

POLICY ADVOCACY

CPA expanded our outreach to elected officials to secure greater support for renewable energy projects that reinforce California’s clean energy portfolio and support long-term sustainability objectives.

CPA deepened its engagement with state and federal policymakers in California and Washington, D.C., working to inform elected officials of CPA’s accomplishments and initiatives, while developing a deeper understanding of the key clean energy priorities moving through legislatures in the year ahead.

STATE

CPA partnered with fellow CCAs and our trade organization, the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA), to strengthen our collective advocacy in Sacramento during CalCCA’s annual lobby day. We highlighted community concerns focused on electricity affordability and offered potential pathways to providing customers with electricity bill relief, including increasing the Climate Credit, utilizing public/private partnerships to finance energy transmission and

establishing a regional energy market. Numerous CPA suggestions were included in the final energy package that Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law. There remains tremendous

opportunity to further expand on several of these initiatives, and CPA will continue to engage with legislators and stakeholders on this issue in the 2026 legislative year.



FEDERAL

In April, CPA staff and Board Chair Deborah Klein Lopez joined forces with the federal trade association Local Energy Aggregation Network (LEAN) and CCAs from across the country for a 2025 federal lobby day. With pending changes to the federal energy tax incentives, CPA and energy stakeholders met with various associations to build partnerships aimed at protecting incentives, strengthening the U.S. energy grid through streamlined transmission development and maintaining tax-exempt status for municipal bonds. Meetings included Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions, The Clean Energy Buyers

Associations, the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), and the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA). CPA engaged with key federal agencies and committees including the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, and the

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. CPA also met with many of its 19 Congressional members to provide updates on local programs and projects in their district and discuss opportunities for 2026 community project funding.

