

West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Monthly Stakeholder Meeting
April 25, 2025



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Agenda

- Launch Committee Update: Final Formation Board Proposal
- Legislative Update & Timeline
- Sector Development Workshop



Formation Board Proposal

Need: IRS requires names of Board Members in application for non-profit status

Formation Board Attributes: The 7-member Formation Committee (FC) will serve as the Formation Board. Scope of duties will be limited to meeting the foundational requirements for formation including submission of the 1023 form to the IRS. The Launch Committee (LC) will retain its decision-making role and the FC will continue to operate as a sub-committee of the LC. Serving as the Formation Board will not give the FC any additional decision-making ability or authority.

Costs: Limited but may need to include D&O insurance. This approach will allow for avoided costs such as: Formation Board salaries, use of a search firm, legal costs to vet Board member independence

Tenure/Term: Approximately 6 months: from filing of corporate documents (Jan 2026)-seating of RO Board (July 2026)

Duties: Limited to being listed on IRS docs, Board will not be engaged in making market policy decisions, LC still retains decision making for the formation of the RO



Formation Board Proposal - Comments

- Received one set of comments with requests for:
 - Open board meetings- advanced public notice, webinar access, posting of meeting recordings and decisions, with the exception of executive sessions (scope would be limited to sensitive personnel discussions or other topics that require confidentiality)
 - Clarify Formation Board duration of service, long-term strategy decision making, and accountability, how those duties and limitations will be documented and enforced
 - Clarify the decision-making scope of the LC, the Formation Board, and the California ISO
 - Add another member to the Formation Committee from the Pacific Northwest- work would benefit from that geographic representation



Formation Board Proposal - Response to Comments

- Formation Board duration- the LC recommends seating the permanent RO Board in July 2026. Expected duration for Formation Board is approximately 6 months (Formation Board seated upon filing of IRS Form 1023: Jan 2026)
- Scope of duties is extremely limited (meeting the foundational requirements for formation and submission of IRS Form 1023)- no long term strategy or decision making will occur.
- Not anticipated that the Formation Board will meet, but if meetings occur they will be open, recorded, with advanced notice given
- Formation Board would not change decision-making scope of the LC or the California ISO



Legislative Update - SB 540

Authors -

- Senators Becker and Stern

Support -

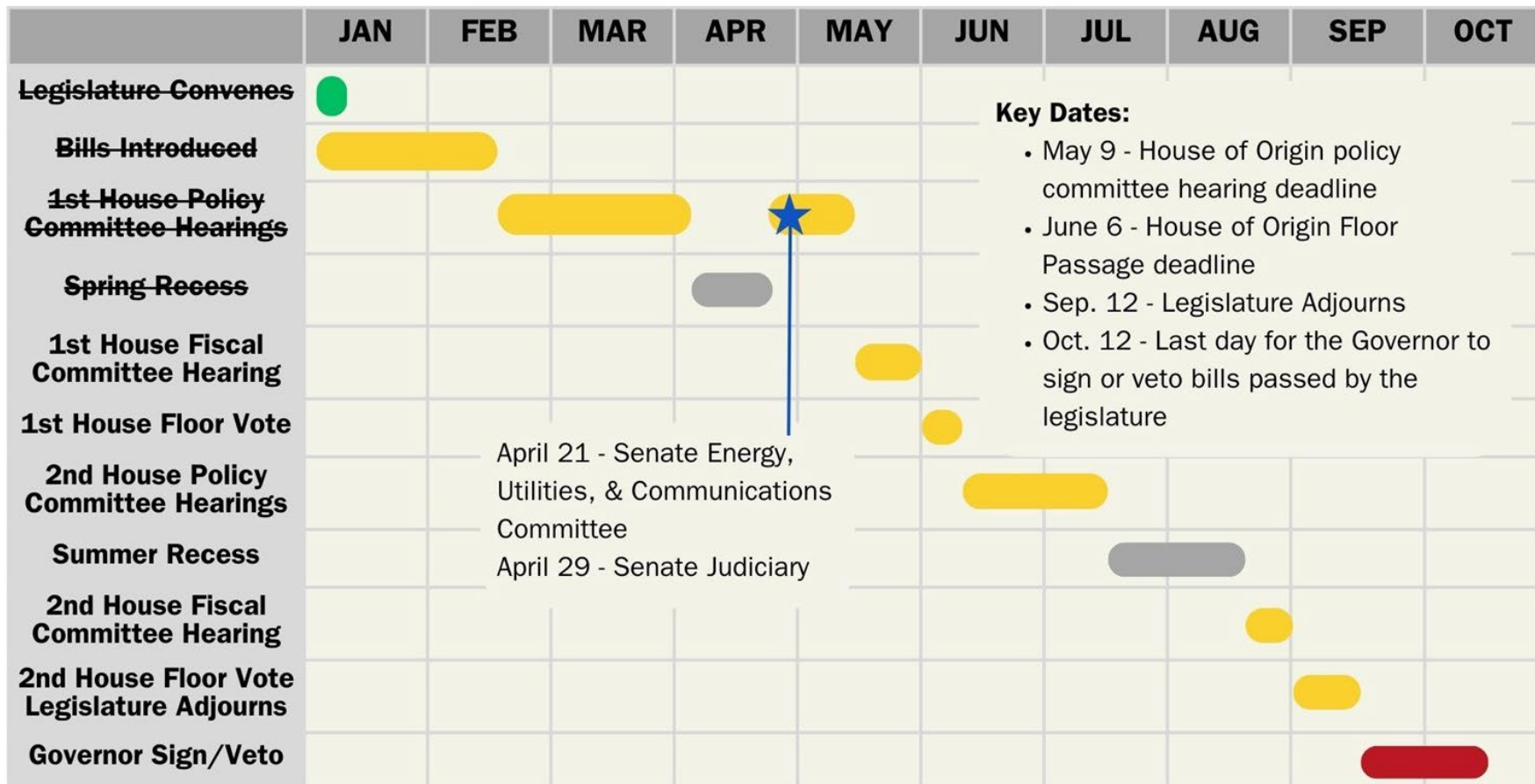
- Co-Sponsors: IBEW, EDF, NRDC
- 70 Organizations and individuals registered official support so far

Passed out of Senate Energy, Utilities, & Communications Committee 17-0 on 4/21

Scheduled for Senate Judiciary on 4/29



California Legislative Cycle



Sector Workshop Agenda

- Implementation of Recommended Sectors
- What does it mean to be a Sector?
- What does it mean to be a Sector Liaison?
- What does it mean to be a Nominating Committee Representative?
- Upcoming opportunities for additional Stakeholder engagement



Why now?

- To seat the RO Board in July 2026, the Nominating Committee needs to be ready by January 1, 2026
- **This will require a Sector Nominating Committee Representative to be designated by November 2025**



Elements of the Stakeholder Process

- Stakeholder Representatives Committee (SRC)
- SRC Sectors and Voting
- Classification of Stakeholder Initiatives
- Stakeholder Process:
 1. Issue Identification and Prioritization
 2. Stakeholder Phase:
 - Stage 1 – Issue Evaluation
 - Stage 2 – Policy Development
 3. Approval by the RO Board
- Voting



SRC Role, Responsibilities, and Expectations

Role: provide advice, input, facilitate and support the participation of stakeholders in the stakeholder process, both individually and at the sector level.

Responsibilities: primarily responsible for delineating any guidelines and procedures for the conduct of SRC activities in the RO stakeholder initiative process.

Expectations: commitment to supporting and facilitating the participation of the stakeholder community even if a given stakeholder's perspective or position does not necessarily align with the position of the SRC representative, the position of the representative's company, or the position of the representative's sector. *Expected participation in at least 80% of the meetings.*



Stakeholder Representatives Committee (SRC)



(9) RO Sectors for Stakeholder Voting	(21) Sector-based seats on SRC
EDAM Entities	2 Seats
WEIM Entities	3 Seats
<i>[no PMA standalone sector]</i>	*1 additional seat reserved for PMAs in either EDAM or WEIM sector
ISO PTOs	2 Seats
Non-IOU load serving entities serving load from WEIM or EDAM	4 seats
PIOs	2 Seats
Consumer Advocates	2 Seats
Large C&I Customers	2 Seats
IPPs, independent transmission developers, and marketers	3 Seats
Distributed Energy Resources	1 Seat

Discussion





Nominating Committee 2025 Initial Meeting and Timeline

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Welcome and introductions

Name	Sector	Email
<i>Voting Members</i>		
Agnes Lut, <i>Salt River Project</i>	WEIM Entities	agnes.lut@srpnet.com
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Kelsie Gomanie, <i>Natural Resources Defense Council</i>	Public Interest and Consumer Advocate Groups	kgomanie@nrdc.org
<i>Non-Voting Members</i>		
John Prescott, <i>WEM Governing Body</i>	WEM Governing Body	
Joe Eto, <i>ISO Board of Governors</i>	ISO Board of Governors	

Governing Board Request

- The Regional Organization (RO) Governing Body has requested that the Nominating Committee (NC) recommend a slate of candidates to fill XXX Governing Body seats effective July 1, 202X.
- NC to recommend a slate of candidates including one nominee for each seat with term scheduled to expire XXX and ###. These are staggered Terms

2025 Nominating Committee Timeline

JAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial NC meeting• Review any RO Board Member incumbent letter of interest
FEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct incumbent interviews• Determine whether to re-nominate eligible incumbent• Identify candidate qualities to best complement remaining RO Board Members
MAR- APR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with Executive Search Firm to identify qualified candidates• Gather & provide sector feedback to NC• Identify preferred candidates to interview
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct in-person interviews (tentatively May XXX)• Conduct second (remote) interviews (if needed)• Gather & provide sector feedback to NC• Strive to reach NC consensus decision before May XXX
JUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jun XX – NC recommendation & presentation materials post• Jun XX RO Board meeting: NC presentation & RO Board decision

Questions / Comments

Key Objectives of the RIF Enhancements Project

- Facilitate transition of the RIF into the SRC
- Prepare for transitions involving new and revised sectors
- Consider how to implement elements of the Step 2 Final Proposal related to the stakeholder process
 - Role in the Policy Initiatives Catalog and Roadmap
 - RIF Involvement in the stakeholder process
 - Reporting to WEM Governing Body on initiative issues
 - Transition to indicative voting
- RIF Enhancements Discussion Paper:
<https://www.westerneim.com/Documents/Regional-Issues-Forum-Discussion-Paper.pdf>

SRC Transition Approach and Process

- Proposal – Create a process and begin implementing steps to transition the RIF into the SRC
 - Would consider and be calibrated to legislative process and timing
- RIF may adopt elements of the SRC and Step 2 Final Proposal into RIF activities, but formal transition would not occur until:
 - Pathways-related legislation is passed and findings of relevant transition criteria are made
 - Pathways Formation Committee and/or Transitional Board determine that the SRC should be established under RO framework
- Pending formal establishment of the SRC, RIF will continue to function as the RIF
 - Proposed reforms under consideration should be consistent with interests of WEM and stakeholders even if Step 2 Final Proposal were not implemented

Potential Revisions to Sectors

- Proposal – develop a process to transition the sectors of the RIF into the sectors of the SRC
 - New sectors – one liaison on RIF during transition period
 - RIF would maintain communication lists for RIF sectors and SRC structure
 - Implementation of “roster” at organizational level
 - Individual sectors of RIF may consider updated processes (at discretion of sector)
- Timing consideration
 - SRC new sector formation necessary for RO Nominating Committee efforts (anticipated to begin no earlier than Q4 2025)

Next Steps

- Stakeholder comments, due May 15, 2025
- Please refer to comments template – Attachment A to Discussion Paper
- Send to EIMRIF@caiso.com
- Contact RIF leadership or sector liaisons with any questions:
 - Allie Mace, RIF Chair, and Lindsey Schlekeway, RIF Vice Chair
 - Sector liaison contact list available at: <https://www.westerneim.com/Documents/WEM-Regional-Issues-Forum-Sector-Liaison.pdf>

Next Steps

- Encourage those who have not yet engaged to begin participating in their RIF Sector or reach out to LC liaisons
- The LC will have check in points with sectors to help assess readiness and see what additional support sectors need in preparing to designate an NC Rep by November.
- Review Appendix F of the Step 2 Proposal for the Stakeholder Registration & Participation Agreement



Upcoming Opportunities for Engagement

- The Launch Committee will continue to host monthly stakeholder meetings.
 - Next meeting: Friday, May 30th from 10:30-12:00PT/11:30-1:00MT/12:30-2:00CT
- The next RIF meeting will be held June 17th from 1:00-5:00 in Reno, NV.
 - For registration please go to: [Regional Issues Forum - Western Energy Imbalance Market](#)



Thank you!

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

