Subject: CAEECC Groundrule on New Issues/Topics

Dear CAEECC Members,

At our last Full CAEECC Quarterly Meeting, we had a robust discussion but didn’t reach a final decision on the thresholds in the following proposed new ground-rule.

*For discretionary issues identified either by CPUC or CAEECC where a new Working Group or Workshop is proposed, at least 2/3 (or ¾) of CAEECC Member organizations must agree that CAEECC should take on the issue, and for a Working Group at least  1/3 (or ½)of CAEECC Member organizations must plan to participate (Note: No minimum CAAEECC Member organization participation threshold for Workshops.  Also, these rules do not cover topics taken on by CAEECC subcommittees.)*

Following the meeting, we polled Members on both their preferences in each paired option, and whether regardless of their preference whether they would find both options acceptable.

18 Members filled out the survey after a couple of reminders. What we found was the following:

Regarding the first threshold for minimum level of Member Organization support for CAEECC taking on an issue threshold:

* 13 preferred 2/3 support, and 5 preferred ¾
* However, 15 said either was acceptable.  Of the 3 who said they wouldn’t find both acceptable, 2 were in the 2/3 camp and one was in the ¾ camp
* We subsequently spoke with the one Member who indicated that 2/3 would not be acceptable, and in the face of everyone else finding 2/3 acceptable, agreed that 2/3 would be OK

Regarding the Member Organization willingness to participate threshold:

* 14 preferred 1/3 support, and 4 preferred 1/2
* However, 13 said either was acceptable.  Of the 5 who said they wouldn’t find both acceptable, 4 were in the 1/3 camp and one was in the 1/2 camp
* We subsequently spoke with the one Member who indicated that 2/3 would not be acceptable, and in the face of everyone else finding 1/3 acceptable, agreed that 1/3 would be OK

So the new groundrule, will use a 2/3 and 1/3 threshold, respectively. We also added language in the proposed new groundrule after our conversations with these 2 Members and the co-chairs to be clear that any polling would not take place until Members have had an opportunity to exchange views on the proposed new WG topic/issue. This and other changes to groundrules discussed at the last Full CAEECC meeting are posted on the website for our upcoming Full CAEECC Meeting: [HERE](https://www.caeecc.org/2-27-20).