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Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Defining EPIC Strategic Goals

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Basis for Establishing EPIC Strategic Goals

Decision (D.)23-04-042 directs a stakeholder process to inform CPUC guidance for measurable program-level EPIC strategic goals aligned with achieving the State's climate goals.

Strategic Goals focus EPIC investments and provide a basis for measuring progress



State Policy and EPIC's Mission Inform Strategic Goals and Objectives

Commission Approves Strategic Goals and Objectives Developed Through a Public Process

Commission Approves Investment Plans at Strategic Initiative Level, Providing Flexibility in Project Execution

Distinguishing Types of Measurable Progress

Outputs

• Results of EPIC projects, the specific innovations accomplished, and insights gained.

Outcomes

 Observed results from actions taken, such as increased utility utilization and/or market deployment, i.e., outcomes are how outputs of EPIC projects have been put into practice on a wider scale.

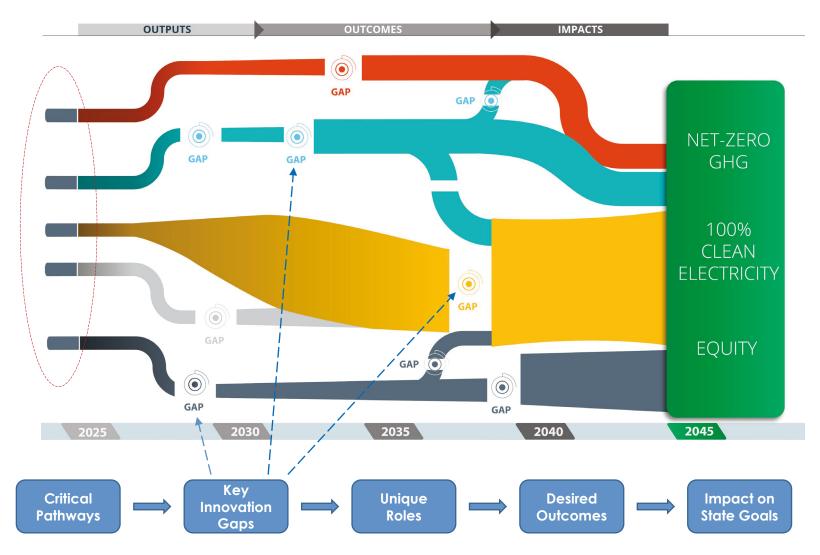
Impacts

 Effects attributable to EPIC outputs and outcomes in meeting state goals. Impacts are reliant on other influences that are broader, deeper, and slower than those EPIC has direct influence over. Short Term: EPIC Project Completion

Mid-Term:
Deployment and
Market Uptake

Long-Term: Systemic Impacts

The Role of EPIC Strategic Goals in Achieving California's Climate Goals



Identifying Innovation Pathways Aligning with EPIC Guidance and State Goals

Equity

- How Equity is Incorporated in EPIC Portfolios
- Equity Frameworks and Principles
- Measuring Equity Benefits in RD&D

Grid Modernization

- Transportation Electrification
- Distributed Energy Resources Integration
- Reliability / Resilience
- Long-Duration Energy Storage
- Cybersecurity

Changing Paradigms Due to Electrification

- Building Decarbonization / Hydrogen usage
- Coordinated Role of Gas

New and Emerging Technologies

- Offshore Wind
- Green Hydrogen
- Carbon Capture, Use, and Sequestration
- Biomass

Straw Proposal

Prioritized Pathways to Inform EPIC Portfolio Priorities