

**MINUTES
REGIONAL TRANSMISSION COORDINATION TASK FORCE**

**September 23, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

The Regional Transmission Coordination Task Force held a public meeting on September 23, 2025 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the following location:

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AGENDA:

- 1. Call to order, roll call, and establishment of quorum.** Antonia Capparelli, opened the meeting at 1:02p.m.

Task Force Members Present

Task Force Members Absent

Jennifer Taylor
David Rubin
Gail Bates
Richard Perkins
Alise Porto
Erik Hansen
John Henry Shields
Nikolai Christenson
Michael Roberson

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Robby Hamlin
Luke Papez
Kayla Dowty
Luis Cruz
Dwayne McClinton
Leslie Mujica
Hayley Williamson
Nicole Ting

Tom Burns Jeremy Newman

- 2. Public comments and discussion.** Chairman Taylor opened this agenda item. There were no public comments.
- 3. Opening Remarks from Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor:** Chairwoman welcomed new Board members. This will be a foundational meeting to receive updates from Pathways, SPP and our Resource Adequacy programs.

4. Presentations:

A. Michael O' Brien, Senior Policy and Engagement Manager for the Western Resource Adequacy program at the Western Power Pole (WPP)

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Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor: Are there any examples of the WRAP in action for this past season?

Michael O' Brien: For several seasons, they have been doing the forward showing planning piece and they have been fully active in the operations piece and tracking the data. However, they are not using the operations program piece yet.

Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor: How are you looking to integrate new developments into the program if you have an imminent deadline coming up for participants? Are participants able to step out of the WRAP and re-join later?

Michael O' Brien: The WRAP will have a constant evolution. The October 31st deadline, coming up during our workplan, has been a help and hindrance. Participants are committed to the program and want answers to some of the changes as soon as possible. Some still have a concern about joining the WRAP for a variety of reasons. All the participants worked on concept papers to address the concerns of WRAP participants that still had questions whether they would commit to 2027 or not. You must sign a WRAP agreement and signed agreements will go into effect on September 15, 2026. We begin working with participants early on to build up confidence in how the forward-showing works, how governance works, how the charges are and to be able to ask any questions. Your question on if participants are able to leave the WRAP and rejoin later, we will find out when that happens as it will be a tricky one but it could be easier than a new participant. We will work with the participants when that happens and will onboard in a way that does not adversely produce unnecessary risks.

B. Kathleen Staks, Executive Director, Western Freedom

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Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor: Can you talk about, with the passage of AB825, the stakeholders that coalesced around it to move it forward to these critical next steps?

Kathleen Staks: We built a coalition with over 70 organizations signing letters, showing up to lobby, having conversations in the halls and it was the most diverse coalition that has been ever seen. It ranged from utilities, IOU's, public power, CCA's, environmental interests, climate and environmental organizations, businesses, and developers.

C. Brian Turner, Director for Western Regulatory Affairs, Advanced Energy United

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Erik Hansen: Pacific Corp filed to join EDAM, and Power X conducted studies to look at the effects of congestion shifting and changing charges of the traditional way we buy and sell transmission and just the transmission component could go up five times from what it is today, is there any movement on that?

Brian Turner: The analysis was controversial, not universally agreed upon but there have been

revisions on the tariff.

Luis Cruz: There may be some increased transmission capacity, will that be centered around Las Vegas and Reno or will it cover the rural areas?

Brian Turner: The transmission capacity that has been built or is being built is under NV Energy's planning and construction time frame. There is not any current transmission planning or development occurring under Pathways RTO. All of the resources that NV Energy operates within the state are subject to the regulation of the PUCN.

Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor: Within your DER sector, does any of that work include discussions of opportunities for demand-side management, specifically Demand Response Aggregation?

Brian Turner: Yes

Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor: Are you looking at other markets to build out on what would be a full and robust program for Demand Response Aggregators in a potential market? What is the model you are currently looking at as the best opportunity for demand response?

Brian Turner: Yes, the Demand Response Aggregation would be squarely in the aggregated DER participation within the CAISO market. The participation model will be through the utilities bidding on those resources. There is a current initiative under the CAISO regarding enhancements which NV Energy has been involved in, along with Portland General.

D. Stacey Crowley, Vice President, External Affairs, CAISO

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Luis Cruz: What is hybrid generation? Can you expand on what you said about storage?

Stacey Crowley: It is a situation where you might have a storage resource and a solar resource for example and once together, they have one resource ID. We started to see small storage units come in during 2015 and we're now seeing 50 or 100 watt battery projects grow. It has been about 10 years that some elements of storage have been on scene.

Luis Cruz: In 1969, I thought we had a home power station in California?

Stacey Crowley: Yes, correct. This is battery storage, though, we are referring to. The transmission line from Ely is providing reliability that benefits the whole interconnection. NV Energy has an ownership over part of that line.

E. Jim Gonzalez, Senior Director of Seams and Western Services, Southwest Power Pool

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Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor: With the passage of the bill from California (AB 825), how is SPP looking at the bill and what impact would that have on the planning you mentioned?

Jim Gonzalez: When I see the intent to create independent governance, I think about SPP and from the beginning, our experience out west has been ever changing. We have been consistent with championing the principles of fully independent governance and it is essential to the design

and administration of a successful market. We believe all western utilities deserve the opportunity to make informed decisions about market structure and governance. SPP is built on a foundation of independent governance.

Chairwoman Jennifer Taylor: Can you pick a few key elements of the work you did to clear up your interconnection queues? What do you think would be some design points that would be critical for an RTO to have in place to make sure you keep the queues flowing?

Jim Gonzalez: One of the things we did to clear the backlog is we worked with stakeholders and customers to try to figure out ways to limit re-runs. That is one of the big issues that you see in these large queues, especially at the RTO's. You get a whole cluster of applicants and as they move through the process and get a little certainty, it changes the equation. You have a handful of back-outs and with so many, you have to re-run the whole thing again because it's not comparable. That was one of the ways we worked to clear the backlog, working with the stakeholders to make it a little more rigid in order to ensure we could get the clusters studied, approved, executed contracts and move forward.

Moving forward, that's one of the main benefits of our new consolidated planning process is to combine all of those together to where they are quicker, there's less re-runs and there is more price certainty for developers where they can make better decisions, and make informed decisions quicker in the process.

5. **Question and Answer:** No further questions were asked.
6. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Leslie Mujica and second by Luis Cruz. Adjourn.

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