Q4 2026 SOMAH Public Forum Notes

Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Time: 1:00 - 2:15pm

Purpose

The purpose of the SOMAH Public Forum is to share program progress and updates while creating an opportunity for program stakeholders and participants to ask questions, share concerns and provide feedback. Held virtually, this forum covered the most recent program stats and developments, CPUC Decision D.26-07-029 and the latest triennial evaluation and response to recommendations.

Welcome & Introductions

Victoria Leslie, SOMAH Program Manager, kicked off the meeting by welcoming attendees and explaining the purpose of the forum. Victoria emphasized the SOMAH Program Administrator (PA) team's commitment to equity, energy and environmental justice. She concluded by reviewing the forum agenda, housekeeping tips, SOMAH's current list of staff and meeting guidelines.

Session 1: SOMAH Program Update

Monica De La Cruz, SOMAH Program Manager, presented the latest program statistics and developments, including completed tenant education materials, workforce development survey updates and the latest case study of Rancho Vista Townhomes. You can learn more about this case study here. Monica wrapped up by highlighting a few program's resources, including the eligible properties map, affordability prescreen form and the storage incentive waitlist interest form for PG&E and SDG&E territories.

Session 1 Q&A

Q, Scott Slater: Could you speak more to the program's labor requirements? Is there an expectation for a specific type of labor required?

A: For workforce development, the program requires a project to have at least one trainee for 40 hours or up to two trainees for 80 hours at either prevailing wage or 1.3x the local minimum wage, depending on size of the property and location. You are not required to select trainees from a specific pool, but the trainee should meet one of the following:

1) A tenant living at a SOMAH project site.
2) Be currently enrolled in an accredited Installation Basics Training (IBT) program.
3) Have graduated within the last 12 months from an accredited IBT program.

The SOMAH PA can assist if you would like support in finding trainees for your project. For additional information, please visit:

https://calsomah.org/resources/job-training-requirements
https://calsomah.org/job-training-organizations

Session 2: CPUC Final Decision

Alyssa Golinar, SOMAH Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the key points of Rulemaking Decision 25-01-005 (released publicly on July 13, 2026) as well as the remaining items in this rulemaking that have not yet concluded. The SOMAH PA will continue to monitor this proceeding as long as it is open.

Session 2 Q&A

Q, Martin Moorhouse: Is there an update on eligibility of replacing existing systems for SOMAH?

A: Advice Letter 175-E for replacement system eligibility is currently in its initial suspension of 120 days that started on September 26, 2026. There are 89 days left in the initial suspension period.

Q, Jim Stevens: Will greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction funds continue to be allocated per year by IOU? And for how many more years?

A: The main planned 10-year collections schedule concluded on June 30, 2026. Per CalDGstats, $860.5 million of the planned $900 million in incentive funds have already been collected. Small amounts could be added as true-ups continue to happen through the end of the program. You can refer to the SOMAH CalDGStats webpage to look through the funding allocations for the remainder of this year.

Session 3: Triennial Evaluation

Mina Defee, SOMAH Program Manager, provided an overview of SOMAH's latest third-party triennial evaluation, which assessed the program's impact, findings and recommendations for improvement. The topics evaluated include program

performance, program participation and eligibility, project cancellation, future participation, project cost, application processing, program tracking data, property owners, contractors, tenants, job trainees, CBOs and financial organizations. Mina reviewed key findings for each area and the SOMAH PA's response to each recommendation.

Session 3 Q&A

N/A

Looking Ahead & Next Steps

Victoria Leslie closed out the forum by sharing links to SOMAH's social media accounts to stay updated on the program and how to receive the forum's presentation materials.

Following are dates for upcoming SOMAH events. More details will be announced closer to the events:

- **October 28, 11:30 AM PST:** SOMAH Lunch & Learn Workshop at Villa Hermosa in Wasco, CA
- **November 5, 10:00 AM PST:** Virtual Contractor Office Hours: Storage Incentives, Leads & Bidding
- **November 5, 11:30 AM PST:** SOMAH Lunch & Learn Workshop at North Park in Oildale, CA
- **November 19, 10:00 AM PST:** Virtual Solar Career Opportunities Q&A

Register at calsomah.org/events.

For additional questions and feedback, please contact the SOMAH PA:

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