while providing technical support, it should not be interpreted as endorsing or otherwise taking any position on the proposals under consideration.*

## **Principles**

*The Launch Committee/Formation Committee is not engaging in lobbying.*

*The Launch Committee and Formation Committee will not do anything that would interfere with the ongoing operations of the WEIM or the implementation of EDAM.*



# Legislative Update - SB 540

## **Authors -**

- Senators Becker and Stern introduced SB 540 on February 20

## **Support -**

- Co-Sponsors: Coalition of CA Utility Employees (CUE), State Association of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Environmental Defense Fund, Natural Resources Defense Council





# SB 540

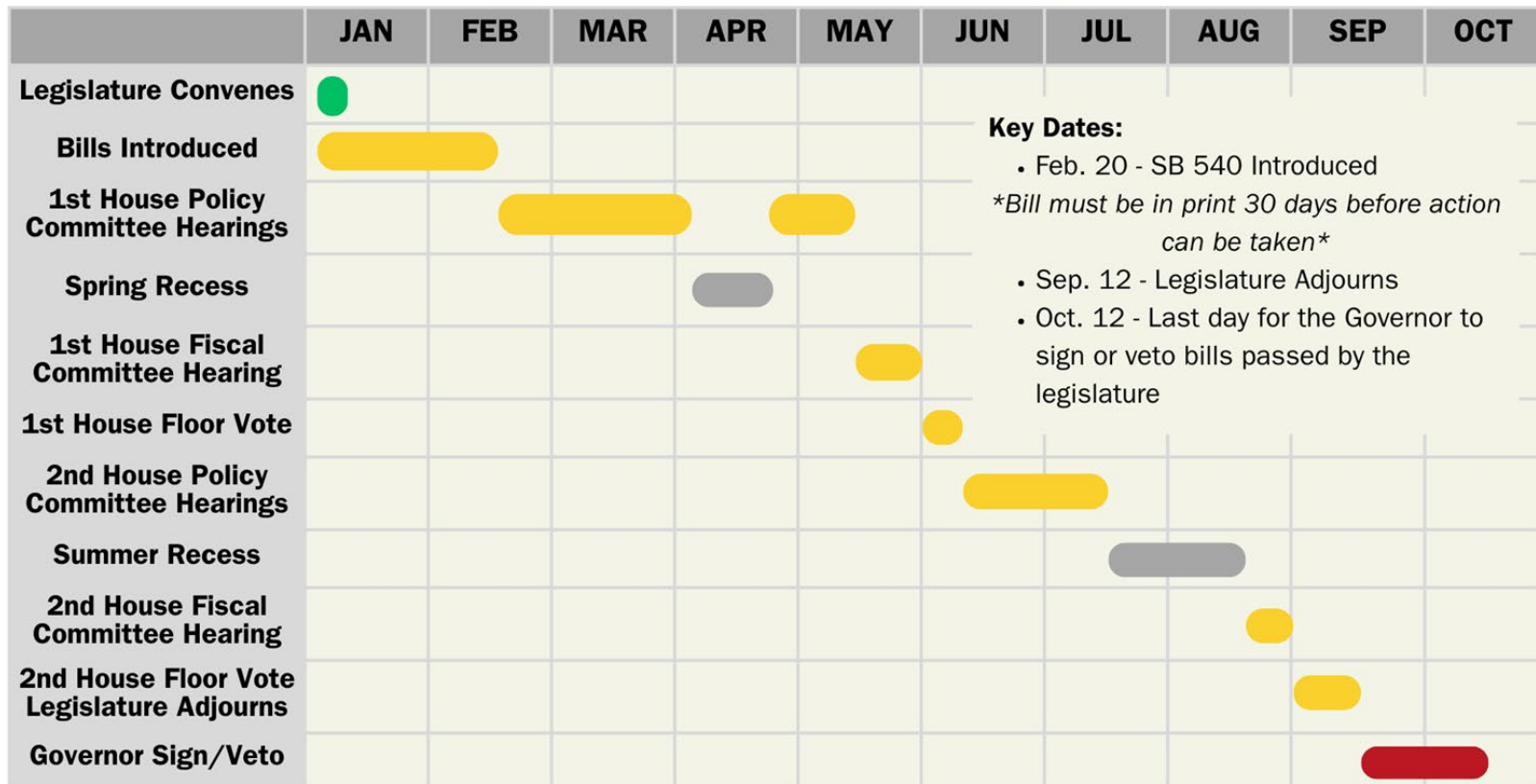
**SB 450 authorizes California investor-owned utilities and the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to participate in regional energy markets governed by an independent organization if certain conditions are met, including protections for the public interest and state policy autonomy.**

These include:

- Public interest protections in the corporate documents;
- Specific roles and engagement with state regulators and consumer advocate offices including access to market data;
- Transparent and accessible operations including an office of public participation;
- Independent market analysis and monitoring;
- Engagement with states, local power authorities, and federal power marketing agencies to evaluate potential impacts of proposed market rule and tariff changes to state, local, and federal policies.



# California Legislative Cycle





# Funding Update

## **DOE Grant**

- Status is unknown given communication pause from DOE

## **Additional Funding**

- With or without DOE funding, the RO implementation will need additional funding until the tariff change is approved and effectuated
- Draft budget in progress



# Work Plan Update

<b>Phase 1: Pre-Implementation Activities (1/25-10/25)</b>	<b>Phase 2: Implementation Activities Prior to RO Board Seating</b>	<b>Phase 3: Implementation after RO Board is seated (Tasks for RO Board - LC/FC will assist as needed)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft &amp; finalize corporate documents</li><li>• Nominating Committee Process development</li><li>• Continued stakeholder process refinement</li><li>• Draft initial budget and staffing plan (includes OPP and CAO)</li><li>• File documents with IRS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RO Board Nominating Committee Process</li><li>• Refine RO staffing &amp; budget plan</li><li>• Begin stakeholder process implementation</li><li>• Develop draft key principles for tariff and RO/CAISO agreement for stakeholder input</li><li>• Support CAO formation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create work plan for transition</li><li>• Hire staff</li><li>• Conduct join RO/CAISO stakeholder process for tariff and RO/CAISO agreement</li><li>• Finalize tariff and RO/CAISO agreement with CAISO</li></ul>



# Upcoming Opportunities for Engagement

- The Launch Committee will continue to host monthly stakeholder meetings.
  - Next meeting: Friday, March 28th from 10:30-12:00PT/11:30-1:00MT/12:30-2:00CT
- As the Formation Committee develops drafts and proposals for RO implementation, there will be workshops for stakeholder input and dialogue, as well as written comment opportunities.
- The Launch Committee is developing a detailed work plan and timeline to share at the upcoming March stakeholder meeting.



# Thank you!

- The Launch Committee can continue to be reached via [pathways@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org](mailto:pathways@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org)
- All comments can be directed to [comments@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org](mailto:comments@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org)
- Pathways Initiative information continues to be hosted on the WIEB website at [www.westernenergyboard.org/wwgpi](http://www.westernenergyboard.org/wwgpi)

