



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

AGENDA

**Thursday, September 17, 2026
9:30 AM**

**Western Riverside Council of Governments
1955 Chicago Avenue, Suite 200
Riverside, CA 92507**

Remote Meeting Locations:

**City of Banning
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room
99 E Ramsey Street
Banning, CA 92220**

**City of Beaumont
Beaumont Civic Center
550 East 6th Street, Map Room
Beaumont, CA 92223**

**City of Calimesa
City Hall
Senior Center Map Room
908 Park Avenue
Calimesa, CA 92230**

**City of Lake Elsinore
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room
130 S. Main Street
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530**

**City of Menifee
City Hall, Menifee Conference Room
29844 Haun Street
Menifee, CA 92586**

City of Moreno Valley
City Hall, City Manager's Conference Room
14177 Frederick Street
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

City of Murrieta
City Hall
Conference Room 2C
1 Town Square
Murrieta, CA 92562

City of Temecula
City Hall, City Manager's Office
41000 Main Street
Temecula, CA 92590

City of Wildomar
City Hall
23873 Clinton Keith Road, Suite 110
Wildomar, CA 92595

March Joint Powers Authority
March Inland Port Authority
17405 Heacock Street
Riverside, CA 92551

3593 Eastfield Court
Carmel, CA 93923

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The Committee may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Craig Miller, Chair)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the Committee regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

5. SELECTION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND 2ND VICE-CHAIR POSITIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

A. Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair

Requested Action(s):

1. Select a Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Committee, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Committee request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

A. Action Minutes from the May 21, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Requested Action(s):

1. Approve the Action Minutes from the May 21, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

B. Approval of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027

Requested Action(s):

1. Approve the schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings for 2027.

7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. I-REN Residential Incentive Finder Tool

Requested Action(s):

1. Receive and file.

B. Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

C. Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update

Requested Action(s): 1. Receive and file.

D. WRCOG Fellowship Program Activities Update: Round 11

Requested Action(s): 1. Recommend that the Executive Committee establish a Fellow hourly pay range of \$20.00 to \$25.00, to allow WRCOG flexibility in paying Fellows within that range based on prior internship / fellowship experience and education level / background.

8. REPORT FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Committee meetings.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Committee.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in WRCOG's office at 1955 Chicago Avenue, Riverside.

12. ADJOURNMENT



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Leadership Selection for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and Recognition of Outgoing Chair
Contact: Chris Gray, Interim Executive Director, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710
Date: September 17, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Select a Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.
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Summary:

The Chair, Vice-Chair, and 2nd Vice-Chair all serve on an annual basis, with a term that runs through the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item to provide information regarding leadership positions for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. This item supports WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

WRCOG would like to recognize outgoing Chair Craig Miller, Western Water, for his efforts in leading the Technical Advisory Committee meetings during the previous fiscal year. Staff appreciates his hard work and dedication in leading the meetings.

WRCOG's Committee leadership positions are selected at the start of each fiscal year. The leadership for the Executive Committee for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 is as follows:

Chair: Jacque Casillas, City of Corona
Vice-Chair: Mike Lara, City of Beaumont
2nd Vice-Chair: Christian Dinco, City of Eastvale

Historically, the Committee positions have coincided with those of the Executive Committee, although there are no requirements for this pattern stipulated in WRCOG's JPA or Bylaws.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The actions of this item has no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.

Technical Advisory Committee

Action Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the WRCOG Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Past-Chair Rod Butler at 9:36 a.m. on May 21, 2026, in WRCOG's office.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee member Arron Brown led the Committee members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

- City of Calimesa - Will Kolbow
- City of Canyon Lake - Arron Brown
- City of Corona - Justin Tucker
- City of Eastvale - Stephanie Vasquez
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler
- City of Lake Elsinore - Jason Simpson
- City of Menifee - Bryan Jones
- City of Norco - Lisette Free
- City of Perris - Ernie Reyna
- City of Riverside - Ruby Castillo
- City of San Jacinto - Travis Randel
- Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) - Jolene Walsh

Absent:

- City of Beaumont
- City of Banning
- City of Hemet
- City of Moreno Valley
- City of Murrieta
- City of Temecula
- City of Wildomar
- County of Riverside
- Western Water
- March IPAA
- Riverside County Office of Education

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Canyon Lake
SECONDER:	Riverside
AYES:	Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto
ABSTAIN:	Norco, EMWD

A. Action Minutes from the April 16, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

Action:

1. Approved the Action Minutes from the April 16, 2026, Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. TUMF Policy Updates on Revenue Collection and Project Delivery

Action:

1. Recommended that the Executive Committee incorporate formalized revenue and reimbursement policies and related program clarifications into the next TUMF Administrative Plan Update.

ACTION:	APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED
MOVER:	Jurupa Valley
SECONDER:	Calimesa
AYES:	Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Norco, Perris, Riverside, San Jacinto
ABSTAIN:	Corona; the water districts do not vote on TUMF items.

B. Fee Comparison Analysis Findings

Action:

1. Received and filed.

C. WRCOG Project Management of Transportation Studies

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Gray, WRCOG Interim Executive Director, reported that there will be no meeting in May due to the ICSC conference. This is the last meeting in this office space as the new office is being renovated. In the meantime, most staff will be working remotely in July and August, and a select few will have a work space at Western Water. Meetings will resume in September at our permanent space. Mr. Gray encouraged Committee members to make sure their council members are registered for the General

Assembly, as they are all WRCOG voting members.

Janis Leonard also asked the Committee to RSVP for TAC meetings via the link in the agenda to ensure there is a quorum.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items for future agendas. For specific questions on the Fee Study, Committee members are encouraged to schedule a meeting with Chris Tzeng.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at a location to be determined.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2027
Contact: Chris Gray, Interim Executive Director, cgray@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6710
Date: September 17, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Approve the schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings for 2027.
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Summary:

All Technical Advisory Committee meeting dates are proposed for the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to approve the schedule of Technical Advisory Committee meetings for 2027. This item aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #4 (Communicate proactively about the role and activities of the Council of Governments).

Discussion:

Following are the proposed 2027 meeting dates for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC is dark in October since that time usually conflicts with the ICMA conference and/or the League of Cities conference.

Committee	Day	Time	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Technical Advisory	3rd Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	DARK	18	18	15	20	DARK	15	19	16	21	18	DARK

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

The result of the recommended action causes no fiscal impact.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: I-REN Residential Incentive Finder Tool
Contact: Eman Nazir, CVAG Management Analyst, enazir@cvag.org, (760) 346-1127
Date: September 17, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

The I-REN Incentive Finder Tool provides residents across the Inland Empire with a centralized platform to identify federal, state, utility, regional, and local energy-related incentives based on household eligibility. Staff will provide a demonstration of the live Tool, share current outreach efforts underway to promote adoption, and discuss how the Incentive Finder Tool supports I-REN's broader regional energy efficiency and electrification goals.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the successful launch and implementation of the I-REN Residential Incentive Finder Tool. I-REN supports WRCOG's 2022- 2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region).

Discussion:

Background

A growing priority for I-REN is improving customer access to energy efficiency and decarbonization resources across the residential, small and medium commercial, and industrial sectors throughout Riverside County, San Bernardino County, and the Coachella Valley. As I-REN's regional coordination role has expanded, staff have observed ongoing challenges for customers in identifying and accessing eligible incentives.

During May 2025 discussions related to early planning for the 2028–2032 I-REN Business Plan, the Executive Committee expressed interest in strengthening support across residential, small and medium commercial, and industrial sectors. Rather than applying for new sectors within the Business Plan, staff determined that existing programs administered by other Program Administrators would benefit from additional support to improve market penetration, allowing I-REN to avoid duplicative efforts while maximizing customer impact.

Following this direction, staff conducted outreach to third-party residential and commercial energy efficiency program administrators operating throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Staff previously shared this work with the Executive Committee and identified a common barrier across sectors: customers face a fragmented incentive landscape consisting of federal tax credits, statewide programs, utility rebates, regional initiatives, and local offerings, each with varying eligibility requirements. This fragmentation limits participation and reduces the effectiveness of programs already available in market.

In response, staff identified the need for a centralized, easy-to-use Incentive Finder Tool as an opportunity to support existing programs, improve market penetration, and advance the Executive Committee's interest in serving multiple customer sectors. By providing clear, region-specific guidance, the Incentive Finder Tool positions I-REN as a trusted regional resource while complementing, rather than duplicating, programs administered by other entities.

In January 2026, the I-REN Executive Committee approved a Professional Services Agreement between WRCOG and PaulosAnalysis for the development and implementation of the I-REN Incentive Finder Tool. Following approval, staff worked closely with PaulosAnalysis to customize the platform for the Inland Empire and integrate regional incentive offerings relevant to I-REN service territory.

In April 2026, I-REN officially launched the Residential Incentive Finder Tool, now publicly available through the I-REN website at <https://iren.gov/190/Residential-Incentive-Finder>.

Present Situation

The Incentive Finder Tool currently consolidates more than 160 federal, state, utility, regional, and local incentive programs into a single platform, allowing residents to quickly identify programs they may qualify for based on household, income, and location-specific information.

The Tool helps residents identify opportunities related to:

- Energy bill assistance and discount programs;
- Home energy efficiency improvements;
- Electrification upgrades and appliances;
- Solar and battery storage incentives; and
- Electric vehicle and clean transportation programs.

The platform was designed to simplify access to available incentives, increase participation in existing programs, and support regional electrification and energy efficiency goals. No login or personally identifiable information is required, and users may email results directly to themselves for future reference.

Prior to launch, I-REN staff coordinated with member jurisdictions to test the Incentive Finder Tool and gather feedback to ensure functionality and regional relevance. This coordination also supported the distribution of customized outreach and marketing materials, including website content, newsletter templates, flyers, and social media resources designed to expand public awareness and accessibility of the Tool.

Staff is currently conducting regional outreach efforts to promote adoption of the Incentive Finder Tool and encourage utilization among residents throughout the Inland Empire region.

In addition to the Residential Incentive Finder Tool, staff is currently developing the Commercial Incentive Finder Tool, which will expand support for small and medium commercial customers seeking energy efficiency and electrification incentives. Staff launched the Commercial Incentive Finder Tool on September 10, 2026, further expanding I-REN's ability to serve multiple customer sectors throughout the region.

Staff will continue evaluating opportunities to expand partnerships, strengthen outreach efforts, and identify future opportunities to further enhance the Incentive Finder Tool platform in alignment with I-REN's long-term regional energy efficiency and decarbonization goals.

Staff will provide a live demonstration of the Incentive Finder Tool, including examples of available incentives within the I-REN service territory and an overview of outreach efforts currently underway across the region.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

All costs associated with the development and implementation of I-REN are included in WRCOG's adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Agency Budget under the I-REN budget (Fund 180) in the Energy & Environmental Department.

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer
Contact: Tyler Masters, Program Manager, tmasters@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6732
Date: September 17, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

The Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer is an interactive online platform developed by I-REN to connect Riverside and San Bernardino County residents with in-demand energy careers, regional training opportunities, and workforce resources. Based on findings from the 2024 I-REN Energy Workforce Gaps Assessment, the platform features a personalized career quiz, 30 career profiles, regional labor market data, training pathways, employment resources, and information on local energy projects. Launched July 30, 2026, the Career Explorer serves as a centralized hub designed to improve awareness of and access to existing education, training, and career opportunities across the Inland Empire's growing energy workforce ecosystem.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to highlight I-REN's work with WRCOG public agencies and encourage continued collaboration with the County and cities in the subregion. I-REN supports WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region).

Discussion:

Background

The Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer (Career Explorer), <https://careerexplorer.iren.gov/>, is an interactive tool that showcases in-demand and emerging energy careers in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. Drawing on insights from the 2024 I-REN Energy Workforce Gaps Assessment, the Career Explorer connects community members with information and resources on energy career opportunities.

The Career Explorer uses a simple and engaging quiz to help viewers find the career information that's most relevant to them. It then provides custom-tailored information on energy career pathways and information on resources and training to get started. Those that want to dive deeper can read about

career descriptions, typical work tasks, suggested educational background, and publicly available data such as projected job growth, and estimated wages. The Career Explorer also links to regional job boards and additional resources to help visitors find stable, high-quality careers. A goal of the Career Explorer is to increase education about and access to regional workforce resources, training, and energy employment pathways for job seekers, community-based workforce organizations, training providers, employers, and other workforce entities.

I-REN created the Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer based on conversations with regional stakeholders to make resources, training, and employment pathways more accessible. Through development of I-REN's 2024 Energy Workforce Gaps Assessment, it identified there are currently 360+ training pathways provided by 100+ training providers in the Inland Empire community. Rather than creating additional resources, I-REN wanted to make these existing opportunities more visible to the residents that need them. As I-REN seeks to connect stakeholders across the workforce pipeline, such as educational institutions, training providers, local agencies, and community-based organizations, the Career Explorer serves as a centralized hub that connects all energy workforce-related training and career opportunities for entities across the energy workforce ecosystem.

Development Timeline

Microsite Exploration: September 2025 - January 2026

- Concept Development and Stakeholder Engagement: Identified the need for an Inland Empire-focused energy career exploration platform through stakeholder discussions highlighting training access and career visibility challenges.
- Project Initiation and Branding: Launched collaboration with The Energy Coalition and DG+, established project goals, and finalized the platform name and branding as the Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer.
- Platform Design and Research: Developed initial UI/UX wireframes and analyzed labor market data and workforce research from the I-REN Energy Workforce Gaps Assessment to inform platform content.

Platform Development: January 2026 - May 2026

- Developed and Refined Platform Framework: Created initial platform pages, refined the Journey Map, and developed website designs, graphics, and other visual assets.
- Career Profile Development: 30+ career profiles with consistent content standards and key information needed to showcase in-demand energy careers and training pathways.
- Gathered Stakeholder Input: Conducted surveys and engagement with workforce development partners, career service providers, workforce boards, youth centers, counselors, and practitioners to inform platform development.
- Enhanced User Experience: Analyzed stakeholder feedback on audience needs, platform barriers, career interests, and existing tools to improve functionality, accessibility, and overall user experience.

Refinement and Launch: June 2026-July 2026

- Finalized User Experience and Website Design: Refined website mockups, user workflows, platform navigation, and finalized the Career Quiz and website domain.
- Created Engagement and Storytelling Features: Developed templates for success stories and regional workforce spotlight pages to showcase career pathways and workforce impact.
- Tested, Launched, and Planned for Future Enhancements: Conducted internal reviews and

usability testing, prepared for pilot launch and stakeholder demonstrations, and identified features for future development phases beyond the initial launch.

Present Situation

The Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer launched at the end of July 2026 (screenshots of site can be found in Attachment 1). Additionally, the Career Explorer will make direct connections with regional workforce resources and celebrate the successes that are made through this platform and I-REN workforce programs.

Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer Components

1. Career Quiz: The Career Explorer features an interactive quiz where users can answer five simple questions to identify energy sector careers that align with their interests and priorities. The quiz helps users explore energy-sector careers and ensure the opportunities they see align with their interests and needs.

2. Career Profiles: The platform currently features 30 career profiles and is organized into six focus areas outlined below, reflecting in-demand occupations identified through the I-REN Energy Workforce Gaps Assessment and projected growth associated with emerging technologies.

- Construction & Building Systems
- Energy & Utilities Infrastructure
- Clean Energy & Sustainability
- Manufacturing & Industrial Systems
- Maintenance & Repair Operations
- Engineering, Design, & Technology

Each career profile includes a description and summary tailored to the energy sector. This illustrates to users how occupations connect across industries. For example, welders work with emerging technologies such as wind turbines / solar panels, and engineers may work on battery storage infrastructure.

- Career level classifications (entry, mid, and senior) are included to help users identify roles relevant to their experience. Whether a user is looking for an entry-level career, or someone looking to discover new opportunities by gaining or using their existing skills (e.g., incumbent workers).
- Work modality (in-person, remote, or hybrid) and daily tasks are listed for each role to provide a general overview of the work involved in each career. This allows users to make informed considerations based on the work each role typically does.
- Industries: The Energy Sector encompasses many industries and careers. The Career Explorer categorizes careers into key industries identified in the Energy Workforce Gaps Assessment and local labor market data reports to help users navigate career opportunities within the following fields:
 - Construction & Building Systems
 - Energy, Utilities, and Infrastructure
 - Clean Energy & Sustainability

- Manufacturing & Industrial Systems
- Maintenance, Repair and Operations
- Engineering, Design and Technology

Career profiles include regional labor market information to help users understand employment opportunities and labor market demand trends. Information was gathered from websites such as O*NET (utilized by county workforce boards), Career One Stop, and the Center of Excellence. Data gathered from these external platforms is sourced from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer showcases the most localized and region-specific data available for careers in the Inland Empire. This specificity encourages users to leverage existing resources within their region and find opportunities accessible to them.

In many cases, emerging careers lacked regional data, so state-wide data were used in their place. If an emerging career lacked information (summary, tasks, and/or skills), I-REN created its profile using the skill and role descriptions from other closely related occupations. For typical education and training requirements, I-REN listed both minimum (often high school diploma / GED) and preferred qualifications. Requirements vary by career level, with preferred qualifications noted because employers and training advisors commonly seek them due to rising applicant competitiveness. I-REN selected five to seven skills required to perform well in the role. This helps users assess their existing strengths, identify skill gaps, and explore areas for future professional development. Related occupations are listed to help users find associated careers among our existing career profiles and explore similar occupations for lateral or upskilling pathways.

3. Training Pathways: Training programs and resources for each career begin with the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code (or related career's SOC) to help users find additional opportunities on other platforms. One of the largest components of the Career Explorer is its listing of regional training resources, which includes local community colleges, universities, unions, private institutions, and non-profits in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to offer specific training opportunities for the career under consideration.

A future goal would be to establish a more direct connection between users and training opportunities. Users can explore on their own or use I-REN's partnership with County Workforce Boards to training providers and access additional supportive resources and direct connections.

4. Employment Pathways: The Job Board and Employers Section provides users with additional resources and keywords to search for employment opportunities across external job boards and search engines. The Career Explorer also provides general descriptive terms to describe employers (e.g., renewable energy company), rather than listing specific businesses, to maintain neutrality among potential employers in the Inland Empire.

5. Regional Landscape: The Career Explorer includes featured projects showcasing regional energy initiatives, emphasizing the careers involved in constructing the facilities and the roles essential to ongoing maintenance and operations.

6. Featured Careers: Below is a full list of the 30 career profiles available on the platform at launch. The

platform will be updated to include additional career profiles and its information will be kept up to date to align with the current regional landscape.

- Construction & Building Systems
 - Electricians
 - Plumbers, Pipefitters, Steamfitters
 - Carpenters, Roofers, Ironworkers
 - Construction Laborers
 - Construction Inspection
- Energy, Utilities, and Infrastructure
 - Water & Wastewater Technology
 - Hydroelectric Plant Operators
 - Energy Grid Specialists
 - Energy Systems Analysts
 - Battery Engineers and Technicians
 - Charging infrastructure specialist
 - Powerline Installer
- Clean Energy & Sustainability
 - Solar PV Installers
 - Wind Turbine Technicians
 - Energy Auditors
 - Sustainability/LEED Specialists
 - Green Building Designers
- Manufacturing & Industrial Systems
 - Welding
 - Manufacturing & Machining
 - Mechatronics/Electro-Mechanical Technology
 - Electronics / Electrical Technology
 - Industrial Machinery Mechanics
- Maintenance, Repair, and Operations
 - HVAC Technicians
 - EV Automotive Technicians
 - Substation Technician/Electronics Repairers
 - Maintenance Mechanical Repairers
- Engineering, Design, and Technology
 - Electrical Engineers
 - Engineering Technicians
 - Surveying & Mapping Technicians
 - Computer Systems Analysts

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

All costs associated with the development and implementation of I-REN are included in WRCOG's adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Agency Budget under the I-REN budget (Fund 180) in the Energy &

Environmental Department.

Attachment(s):

[Attachment 1 - Career Explorer Screenshots.pdf](#)

<https://careerexplorer.iren.gov/>



[Career Explorer](#) | [Career Profiles](#) | [Trainings](#) | [Opportunities in the Inland Empire](#) ▾ | [About I-REN](#)



Inland Empire Energy Career Explorer

Find your path in the energy workforce.

There are more energy careers than ever that offer strong salaries, long-term security, and meaningful impact. We'll help you find one, and show you exactly how to get there.

By the end of this 4-question quiz, you'll have a clear path to your best-fit career—roles, training, and next steps—completely free, with no personal information required.

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Which (if any) describe you?

Select all that apply

I am currently working
towards a high school
diploma or GED

I've already earned a
high school diploma
or GED

I am currently working
towards a university or
trade school degree

I've already earned a
university degree

I am interested in
exploring entry-level
opportunities

I am an experienced
professional seeking a
career transition

I have earned a
postsecondary
certificate



Next

I am most motivated by...

Select one

Money

Job Security

Alignment with my
skills and interests

Helping the
environment

The ability to work
remotely

The ability to work
in person

Back

Next

I am interested in...

Select all that apply

Manufacturing &
Industrial Systems

Maintenance, Repair, &
Operations

Engineering, Design, &
Technology

Energy, Utilities, &
Infrastructure

Construction &
Building Systems

Clean Energy &
Sustainability

Back

Next

I am good at...

Select all that apply

Teamwork &
Leadership

Engineering &
Technical Design

Overseeing Safety &
Regulatory
Compliance

Managing Projects &
Timelines

Problem Solving &
Analysis

Construction &
Infrastructure Work

Verbal & Written
Communication

Using Technology &
Digital Systems

Equipment Operation
& Control

Troubleshooting &
Repair



Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicle

EV technicians inspect, maintain, and repair electric and hybrid vehicles, ensuring they operate safely and efficiently. They work with advanced battery systems and electrical components, diagnosing issues and performing repairs to keep vehicles running reliably. Their work supports the growing shift toward clean transportation and the expansion of electric vehicle technology.

*Labor data and information for emerging careers is often limited or unavailable at the regional level. Data shown is based on a closely related occupation, Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics: SOC 49-3023 and Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles: SOC 49-2096.00.

Career Snapshot:

- \$38,220 - \$91,730 per year*
- Entry to Mid Level
- Maintenance, Repair, & Operations

*Estimates are not to be used as fact. Based on publicly available sources.

Scroll Down ↓

The Path to Becoming an Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicle

Step 1

Earn a High School Diploma or GED

Field of Study:

Postsecondary certificate in automotive technology or electric vehicle systems preferred

Resources:

[Inland Career Education Center](#)

[Inland Adult Education Consortium](#)

[Southwest Riverside Adult Education](#)

[Read More](#) ▾

Step 2

Earn a Postsecondary Certificate

Required Training:

Standards Occupational Classifications (SOC) code

[SOC 49-2096.00](#)

Training Programs and Resources:

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Step 3

Find a position or apprenticeship

Required Training:

This career typically involves 6-months on-the-job training

Career Progression:

Entry level: 0–2 years (entry-level technician or trainee roles)

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Daily Tasks

A Day in the Life

As an Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicle you can expect to perform these tasks frequently:

- ➔ Diagnose and repair electrical and mechanical issues in vehicles
- ➔ Test and inspect vehicle systems and components
- ➔ Use diagnostic tools to identify problems
- ➔ Repair or replace parts, including batteries and electrical systems
- ➔ Perform routine maintenance and ensure vehicles meet safety standards

Required skills:

What It Takes

Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles often have these skills:

- ➔ **Electrical Systems Knowledge** - Understanding electrical systems, components, and equipment including how to troubleshoot and repair them.
- ➔ **Mechanical Knowledge** - Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repair, and maintenance.
- ➔ **Troubleshooting** - Determining causes of operating errors and deciding what to do about them.
- ➔ **Repairing** - Repairing machines or systems using the right tools and technical knowledge.
- ➔ **Equipment Maintenance** - Performing routine servicing and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed.
- ➔ **Operations Monitoring** - Watching gauges, dials, or display screens to make sure a machine or system is working correctly.
- ➔ **Critical Thinking** - Using logic and reasoning to identify strengths and weaknesses of solutions and decide the best approach.
- ➔ **Tools and Technology Use** - Selecting and using the right tools, equipment, and technology for the task at hand.
- ➔ **Communication** - Conveying information effectively to others — both verbally and in writing.

Find careers that fit your skillset

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Related Occupations

Other paths to consider:



Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanic

\$38,220 - \$91,730

Entry to Mid Level

Maintenance, Repair, & Operations

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Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technician

\$51,780 - \$121,330

Entry to Senior Level

Engineering, Design, & Technology

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Battery Electric Motor, Power Tool and Related Repairer

\$50,000 - \$90,000

Entry to Mid Level

Energy, Utilities, & Infrastructure

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Maintenance & Mechanical Repairer

\$37,900 - \$78,340

Mid Level

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For the training providers below, we've listed each energy career they support and the associated standard occupational classification or "SOC code," a government system of jobs categorization.

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Energy, Utilities, & Infrastructure

- ☐ Battery Electric Motor, Power Tool and Related Repairers
☐ Battery Fuel Cell Engineers
☐ Battery Energy Engineers

AGC SD Apprenticeship & Training Trust

San Diego, CA 92101

Trainings:

- [Apprenticeship and Training](#)
 Ironworker - SOC 47-2221
 Roofer - SOC 47-2181
 Carpenter - SOC 47-2031
 Construction Laborer - SOC 47-2061

Airstream Renewables

Tehachapi, CA 93561

Trainings:

- [Airstream Renewables](#)
 Wind Turbine Technician - SOC 49-9081

American College of Healthcare

Colton, CA 92324

Trainings:

- [HVACr](#)
 HVAC Installer - SOC 49-9021

Barstow College

Barstow, CA 92311

Trainings:

- [Industrial Maintenance Mechanic](#)
[Electrical Instrumentation](#)
 Industrial Machinery Mechanics - SOC 49-9041

Building Performance Institute

Inland Empire Job Corps

San Bernardino, CA 92401

Trainings:

- [Plumbing Pre-Apprenticeship](#)
 Plumber, Pipefitter & Steamfitter - SOC 47-2152
- [Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship](#)
 Ironworker - SOC 47-2221
 Roofer - SOC 47-2181
 Carpenter - SOC 47-2031
 Construction Laborer - SOC 47-2061

InterCoast Colleges

Riverside, CA 92501

Trainings:

- [Electrical Training Program](#)
 Electrician - SOC 47-2111

Mayfield College

Cathedral City, CA 92234

Trainings:

- [HVAC](#)
 HVAC Installer - SOC 49-9021
- [Computer Support Technician](#)
 Computer Systems Analyst - SOC 15-1211

Mission Career College

Riverside, CA 92501

Trainings:

- [Solar Installer](#)
 Solar PV Installer / Solar Technician - SOC 47-2231



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: Used Oil and Filter Recycling Program Activities Update
Contact: Mei Wu Nguyen, Analyst II, mwu@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6734
Date: September 17, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive and file.
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Summary:

WRCOG administers a regional Used Oil Program funded through CalRecycle's Oil Payment Program (OPP) to provide public education, promote proper used oil and filter recycling, and coordinate filter exchange events at participating Certified Collection Centers. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/2026, WRCOG conducted 32 filter exchange events, resulting in 2,628 used oil filters exchanged, 2,109 participant surveys completed, and more than 1.8M online impressions. For FY 2026/2027, a total of 17 filter exchange events have been scheduled from July through December 2026 throughout the WRCOG subregion, and staff will continue coordinating additional events through the end of the fiscal year.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide an update of Used Oil Program activities. This effort aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region) and sub-goal #6.3 (Continuing to support the Solid Waste and Recycling Program).

Discussion:

Background

WRCOG administers a regional Used Oil Program funded through the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery's (CalRecycle) Oil Payment Program (OPP). OPP funding supports local and regional efforts to promote the proper management and recycling of used motor oil and used oil filters. WRCOG utilizes these funds to provide education and outreach, coordinate used oil filter exchange events, and support participating member agencies with used oil recycling resources.

WRCOG continues to conduct digital outreach campaigns promoting used oil recycling and used oil filter exchange events. Members of the public participate through Facebook advertisements that direct them to an online survey. Upon completion of the survey, participants receive a voucher containing the date, location, and participation instructions for a scheduled filter exchange event. The voucher may be

redeemed for up to two free replacement oil filters when used filters are brought to a participating Certified Collection Center (CCC). Residents may also bring used motor oil to the participating CCC for recycling, subject to the location's available storage capacity. Exchanges are generally available on Saturdays from the time the participating auto parts store opens until 5:00 p.m.

Staff coordinates with WRCOG's marketing consultant and participating CCCs to schedule and promote the filter exchange events. Prior to each event, staff confirms event procedures, safety requirements, and other logistical considerations with the participating location. Promotional flyers are also provided to participating member agencies for distribution through their social media channels, websites, and other outreach platforms. The digital voucher format allows residents greater flexibility to participate throughout the day while continuing to reinforce proper used oil and filter recycling practices.

In addition to filter exchange events, WRCOG promotes the availability of CCCs for year-round used oil recycling and provides reusable used oil collection containers to member agencies upon request for distribution at community events and other outreach activities.

These CalRecycle-funded activities support member agencies' efforts to provide public education and convenient recycling opportunities for used oil and filters while assisting jurisdictions in meeting applicable waste reduction and household hazardous waste education and outreach requirements.

Oil Payment Program (OPP) 15 Program Activities

The table below outlines the completed activities for FY 2025/2026.

- Between July 2025 through June 2026, under the Used Oil / Filter Exchange Program, WRCOG hosted 32 events for exchanging used oil filters. A total of 2,628 used oil filters were exchanged for new ones, and 2,109 participants completed surveys on used motor oil and filters. Online impressions totaled 1,848,601, representing the cumulative number of times event ads were viewed. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the event specifics.

Date	City	Number of Oil Filters Exchanged
7/1/2025	Calimesa	52
7/26/2025	Banning	112
8/2/2025	Corona	85
8/2/2025	Eastvale	66
8/9/2025	Jurupa Valley	105
8/16/2025	Lake Elsinore	20
8/16/2025	Menifee	86
9/6/2025	Murrieta	92
9/13/2025	Norco	120
10/4/2025	San Jacinto	42
10/4/2025	Perris	71
10/11/2025	Riverside - Ward 1	159
10/18/2025	Beaumont	53

11/1/2025	Temecula	56
11/1/2025	Hemet	54
12/13/2025	Calimesa	46
12/13/2025	Banning	48
1/24/2026	Corona	168
1/31/2026	Eastvale	143
1/31/2026	Jurupa Valley	103
2/21/2026	Lake Elsinore	36
2/21/2026	Menifee	67
2/28/2026	Murrieta	91
3/14/2026	Norco	137
3/21/2026	San Jacinto	73
3/21/2026	Perris	81
4/11/2026	Riverside - Ward 3	131
4/18/2026	Riverside - Ward 6	76
4/25/2026	Riverside - Ward 4	81
5/16/2026	Beaumont	52
5/16/2026	Hemet	47
5/30/2026	Temecula	75

OPP 16 Program Activities

The OPP 16 cycle will run from July 2026 through June 2027. WRCOG staff have initiated outreach to schedule Used Oil Recycling and Filter Exchange Events, with dates confirmed through the end of the calendar year.

The below table summarizes completed and upcoming activities for FY 2026/2027.

- The table below presents Filter Exchange Events completed to date.

Date	City	Number of Oil Filters Exchanged
7/18/2026	Calimesa	47
7/25/2026	Banning	56
8/15/2026	Corona	152
8/15/2026	Jurupa Valley	92
8/22/2026	Eastvale	118
8/22/2026	Menifee	74
9/5/2026	Murrieta	72

- The table below reflects upcoming scheduled Filter Exchange Events through December 12, 2026.

Date	City
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9/12/2026	Lake Elsinore
9/26/2026	Norco
10/3/2026	San Jacinto
10/3/2026	Perris
10/10/2026	Riverside - Ward 1
10/25/2026	Beaumont
11/7/2026	Temecula
11/7/2026	Hemet
12/12/2026	Calimesa
12/12/2026	Banning

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Activities related to Used Oil are included in the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 budget under the Used Oil Fund (140).

Attachment(s):

None.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee

Staff Report

Subject: WRCOG Fellowship Program Activities Update: Round 11
Contact: Julian Brambila, Interim Human Resources Manager, jbrambila@wrcog.us, (951) 405-6703
Date: September 17, 2026

Recommended Action(s):

1. Recommend that the Executive Committee establish a Fellow hourly pay range of \$20.00 to \$25.00, to allow WRCOG flexibility in paying Fellows within that range based on prior internship / fellowship experience and education level / background.
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Summary:

WRCOG is preparing to launch the 11th round of its Public Service Fellowship Program, which connects college students and recent graduates with hands-on experience in the public sector. Since its inception in 2016, the Program has provided opportunities for over 100 students to gain experience in fields such as planning, finance, IT, and administration. The Program helps develop a pipeline of talent for local government.

Purpose / WRCOG 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal:

The purpose of this item is to provide information on the 11th round of the Fellowship Program. This item aligns with WRCOG's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Goal #6 (Develop and implement programs that support resilience for our region) and Goal #7 (Provide a safe, inclusive environment that values employees).

Discussion:

Background

The Fellowship Program, now in its 11th Program cycle, will develop the next generation of public service professionals by placing locally trained students in paid positions with WRCOG member agencies. Through 10 Program cycles, Fellows have contributed more than 100,000 hours of service to western Riverside County. Approximately 85% of Program alumni are now employed in the region, while others have pursued graduate education or careers in related fields.

WRCOG administers recruitment, onboarding, professional development, and general Program support. Host agencies provide Fellows with day-to-day supervision, mentorship, and meaningful work

experience. Fellows may work up to 860 hours during the Program cycle, working 20 to 30 hours a week.

Present Situation

For the 11th round, participating agencies will be funded through either a 50/50 cost-share model or a full-cost model. Eligibility will be based on each agency's participation in previous Fellowship Program cycles, as outlined in this report.

50/50 Cost-Share Model (\$10,000 agency / \$10,000 WRCOG): Eligible jurisdictions:

Banning
Calimesa
Eastern Municipal Water District
Hemet
Lake Elsinore
Menifee
Murrieta
Norco
Western Water

Full Cost Model (\$20,000 paid by agency): Eligible jurisdictions:

Beaumont
Canyon Lake
Corona
County of Riverside, District 1
County of Riverside, District 2
County of Riverside, District 3
County of Riverside, District 5
County Executive Office
Eastvale
Jurupa Valley
Moreno Valley
Perris
Riverside
San Jacinto
Temecula
Western Water
Wildomar

WRCOG invoices host agencies upon Fellow placement. If a Fellow exits early, WRCOG provides a prorated reimbursement for unused hours. Fellows under the 50/50 model are for one fellowship. Additional fellowships can be requested at the full cost model.

Fellow Compensation: WRCOG reviewed intern pay rates across its member agencies to determine an appropriate compensation range for Program Fellows. Pay rates among member agencies offering comparable intern classifications range from \$16.90 per hour to \$28.45 per hour, with an average

starting rate of \$19.33 per hour and an average maximum rate of \$24.12 per hour. Currently, WRCOG fellows are paid \$20.00 per hour.

Based on this review, staff recommends establishing a Fellow pay range of \$20.00 to \$25.00 per hour. This range would give WRCOG the flexibility to set individual Fellow pay rates commensurate with a candidate's prior internship or fellowship experience and education level/background, while keeping WRCOG's rates competitive with those paid by member agencies for comparable positions.

Round 10 Recap: 12 Fellows participated in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 cycle and were placed with:

Beaumont
County of Riverside, District 1
Eastern Municipal Water District
Eastvale
Hemet
Lake Elsinore
Menifee
Western Water (4 Fellows)
Wildomar

Member agencies reported positive experiences, and many expressed interest in participating again. Staff will continue outreach to member agencies to refine and strengthen the upcoming round.

Timeline & Next Steps: The host agency application was open through Friday, September 4, 2026. Applications received after that date will still be accepted, but priority will be given to host agencies that applied by the deadline. WRCOG will then review all applications and open the Fellow application on Friday, September 11, 2026, at which point candidates will be able to see all host agencies with an opening for placement and apply. The Fellow application will close on September 27, 2026. Fellows are tentatively expected to start on or around late October or early November 2026.

Prior Action(s):

None.

Financial Summary:

Fellowship-related activities are included under the Fellowship Program (4700) in the General Fund (110). The Fellowship Program was originally funded with carryover revenues from the PACE Program and has not received additional funding since then, and there is approximately \$100k left to fund the Program, which should provide funding for one to three more years.

Attachment(s):

None.