



# Resource Adequacy Modeling & Program Design Working Group

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Welcome:

Resource Adequacy Modeling & Program Design (RAMPD)

## Remarks from Anna McKenna

*CAISO Vice President, Market Design & Analysis*

# Introduction to the Working Group: Resource Adequacy Modeling & Program Design (RAMPD)

## Remarks from Partha Malvadkar *CAISO Principal, Resource Adequacy*

# RAMPD: Working group goals

Stakeholders have the opportunity to provide input on key components leading up to proposal development, ahead of the policy development phase:

## **1. Develop principles/goals**

- Define and illustrate principles for resource adequacy

## **2. Form initial problem statements**

- Form problem statements reflecting stakeholder concerns

## **3. Align on priorities and establish meeting cadence**

- Balance staff & stakeholder bandwidth

## **4. Refine problem statements**

- Explore current ISO operations, functionality, processes meant to address problem statements
- Develop methodology for analysis, define data needs

## **5. Determine action items**

- Provide a bridge between working groups and proposal development

## Working Group Structure: Roles

- **Facilitator:** the group will be managed by an external facilitator
  - Jeff McDonald (VP, Concentric Energy Advisors)
  - Responsible for guiding discussion on principles, problem statements, and prioritization
- **California ISO:** CAISO staff will provide information and analysis, as needed
- **Working Group Participants:** provide ideas, proposals, input and vetting
  - Working groups are open to all stakeholders

# Priorities and defining success

- **Priorities**
  - Which issues are more time-sensitive?
  - Discussed in working group via stakeholder input
- **Working group success**
  - Alignment on problem statements
  - Alignment on principles & goals

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# Principles & Goals

# CAISO proposed principles & goals

## Principles:

- Reliable
- Efficient / Cost-Effective
- Implementable
- Durable
- Adaptable
- Transparent

## RA Goals:

1. The CAISO's established modeling, and visibility enable a reliable overall system.
2. Procurement and trading is efficient, cost-effective, fungible, and affordable.
3. The RA program is implementable, adaptable, and compatible with different programs.

## Discuss: principles & goals

- What might need to be clarified or modified?
- What principles or goals would you suggest?

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# Problem Statements

# CAISO proposed problem statement topics

1. Overall System Reliability Information
2. Requirements for RA Capacity & Program Tools
3. Local Regulatory Authority (LRA) Resource Adequacy  
Responsibility & Cost Allocation

# 1.) Overall System Reliability Information

There is a need for additional consistent, transparent, and timely information on the sufficiency of the RA fleet in the CAISO Balancing Authority Area (BAA). Without this, there are challenges in:

- Accessing and communicating the system wide sufficiency of the CAISO BAA in light of the contracted RA fleet; and
- Addressing such concerns in a timely and efficient manner.

Sub-issues:

- RA Portfolio Evaluation does not exist today
- Lack of Non-RA Visibility
- Outdated Default Planning Reserve Margin

## 2.) Requirements for RA Capacity and Program Tools

The CAISO's current requirements and tools (e.g., outage, must-offer, bid-insertion, and resource performance and availability rules) have not been updated recently in light of evolving market and regulatory structures, and could result in:

- RA supply not available when and where needed;
- Inefficient procurement and investment (e.g. maintenance and capital upgrade) decisions; and
- Implementation challenges for the CAISO and market participants

### Sub-Issues:

- Current requirements for RA capacity
- RAAIM
- Lack of a tool to incentivize performance
- Rules for substitution and planned outages
- The need for a comprehensive review of the CPUC's Slice-of-Day reform and the translatability and trasactability of WRAP

### 3.) LRA RA Responsibility & Cost Allocation

Market participants are concerned about inequitable costs and cost allocation. Stakeholders have expressed a need for a transparent and common framework for evaluating reserve margins and counting rules, and understanding of an LRA RA program's contribution to overall system reliability.

#### Sub-issues:

- **Definitions and Requirements:** The CAISO lacks a common definition, method of measurement, or standard to ensure that various LRAs bring a portfolio of resources that are accessible in the right place, available at right time, and provide the right attributes needed to evaluate if LRA programs are reliable.
- **EDAM RSE Cost Causation:** Aligning cost and benefit allocation with causation associated with the EDAM RSE, as a result of a deficiency or procurement of cure capacity.

## Discuss: problem statements

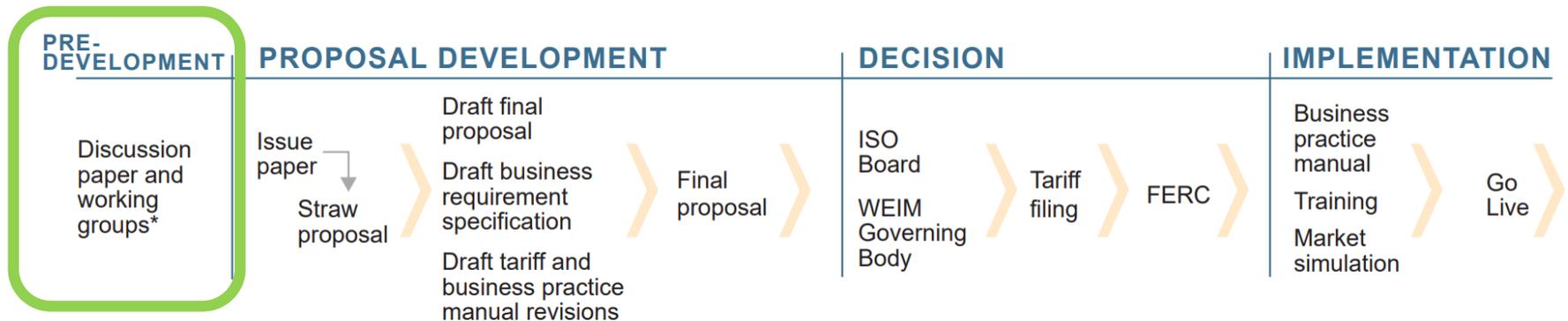
- What might need to be clarified or modified?
- What problem statements would you suggest?

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# Recap & Stakeholder Input

# Priorities and defining success

- Priorities
  - Determined in working group via stakeholder input
- Working group success
  - Alignment on problem statements
  - Alignment on principles & goals



## Slido poll

- Single branch or two branches of the working group meetings?
  - Program
  - Modeling
- Cadence of the working group meetings for each branch?
  - Two weeks
  - Three weeks
  - Four weeks

## Next steps

- Next working group meeting: TBD
- Please submit written comments on the discussion paper by end of day Oct. 20, 2023, through the ISO's commenting tool using the link on the working group webpage:  
<https://stakeholdercenter.caiso.com/Comments/MyOrgComments>
- Please contact Jeff McDonald ([jmcdonald@ceadvisors.com](mailto:jmcdonald@ceadvisors.com)) to indicate if you would like to present, the topic you would like to present on and, how this topic relates to your proposed problem statement.