

SCPPA New Resource and Transmission RFP

Questions and Answers:

As of June 30, 2026

1. We would like to clarify the POD maximum energy amounts detailed in section 7.g of the New Resource and Transmission RFP. If a proposed project delivers to two PODs in Group B (for example, Scattergood and Century), can the project deliver 1,000 MW at each POD (i.e. 1,000 MW delivered to Scattergood plus 1,000 MW delivered to Century)? Or would the project be limited to delivering a total of 1,000 MW across both PODs?
 - The thresholds were intended as a high-level estimation of a single connection at a single POD. It may be possible to have multiple connections or combinations of these amounts; however they would have to be studied on an individual basis based on the proposal.
2. Will registration be needed if we would like to attend the Optional Pre-Bidders Meeting (Feb. 23, 2026) session?
 - February 23 Pre Bidders Conference is cancelled. We're looking to have March 23 as the upcoming Pre Bidders Conference.
3. If no registration is needed, will a link to the virtual call be shared via. Addendum?
 - A link to join the Pre Bidders Conference will be provided via an Addendum.
4. Looks like Appendix B. Energy Storage Specification is missing from the link. Please advise.
 - Appendix B was submitted prior to RFP posting date.
5. Thank you for providing Appendix B and Addendum 1. The only question we still have is whether a link will be posted on the SCPPA website (as an addendum) regarding the Optional Pre-Bidders Meetings, or if there is a different method to sign up and receive the link to the meeting.
 - A link will be provided via an Addendum to join in the Pre Bidders Conference.
6. When will the meeting time and invite become available?
 - LA has confirmed with SCPPA that Pre-Bidders meeting will be held on March 23, 2026.

7. We noticed that Storage-Only (SAS) projects are not eligible under this RFP. Do you have any insight into whether—and when—SCPPA may issue an RFP that would include SAS projects?
 - Standalone Storage RFP will be posted on the SCPPA Website in late March.
8. We also noted that this RFP is limited to a limited set of delivery points. Can you confirm whether SCPPA is not seeking delivery at Mohave 500 kV for this solicitation?
 - Delivery at Mohave 500 kV is not sought for this solicitation; however, a proposal for delivery at Mohave 500 KV may be submitted to SCPPA's separate RFP for Renewables (2026 Q1-Q2 Renewable Energy Resource and Energy Storage Solutions RFP), posted at <https://scppa.org/rfps-bids/rfps-resourceproject/>.
9. In last year's rolling RFP, Mohave was listed as a preferred delivery point. If Mohave is excluded from this RFP, do you anticipate a future rolling RFP that would include additional delivery points?
 - Please refer to comment above.
10. Are other SCPPA members (in addition to LADWP) interested in procuring a project through this RFP?
 - Yes.
11. Several additional documents and appendices are referenced in the RFP for future release. When are these documents expected to be released?
 - Generation Profile: Will be released in the next Addendum.
 - Evaluation Criteria: Each member has their own evaluation criteria. Respondents should refer to the evaluation process outlined in the RFP for guidance.
12. Can you please confirm that there is no qualification process that RFP respondents must submit prior to responding to this RFP?
 - There is no pre-qualification process for this RFP, please refer to the RFP for further details.
13. As per RFP "Section VIII. Confidentiality; California Public Records Act", does SCPPA have a preferred method for respondents to indicate confidential information? (e.g., yellow highlights)? If not, we will use our own method along with a clear explanation in the response document itself.

- SCPPA does not have a preference, as long as the confidential portions of the proposal are clearly identified.

14. As per RFP Sections V.7.c and V.7.g, is the stated injection capacity at each POD to be considered as current/expected headroom or does this require upgrades or expansion of the substation? If so, is there an estimation available or is the expectation that bidders estimate this?

- Based on the proposal, that amount should be fine for a single injection. We're also open to proposals with multiple injections across different POD groups, but in those cases, reliability studies would be needed to confirm there aren't any expected issues.

15. RFP Section V.7.v mentions "Communications Protocols"- is this a reference to operations communications (i.e., with grid operator, other energy agencies, etc.) or about PR & Marketing communications?

- This language is meant to reference Operations Communication.

16. Are there any LADWP-specific interconnection standards required for injections at the identified POIs?

- Yes. Any injection at the identified Points of Interconnection (POIs) must go through LADWP's Large Generator Interconnection Process (LGIP). As part of this process, an official interconnection study is required to determine whether any system upgrades would be needed to accommodate the new injection.

17. Beyond the requested information in the RFP document, are there any attachments that would be helpful to SCPPA in evaluating each project? (e.g., system study files, financial models, etc.)

- Please include all documents that support your proposal and what is requested in the RFP.

18. RFP Section V.7 asks respondents to provide a fixed energy price, including energy, capacity, RECs, and transmission costs in nominal dollars as of the project's COD. Is SCPPA open to proposals that provide an estimated project cost coupled with a transparent process that would provide for further definition to reduce the cost variation range, with the final cost established at project NTP?

- No, all costs/pricing must be reflected in the proposal. A fixed price will be prioritized.

19. RFP Section V.7.c. (iii) provides: "If the proposal is for an agreement other than a PPA, please describe the proposed structure in detail and provide information on

pricing with an explanation for such costs.” Is this provision of the RFP intended to provide flexibility to submit proposals other than fixed price PPAs, where the project is developed with close coordination with LADWP as it proceeds through development?

- While SCPPA typically procures through a PPA format, SCPPA and its Members are willing to consider alternative proposals other than a PPA structure.

20. Please describe whether the PPA or Buyer-Seller agreement will include provisions allowing the recovery of prudently incurred costs if the project is cancelled by SCPPA or its member(s) under the Agreement.

- This can be discussed during PPA negotiations. If you are proposing such reimbursement, please specify under what circumstances you would anticipate cost recovery.

21. RFP Section V.7.l.(vii) states that respondents should describe “how compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, which is a requirement before an agreement can be executed by Buyer, might be effectuated . . .” Is CEQA approval required before an agreement is signed, or will CEQA approval simply be a requirement that Seller satisfies subsequently to executing the agreement with Buyer (similar to a lender’s condition precedent that must be satisfied by a borrower)? Please note that the project permitting process will take several years.

- For SCPPA projects involving LADWP, CEQA approval is required. Please include your proposed project schedule as part of your submittal.

22. RFP Section V.7.g. lists three delivery point groups where one or more Member Agencies can receive energy. Each group has a maximum energy receipt limit. Please clarify that a project can deliver energy to one group, or any combination of groups, indicated in Section V.7. (g).

- Yes, a project can propose to deliver energy to one group or a combination of groups.

23. Please confirm that within Group B the 1,000 MW limit applies to up to three PODs in the group in total. Is there a lower limit for any one of the PODs in that group? For example, could any of the PODs receive 0 MWs, or no more than 500 MW?

- The 1000 MW limit was provided as an estimated maximum at a single POD with the assumption that the developer would select one POD in the group and the others would be 0 MW.

- It may be possible to accept multiple delivery points in the same or multiple groups however studies will have to be performed based on specific proposals to determine if there are reliability concerns that limit the injection.

24. If a proposed project includes deliveries through the CAISO grid, will estimates of a forecasted CAISO TAC be required, or is it merely required that the Seller internalize the cost of the TAC (including the risk of TAC increases) in its price?

- Seller to reflect an all-in price.

25. The RFP references generation profiles and further evaluation criteria. Any timelines release for these documents?

- SCPPA expects to release the generation profile next month.
- Evaluation criteria are listed in the RFP. The evaluation criteria and their weighting for each criteria may vary as each SCPPA participating SCPPA member will have different priorities.

26. Is there a prequalification process for this RFP?

- No

27. What is the proposed timeline for this RFP's shortlist and contract negotiations?

- We anticipate that Proposers will receive preliminary notice of their status within 2 months of the RFP Deadline.

28. Is there a possibility of a proposal being selected for negotiation prior to close of the RFP? If so, what would this look like?

- No, this is not a rolling RFP. All proposals will be reviewed and evaluated following the RFP Deadline.

29. The RFP appears to be LADWP focused; is this how we should be thinking about it when submitting our proposal?

- No. Other SCPPA Members besides LADWP are participating in this RFP and the RFP will include non-LADWP locations/delivery points as well.

30. Will there be opportunities to ask one-on-one questions of SCPPA on a confidential basis?

- SCPPA is following our RFP guidelines which require a transparent process. All RFP questions should be submitted in writing and will be responded to in

writing. Individual questions which are not of general application or use (as determined by SCPPA Legal) may be answered individually, but in general, RFP questions and responses will be made publicly available on an anonymous basis.

31. Is the party able to withdraw a question if they have a concern of releasing it to the public through SCPPA?

- SCPPA understands Respondents' desire for confidentiality but must balance this with the need to follow our open RFP process. Accordingly, it is recommended and preferred that Respondents submit questions in a manner that does not raise any confidentiality concerns. If a Respondent has a specific, individualized question that may raise confidentiality concerns, Respondents should note the confidentiality concern at the time of submittal. SCPPA Legal will review the nature of question and will advise the Respondent whether the Q&A would be one which must be disclosed in whole or in part. For example, if SCPPA determines that providing a response to the individual Respondent would put that Respondent at a competitive advantage over other Respondents, the response will need to be publicly shared on an anonymous basis. Following notice that the Q&A would need to be public, if Respondent wishes to withdraw their question at that time, they may do so.

32. How will SCPPA weigh projects with secured transmission ROW against projects that have not yet secured the transmission ROW?

- SCPPA prefers projects with secured transmission ROW and anticipates that such projects will be weighted more favorably.

33. The RFP states that Respondent must demonstrate CEQA approval before an Agreement is executed. Is this the intent?

- For LADWP projects, it is expected the Respondent to have the appropriate CEQA approval before the execution of the Agreement. One of the required submittals will be a Project schedule. Respondents should submit their anticipated Project schedule including anticipated CEQA timeframes, with their Proposal.

34. I expect that most of the projects who submit to this RFP have not yet completed CEQA permitting. So does LADWP plan to wait several years after the RFP has ended to actually execute a contract?

- Yes

35. The term sheet provided for the New Resource and Transmission RFP states that any PPA will not be executed until the associated project receives its final notice of determination under CEQA, which was reiterated on the recent webinar. However, in the pro forma PPA provided with the Q1/Q2 RFP for projects in the LADWP BA, Section 3.1 states that only energy sales can't begin until CEQA review is complete and any challenge period has passed, with no requirement that CEQA review is complete at the time of signing. Could you help us understand this change in policy between RFPs?

- LADWP requires CEQA/NEPA approval prior to taking the project for their Board Approval. The Renewable Energy Resource and Energy Storage Solutions RFP have differing language as a result of it including other participating SCPPA Members. Regardless, for LADWP their requirement is consistent for both RFPs and require CEQA/NEPA approval prior to Board Approval.

36. Consortium / Co-Development Structures

Can proposals be submitted through consortium or co-development structures where project origination, development, EPC execution, transmission infrastructure responsibilities, financing, and long-term ownership participation may be distributed among multiple strategic participants?

- Based on the current language, consortium participation is allowed. Although, proposal must clearly identify lead "Seller/Respondent". We recommend that Respondents need to clearly state contractual responsibility, credit support, and define each participating party's role.

37. Existing Interconnection Queue Positions

Would SCPPA consider proposals involving projects utilizing existing interconnection queue positions, transmission rights, or partially developed renewable energy sites acquired through co-development, assignment, or acquisition structures?

- Proposals would be considered as long as they include and utilize a new Transmission avenue and not rely on existing built transmission.

38. Landfill / Brownfield / Disturbed Land Eligibility

Are landfill redevelopment sites, capped landfill locations, brownfield sites, retired industrial land, or other previously disturbed lands considered acceptable locations

for Solar PV + BESS projects under this solicitation, subject to technical and environmental feasibility?

- SCPPA will consider, provided the site successfully completes the required environmental review and obtains all necessary permits and approvals for construction.

39. Hybrid Solar PV + BESS Configurations

For hybrid Solar PV + BESS proposals, does SCPPA have any preferred:

- Minimum storage duration requirements: 4 to 8 hours for lithium-ion technology, additionally refer to Section C.1.e of Appendix B
- Dispatch flexibility expectations: Section C.1.d of Appendix B
- Charging structure preferences: Section C.1.i, Section C.3.a and c, Section D.1. a and b, Tables 1 through 5
- Operational reserve requirements: Section C.1.i, Section D.1. a
- Beyond the requirements presently outlined within the RFP? All requirements are within the RFP.

40. Transmission Infrastructure Flexibility

Would SCPPA consider phased or shared transmission development structures where portions of transmission infrastructure may be developed in coordination with transmission owners, utilities, or strategic infrastructure partners?

- The RFP states that transmission development is the responsibility of the Respondent. Projects are expected to secure their own transmission without relying on SCPPA-owned rights or assets.

41. Ownership & Participation Structures

Beyond traditional PPA structures, would SCPPA consider phased ownership participation, co-investment structures, or public-private development partnership models involving multiple strategic stakeholders?

- PPA structures are preferred under this RFP. SCPPA is primarily looking for a long-term contract with a clearly defined “Seller/Respondent.”

42. Project Site Origination Status

Would SCPPA consider proposals where project sites are under active origination and phased site-control development at the proposal stage, provided the development pathway and milestone schedule are clearly identified?

- SCPPA may consider proposals, expected that site control would be fully in place by the time these studies are complete and we proceed to PPA negotiations.
43. Will SCPPA consider any form of price escalation or indexation given the length of time between proposal submission and COD?
- All-in, fixed pricing is preferred.
44. Will proposals that separate generation from transmission be considered, or is bundling mandatory?
- Bundle
45. What criteria will SCPPA use to compare alternative pricing structures with fixed PPA proposals (e.g., cost transparency, risk allocation, lifecycle cost)?
- Proposals will be vetted via SCPPA's evaluation and selection process
46. In termination scenarios not caused by developer default, does SCPPA intend to provide cost recovery or termination compensation for invested capital?
- No
47. What protections or relief mechanisms will the PPA contain if IRA tax credits are materially reduced or eliminated prior to COD?
- Respondent's risk.
48. How will sustaining capex be treated within the tariff?
- Respondent's risk
49. How will variation in O&M and Sustaining be managed through lifecycle?
- Respondent's risk
50. Will O&M include RT "real-time" operation?
- Yes
51. What portion(s) of the asset will be insured?
- Refer to RFP Insurance Section X
52. To what extent will SCPPA evaluate proposals that deviate from a fixed PPA structure, including cost-of-service or availability-based pricing frameworks?

- All-in, fixed pricing is preferred
53. Does SCPPA expect that proposals provide a pathway to 100% ownership, or are partial ownership structures acceptable?
- 100% ownership pathways
54. Should proponents assume a fair market value (FMV) approach for buyouts, or will SCPPA consider predefined pricing mechanisms or valuation bands?
- To be discussed during PPA negotiations
55. How will SCPPA treat projects where transmission is developed independently of generation, particularly in cases of delayed or underperforming generation?
- Both transmission & resources are expected to have one Commercial Operation Date. See response to question 2.
56. How does SCPPA intend to treat delays or non-performance arising from third-party elements (e.g., generation, interconnection, permitting)?
- Respondent's risk
57. Will SCPPA or participating agencies provide minimum capacity commitments or take-or-pay structures to support financing?
- No
58. Does SCPPA expect proponents to include decommissioning or abandonment obligations, and how should these be reflected in pricing?
- Yes, all-in, fixed pricing is expected to capture these costs
59. If SCPPA exercises a buyout or acquires the asset at term end, what condition and refurbishment standards are expected?
- Complies with prudent utility practices, to be discussed in PPA negotiations
60. How does SCPPA prioritize the trade-off between price certainty (fixed PPA) and potential lower lifecycle cost structures that involve shared governance and cost transparency?
- All-in, fixed pricing is preferred.
61. What is SCPPA's expectation for the size and form of performance security pre- and post-COD?

- Refer to Section 28 of Term Sheet
62. How does SCPPA / LADWP want to handle Tribal relations and other stakeholder engagement (e.g., fisheries, communities, regulatory) prior to bid and post-award? Would the developer lay this groundwork, or does SCPPA/LADWP want to take lead on this work?
- Respondent's risk
63. What is the anticipated PPA term length SCPPA is targeting?
- Minimum 10+ years
64. What useful lives will be chosen? Will they align with the PPA term? How will any terminal value if not be handled?
- Respondent's risk
65. Will generation be part of the tariff proposed, separate or treated differently?
- All-in, fixed pricing is preferred.
66. As part of the 2026 RFP submittal power-flow modeling effort, how should pre-existing LADWP generation at the Haynes, Scattergood, and Century substations be treated? Specifically, should the existing generation at these locations be modeled as remaining in service and dispatched consistent with the base case assumptions, partially displaced by the proposed project injection, or retired/offline to reflect LADWP's intended future resource plan?
- Capacity values listed in Section 7g of the RFP represent the total sum of both existing generation and injection capacity from the new transmission resource for each group (and associated stations). The existing generation facilities are intended to be used as backup or a secondary response.
67. How should proponents assume interconnection risk is allocated between project, generation, and SCPPA?
- Respondent's risk
68. Will the operating entity qualify as a utility in California and end up regulated by CPUC?
- SCPPA cannot determine whether the operating entity would be classified as a utility or subject to CPUC regulations, as that would depend on the details of each proposal.

69. Is SCPPA open to governance structures (e.g., joint oversight committee) for ongoing asset management, cost transparency, and performance oversight?

- Respondent's risk

70. Can we target multiple POI's for each project?

- Yes