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## California ISO Board approves next steps for western EIM

New rules to streamline rooftop solar aggregation and 2016 budget also adopted

FOLSOM, Calif. – The California Independent System Operator (ISO) Board of Governors today approved policies needed to begin the process of selecting representatives for the western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) governing body.

During its public meeting held in Folsom, the board also approved updated rules for distributed energy, including rooftop solar units, to participate in wholesale energy markets; modified the policy for publicly disclosing documents by strengthening its appeal process and adopted the 2016 budget.

The board unanimously approved two recommendations from the western Energy Imbalance Market Transitional Committee to establish an EIM charter and create a selection process for the EIM governing body. It also approved amendments to the ISO corporate bylaws establishing the authority of the EIM governing body.

Updating rules for distributed energy, the board agreed to revisions to the resource provider framework initially approved in July 2015. The changes will increase the flexibility for distribution-connected resources to participate in the ISO wholesale markets.

The board also adopted the ISO's 2016 budget of \$195.3 million, reflecting a reduction of more than \$3 million over the current year. It is also \$7 million under the \$202 million cap set by federal regulators.

For more information about the EIM, click [here](#). To see related documents related to this month's board meeting, click [here](#).

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