

2026-27 Energy Committee Work Plan

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“There shall be an Energy Committee whose duty it shall be to recommend policies and programs to the Board of Directors and to the State Legislative Committee and/or Federal Affairs Committee as appropriate. The committee shall consist of at least one member from each region.”

-ACWA Bylaws, Article VII, Section 8

CHARGE	INITIATIVES
1. Energy Committee Deliverables Provide a structure where Energy member agencies can come together and discuss issues of mutual concern and interest and based on that interaction, provide representative input to the ACWA Board.	A. Hold quarterly Energy Committee Meetings. Drive participation by Committee members and Region Committee Reporters
	B. Advance Energy policy priorities through focused subcommittee and working groups— both to respond to regulatory and legislative development and to develop proactive policy solutions. - Existing Subcommittees: - Clean Fleets - Working Groups: maintain and regularly update a list of active working groups to ACWA’s website.
	C. Conduct conference programs and/or webinars as needed to advance Committee priorities.
2. Proactive Policy Initiative Process Consider input and priorities from ACWA’s State Legislative Committee, Federal Affairs Committee, and regions.	A. Evaluate and provide recommendations if proposals should be advanced by ACWA’s Energy Committee: - Review and List State Legislative Committee and Federal Affairs Committee recommendations relevant to this committee - Review and consider regional priorities in the development of the Committee Work Plan - Propose legislative recommendations to the State Legislative Committee
3. Water Energy Nexus Identify most common and significant energy costs among public water agencies, and solutions to these challenges.	A. Create a subcommittee dedicated to the Water Energy Nexus
	B. Create a cost matrix consisting of water agency examples that: - Identify most common and significant energy related operations costs And regulatory/compliance energy related costs - Identify and summarize the most common and significant cost drivers

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	• Review how these identified costs impact water affordability and create public health risks • Identify value-adds of controlling energy costs associated with water • Identify opportunities to use this information in future advocacy C. Identify relevant energy regulatory proceedings, and funding opportunities to water agency operations: • Develop workgroups to aid advocacy and develop compliance guidance resources, as necessary. Consider opportunities for urban, agricultural, and rural agencies D. Identify relevant energy project case studies to be shared with the Energy Committee and ACWA more broadly. Case studies may include: • Implementing a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Micro-grid for a Water or Wastewater Utility • Implementing an Energy Management Plan at Major Pumping Facilities • Implementing Water Loss Reduction strategies in Water Distribution Systems
4. Clean Fleets Advocate on Fleet Electrification related activities that impact public water agencies.	A. Rely upon Clean Fleets Subcommittee to: • Identify future fleet electrification proceedings that impact public water agencies • Identify funding/incentive programs to aid with fleet electrification compliance requirements • Develop compliance guidance resources for ACWA, as necessary
5. Collaboration with ACWA Policy Committees Identify opportunities to collaborate with other Policy Committees at ACWA.	A. In partnership with the ACWA Committees: • Invite respective Policy Committees to participate in development of a Cost Matrix • Propose working groups and conference programs to build on mutual interests between Energy Committee and other Policy Committees