

# Questions & Answers from December 6, 2023 CDCS Program Year 2023-2024 Random Selection Event



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## Awards and Capacity

*The Group A selected projects exceeded the 1.5 megawatts of available capacity. Will both projects be fully funded?*

- Yes. Subject to ICC approval of the project applications, both projects, including the second project whose capacity resulted in exceeding the 1.5 MW block of capacity, will be fully funded.

*Are estimated Program Year 2024-25 capacity levels for CDCS Group A and B (and all other categories/groups) determined yet?*

- The proposed capacity levels and breakouts by category and group for Program Year 2024-2025 are included in the currently filed 2024 Long-Term Plan. As the Plan is currently under consideration before the ICC, the substance of the Plan including this topic cannot be discussed until approved by the Commission, and we cannot provide a definitive answer at this time. This information is expected to be included in the Commission's Final Order.

## Project Waitlists

*Do projects on this waitlist for the current 2023-2024 Program Year receive priority treatment for the next Program Year, or do they need to be resubmitted and scored against all of the other projects submitted next Program Year?*

- Waitlisted projects in the current Program Year are at the top of the list to receive capacity for the 2024-25 Program Year. They do not need to be resubmitted or scored, and those project submissions and their scores are final. If for any reason an AV wishes to withdraw a project they may do so, but then any re-submitted application is treated as a new application, triggering a new application fee. But no reapplication or rescoring are needed for previously submitted and scored projects to remain on the waitlist and be eligible for future capacity.

*In the last round of CDCS project selection, the Program awarded waitlisted projects capacity right away. Will that happen again or upon finalization of the Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan?*

- The projects that earned position on the waitlist will remain on the waitlist until capacity becomes available to move those projects forward. Any projects at the top of the waitlist are eligible for capacity award prior to the start of the next Program Year, if there is any CDCS project attrition and/or if any CDCS projects are canceled for any reason and do not move forward, prior to the release of the next block of capacity for this Program category. Without available capacity and barring any attrition, there is not capacity to move waitlisted projects forward until additional CDCS capacity becomes available next Program Year, at which time waitlisted projects will begin to move forward based on their order in the waitlist. In the last Program Year, the timing of the CDCS project selection was later than usual, and at that time the next Program Year's capacity was already known and available, allowing us to process waitlisted projects in closer proximity to the random selection process. However, last year's circumstances and timing was not typical.

*Can the Agency comment on how many cancellations you've had from the 2022-2023 Program Year in the Community-Driven Community Solar category?*

- There was one selected project from 2022-23 Program Year that was withdrawn. Most selected projects do move forward, so vendors with waitlisted projects, particularly those which are not at the top of the waitlist, should not anticipate the award of capacity until the subsequent Program Year.

## **Developer Cap**

*Is a developer cap applied to the projects now on the Group B waitlist?*

- The developer cap was proposed in the currently filed 2024 Long-Term Plan. As the Plan is currently under consideration before the ICC, the substance of the Plan including this topic cannot be discussed until approved by the Commission, and we cannot provide a definitive answer at this time, except that the developer cap is proposed to begin next Program Year.