

2025 & 29 Final LCR Study Results Summary of Findings

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LCR Areas within CAISO





Input Assumptions, Methodology and Criteria

See October 30, 2023 stakeholder teleconference - for study assumptions, methodology and criteria. The latest information along with the 2025 LCR Manual can be found at:

https://stakeholdercenter.caiso.com/RecurringStakeholderProcesses/Localcapacity-requirements-process-2025.

Transmission system configuration – all-projects with EDRO up to June 1, 2025

Generation – all-generation with COD up to June 1, 2025

Load Forecast – 1 in 10 local area peak (based on latest CEC forecast)

Criteria – most stringent of all mandatory standards (NERC, WECC, ISO)

Methodology

- 1. Maximize Imports Capability into the local area
- 2. Maintain path flows
- 3. Maintain deliverability for deliverable units
- 4. Load pocket fix definition



Major Changes from last year studies

- 1. 2024 NQC data.
- 2. LCR results herein use the latest CEC load forecast:
 - CED 2023 Local Reliability LSE and BAA Tables
- 3. Total 2025 LCR capacity needed has increased by 1,376 MW or ~ 6.2%.
- 4. 2025 LCR needs decrease in: North Coast/North Bay and San Diego/Imperial Valley due to load forecast decrease, Kern due to small increase in rating for the limiting component.
- 5. 2025 LCR needs increase in: Humboldt, Bay Area, Sierra, Stockton, Fresno and Big Creek/Ventura to load forecast increase, LA Basin due to delay in transmission project implementation.



2025 Final LCR Needs

	A	ugust Quali	ifying Capa	Capacity Available at Peak	2025 LCR Need	
Local Area Name	QF/ Muni (MW)	Non-Solar (MW)	Solar (MW)	Total (MW)	Total (MW)	Capacity Needed
Humboldt	0	175	0	175	175	164
North Coast/ North Bay	136	849	0	985	985	967
Sierra	1221	704	0	1925	1925	1532*
Stockton	125	608	7	740	733	735*
Greater Bay	604	7781	4	8389	8385	7441*
Greater Fresno	229	2839	199	3267	3068	2532*
Kern	9	397	43	449	406	434
Big Creek/ Ventura	399	3702	249	4350	4350	2145
LA Basin	1157	9129	10	10296	10296	4797
San Diego/ Imperial Valley	3	5297	169	5469	5469	2709
Total	3883	31481	681	36045	35792	23456



Major Changes from last year studies

- 1. Total 2029 LCR capacity need has decreased by about 1,364 MW or ~5.8%.
- 2. 2029 LCR needs decrease in: Stockton and San Diego/Imperial Valley due to load forecast decrease, North Coast/North Bay, Bay Area and Fresno due to new transmission projects, Kern and LA Basin due to load forecast decrease and new transmission projects.
- 3. 2029 LCR needs increase in: Humboldt and Big Creek/Ventura due to load forecast increase, Sierra due to load forecast increase and the flow-through nature of the area.

Role and Purpose of sub-area LCR needs:

- Provide detail local procurement information
- Need to be satisfied in order to minimize ISO back-stop
- Sum of the parts may not equal the overall need



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Local Area Name	QF/ Muni (MW)	Non-Solar (MW)	Solar (MW)	Total (MW)	Total (MW)	Capacity Needed
Humboldt	0	175	0	175	175	173
North Coast/ North Bay	136	849	0	985	985	650
Sierra	1221	704	0	1925	1925	1885*
Stockton	101	655	7	763	756	763*
Greater Bay	604	7781	4	8389	8385	6259
Greater Fresno	229	2839	199	3267	3068	2512*
Kern	9	397	43	449	406	241
Big Creek/ Ventura	399	3702	249	4350	4350	1329
LA Basin	1157	9129	10	10296	10296	5076
San Diego/ Imperial Valley	3	5637	169	5809	5809	3121
Total	3859	31868	681	36408	36155	22009



Near-Term LCR Study Schedule

CPUC and the ISO have determined overall timeline

- Criteria, methodology and assumptions meeting Oct. 30, 2023
- Submit comments by November 13, 2023
- Base case development started in December 2023
- Receive base cases from PTOs January 2024
- Publish base cases January 17, 2024 comments by Feb 1th
- Receive and incorporate CEC load forecast February 1-4th
- Draft study completed by March 4, 2024
- ISO Stakeholder meeting March 6, 2024 comments by the 20th
- ISO receives new operating procedures March 20, 2024
- Validate op. proc. publish draft final report April 4, 2024
- ISO Stakeholder call April 11, 2024 comments by the 22nd
- Final 2025 LCR report May 1, 2024





2024 ISO Procurement Schedule

Per ISO Tariff and BPM - overall timeline

- Final LCR Report May 1, 2024
- LSE self-guided local allocation; May-June, 2024
- Receive new CEC coincident load forecast June 30, 2024
- ISO or CPUC to send out final local allocation; middle of July, 2024
- For any current RMR resource; LSEs to submit showings by 9/1/2024
- ISO to decide on retaining units under RMR by October 1, 2024
- Final LSE showings TBD Usually last week of October, 2024
- ISO to send a market notice out stating deficiencies in procurement about 3 weeks after final showing - about November 21, 2024
- ISO receives additional showing (30 days after market notice)
- ISO to enter back-stop procurement for local reasons (if needed)

