



# Memorandum

**To:** All California ISO Stakeholders  
**From:** Stacey Crowley, Vice President External Affairs  
**Date:** February 28, 2022  
**Re:** **Decisional Designations for Stakeholder Initiatives**

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Last fall, the California Independent System Operator's Board of Governors and the Western Energy Imbalance Market's (WEIM) Governing Body adopted the Governance Review Committee's (GRC) recommendations to replace the delegated "primary authority" over the Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM) tariff changes with a "joint authority" model, whereby the Board and the WEIM Governing Body will jointly meet to consider and approve proposed WEIM rules.

The Stakeholder Initiatives webpage (both on [WesternEIM.com](http://WesternEIM.com) and [CAISO.com](http://CAISO.com)) shows a classification, or designation, to identify which category of decisional authority applies to each initiative. These proposed designations are also available in the most recent paper on each initiative. With the joint authority model now in place, the following information provides general background about how decisional items in policy initiatives are categorized.

As the websites undergo changes to reflect the categories of decisional authority, this memo serves as a summation for stakeholders to understand the decisional designation of various stakeholder initiatives.

## Background

The WEIM Governing Body has joint authority with the Board when the ISO is considering an element of a proposed policy change that would change or establish a tariff rule applicable to the WEIM entity balancing authority areas, WEIM entities, or other market participants within the WEIM entity balancing authority areas, in their capacity as participants in WEIM.

The WEIM Governing Body has a formal advisory role related to any element of a proposal that would apply to the real-time market, but does not fall within the scope of joint authority.

The designation labels used below indicate the level of involvement for the WEIM Governing Body in an initiative.



- “**Joint Authority**” indicates that at least one element of the initiative appears to fall within the joint authority of the Board of Governors and the WEIM Governing Body.
- “**Advisory**” indicates that the WEIM Governing Body may have an advisory role with respect to at least one element of the initiative, and that the WEIM Governing Body may not have joint authority with respect to any part of the initiative.
- “**Board Only**” indicates that the WEIM Governing Body does not appear to have any decisional authority for the proposed policy or tariff amendments.

The absence of a label indicates that a decisional designation for the initiative has not yet been proposed.

### Initiative Decisional Designations

The following table reflects the current designation of each initiative, which are subject to change as an initiative evolves throughout the stakeholder process. All of these designations are ultimately subject to review and acceptance by the Board of Governors and the WEIM Governing Body. Stakeholders who have questions or concerns about a proposed designation are encouraged to address the issue in their comments submitted throughout the stakeholder process.

Initiative Name	Designation (as of Feb. 28, 2022)
Adjustments to intertie transmission constraint penalty prices (name is tentative)	Advisory
Central procurement entity implementation	Board Only
Day-ahead market enhancements	Advisory
Energy storage enhancements	Joint Authority
Extended day-ahead market (EDAM)	<i>Management has not yet proposed a decisional designation</i>
Interconnection process enhancements	Board Only
Reliability demand response resource (RDRR) bidding enhancements	Joint Authority
Resource adequacy enhancements phase II	Advisory
Short-long start unit definitions update	Joint Authority



While the WEIM webpage ([WesternEIM.com](http://WesternEIM.com)) will be modified soon to reflect these categories of decisional authority, it will take a bit longer to modify the ISO's Stakeholder Initiatives webpage ([CAISO.com](http://CAISO.com)). In the meantime, we will update and post this memo as new papers are posted for stakeholder initiatives.