

Forecasting Forum Overview

The Short Term Forecasting (STF) team formed a Forecasting Forum meeting to provide a centralized space for sharing STF updates, discussing technical topics, communicating key developments, and engaging with stakeholders in a consistent and transparent manner. This document serves as an ongoing reference for Forecasting Forum goals and expectations, and in addition, provides guidelines for feedback and participation.

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Purpose

The Forecasting Forum is a dedicated venue for sharing Short Term Forecasting (STF) updates, discussing forecasting methodologies and performance, and providing visibility into planned enhancements and emerging topics.

Objectives

- Communicate forecast-related initiatives, roadmaps, enhancements
- Share forecasting performance metrics and trends
- Gather stakeholder feedback and identify areas for future discussion
- Improve transparency and understanding of Short Term Forecasting processes

Short Term Forecasting Areas

Short Term Forecasting topics may fall into one or more of the following categories:

- Weather Forecasts
- Demand Forecasts
- Variable Energy Resource (VER) Forecasts (solar and wind fuel types)
- Net Load Uncertainty Requirements
- VER Registration
- Alerting

Relationship to MPPF

- Forecasting Forum is modeled after the Market Performance and Planning Forum ([MPPF](#)).
- Like MPPF, the Forecasting Forum will provide regular updates, performance reporting, technical discussions, and opportunity for stakeholder feedback.
- Unlike MPPF, Forecasting Forum will focus on forecasting topics that may not have direct market impacts.
- STF has historically included forecasting performance metrics and presented briefly on forecasting topics in MPPF up until the April 2026 meeting. As of July 2026, those efforts will transition to the Forecasting Forum, with STF updates in MPPF as needed.

Meeting Format Expectations

- Short Term Forecasting Team presentations on key topics and updates
- Dedicated time for stakeholder questions and discussion
- Meeting agenda posted at least a week in advance
- Meeting recordings and slides posted publicly

Stakeholder Participant Expectations

- Primary audience is stakeholders across WEIM, EDAM, and CAISO BA. The forum is open to the public.
- Questions and feedback are encouraged
- Discussions should remain focused on agenda topics
- Attendees are encouraged to submit topics for future meetings
 - If you have access to the Customer Inquiry, Dispute and Information (CIDI) platform, you can submit topic suggestions or questions to Short Term Forecasting by creating a ticket e.g. subject: “Forecasting Forum topic” and note that the ticket should be routed to STF
 - Otherwise, topics and questions can be routed through ISO Stakeholder Affairs at ISOSTakeholderAffairs@caiso.com
- Respectful and professional participation is expected from all attendees

Indicators of Success

- Stakeholder attendance and engagement
- Quality of stakeholder feedback
- Improved transparency of forecasting activities
- Effectiveness of forum materials as reference points to support customer questions
- Increased awareness of forecasting efforts and enhancements
- Reduced need for ad hoc stakeholder outreach on forecasting topics

Examples of Forecasting Forum Topics

- Data quality monitoring methods and procedures
- Net load uncertainty sampling methods (FRP and IR topic)
- Demand response automation enhancements
- Operational summer demand response processes
- VER persistence forecast methodology
- VER Solar Neighborhood enhancements
- Forecast performance review and reporting