

MCE Board Update - July 2026

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Key Updates

- **Policy Planning Calendar (Fiscal Year Ending 2027):** Provides a preliminary outlook of anticipated policy topics and decision points across Board and Committee meetings and is intended for planning purposes only, with topics and timing subject to change as organizational priorities and external developments evolve.
- **Governance Assessment:** MCE's contract with the Board-selected governance assessor, [Leading Resources, Inc.](#), has been executed. The first task of phase 1 was to meet with the ad hoc governance assessment committee on July 21st.
- **Power Resources Workshops:** MCE hosted two recent power resources workshops on June 24 and July 8, 2026. The first focused on Index+ and hedge contracts while the second focused on Resource Adequacy. The third workshop is scheduled for August 25, 2026, and will focus on the key themes and recommendations we've received during the first two workshops and detailing a plan for moving forward. The recordings for the recent Power Resources Workshops can now be viewed here: [June 24, 2026](#) | [July 8, 2026](#)
- **Civil Grand Jury Report:** The Board approved the creation of an Ad Hoc Civil Grand Jury Response Committee to serve as a limited advisory committee to lead and oversee preparation of a draft response to the June 16, 2026 Marin Civil Grand Jury report. It's first meeting is anticipated this week.
Committee Members: Sally Wilkinson (Belvedere), Mark Belotz (Danville), Max Perrey (Mill Valley), Amanda Szakats (Pleasant Hill), Chantel Walker (San Anselmo), and Cindy Darling (Walnut Creek)
- [New Battery Storage Projects Deliver Resiliency and Cost Savings for Two Marin County Critical Facilities](#)
MCE Press Release | June 29, 2026
- [CalCCA Challenges CPUC Decisions That Shifted More Than \\$1 Billion Onto CCA Customers](#)
CalCCA Press Release | July 21, 2026

Organizational Updates

Funding Opportunities

- The Governor's office has a funding opportunity available to support volunteer opportunities: California Volunteers' California Climate Action Corps, in partnership with Keep California Beautiful, is offering one-time funding up to \$1,500 to eligible entities through the [2026 Climate Action Event Microgrant Program](#) to support volunteer climate service events throughout the state. Priority will be given to applications for events planned for September 2026. [Apply today!](#)

Events

- MCE hosted our 8th Annual Certify and Amplify webinar on July 17 in partnership with Ava Community Energy and Silicon Valley Clean Energy. This webinar helps small, local, and diverse businesses better understand the CPUC's Supplier Diversity program and provides resources for registering in the clearinghouse to access utility contracts. We had 18 attendees and the meeting recording can be [viewed here](#). We encourage you to share this with your networks to help support contracting opportunities for local businesses. In 2025, MCE spent just under \$20 million with small, local, and diverse businesses.
- Upcoming Events:
 - [Pleasant Hill Farmer's Market](#) | Pleasant Hill | July 25, 2026
 - [Bay Point Community Resource Fair](#) | Contra Costa County | July 25, 2026
 - [Rossmoor Annual Home Showcase](#) | Walnut Creek | July 30, 2026
 - [Smart Back to School Event by Keyz 2 the Future](#) | Richmond | August 1, 2026
 - [Marin Housing Authority Service Fair](#) | Marin County | August 4, 2026
 - [Concord Music and Market](#) | Concord | August 6, 2026
 - [People Who Care: NextGen Green Career Exploration Program](#) | Pittsburg | August 11 and 13, 2026
- Recent Events:
 - [Green Footprint Festival Movie Series](#) | Pittsburg
 - [MarinCAN Communications Workshop](#) | Marin County
 - [Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission](#) | Contra Costa County
 - [All-Electric working group meeting](#) | Contra Costa County
 - [Oakley City Council Presentation](#) | Oakley
 - LIME Workforce Development Program Tool Pickup | San Rafael
 - Sustainability Exchange visit to Antioch Desalination Plant | Contra Costa County

Recent Press

- [MCE reform advocates get key committee seats](#)
Marin IJ | July 20, 2026
- [MCE board divided over chief executive recruitment process](#)
Marin IJ | July 8, 2026
- [MCE staff aligns with critics on climate progress claims](#)
Marin IJ | July 4, 2026

Content to Share

Blogs

- [Gain Energy Independence this 4th of July](#)
- [5 Key Permitting Changes That Could Accelerate Residential Electrification](#)
- [Choose the Right Rate Plan to Save You Money](#)
- [Heat Pump Rebates: What Homeowners Need to Know](#)