



West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative

Pathways Monthly Stakeholder Meeting Written Update July 28, 2025

Hello everyone!

Apologies again for the zoom adventures last Friday. We've made some changes (outlined below) to reduce the likelihood of this happening again, although there may be a few extra steps for participation. As always, our goal is to be as transparent and accessible as possible.

As mentioned, we're providing a written update on the materials we were going to cover during the meeting. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out via email at pathways@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org.

Nominating Committee Process Comments and Final Draft

Before the deadline, we received comments from Bonneville Power Administration and the California Large Energy Consumers Association (CLECA). A brief summary of those comments is in the slides and the full comments are posted on the Pathways landing page. In response to these comments, the Launch Committee made some significant changes to streamline and better organize the document and make it less prescriptive. In several places, there was language removed because the Launch Committee determined that it would be better to leave procedural details to the sectors and Nominating Committee to ensure flexibility and independence.

The Launch Committee posted the revised Final Draft on the Pathways landing page. If you or your organization have additional comments or questions, please submit those comments via email at comments@westwidepathwaysinitiative.org by August 1. The Launch Committee will evaluate those comments to determine if additional changes are needed.

As we continue to develop documents and policies for the RO, we will also work to ensure that anything that the Launch Committee has already done is consistent with the new documents and may make additional changes. Any changes to documents the Launch Committee has already adopted will be presented at a stakeholder meeting.

Stakeholder Process Differentiation

We have received several questions about whether and if so, how, the various stakeholder processes underway may overlap and how stakeholders are supposed to engage. The graphics in the slide deck are designed to provide some additional clarity. It is important to note that the CAISO will continue to run its own stakeholder processes for the WEIM and EDAM and any other initiatives until the RO is fully functional and the tariff changes are in place that give the RO authority over the WEIM and EDAM (est. January 2028). The RIF will also continue to do its work, including evaluating enhancements that reflect recommendations from the Pathways Initiative proposal.

For the RO implementation work, the Launch Committee will continue to manage the stakeholder process the same way it has since the beginning of the Pathways Initiative – through public meetings and written comment opportunities. This work includes development of the corporate documents,



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organizational policies and procedures including the scope of work of the Office of Public Participation and job descriptions for key RO roles, and refinement of the RO stakeholder process. Once the initial RO Board is seated, final decisions about these items will go to the Board, although the Launch Committee will likely continue to manage the stakeholder engagement.

Several distinctions that are worth noting:

- The RO Nominating Committee will be made up of the new sectors identified in the Pathways Final Proposal. These are NOT the RIF sectors, although there is some overlap. Each sector will need to organize itself to participate in the RO Nominating Committee process separate from the past/current engagement in the RIF or the CAISO – WEM Nominating Committee.
- The CAISO will run the stakeholder process related to tariff changes necessary to fully implement the Final Proposal because it is the CAISO's tariff that will be changing.
- The RO's Stakeholder Representatives Committee (SRC) will likely not be fully functional until the RO is up and running. Having the right staff in place at the RO to manage the independent stakeholder process will be a priority for the RO but the timing will depend on funding through the RO implementation phase.

The Launch Committee will support the organization of the new sectors through its representatives. Sectors should begin discussions about organizing for the purposes of selecting a Nominating Committee representative by October/November of this year. Sectors may want to begin self-organizing to participate in RO stakeholder work or even in RIF initiatives and CAISO processes but there will not be a formal SRC for RO sector engagement for a while.

Updated Work Plan

The Formation Committee has updated the timing for several of the key deliverables in Phase 1: Pre-Implementation. Please take a look at the slide for updated timing.

Zoom updates

Unfortunately we were “Zoom bombed” and inappropriate content was shared which resulted in ending the July Stakeholder Meeting abruptly. Because these meetings are public and our intent is to be as inclusive as possible, we had not enacted some of the more restrictive meeting features available. After our experience Friday we will be making some changes. To safeguard against this happening in the future, participants will not be able to turn on their cameras or unmute themselves without the meeting host expressly authorizing it. We are also considering deactivating the chat as other entities have had issues with inappropriate content being shared via this function as well. If a meeting participant would like to share a comment or speak during a meeting, they will need to use the “raise hand” function and the host can call on them and request that they unmute. These features do limit the ease of participation but after our experience on Friday we feel implementing these changes will prevent this situation from occurring again but still leave room for participation.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any comments or questions. Thank you again for your engagement in the Pathways Initiative.