

# Solar-Utilities Reporting, Guidance, and Education (SURGE) Compliance Portal Workshop

**SURGE IS AN INITIATIVE SUPPORTING AB 2143 / PUC §769.2**

**Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM (Microsoft Teams Webinar)**



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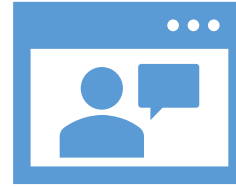


**California Public  
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# Disclaimer

- This presentation will go over a **summary** of the compliance requirements for Assembly Bill 2143 (AB 2143) and Public Utilities Code (PUC) 769.2.
- The focus of the workshop is to go through the SURGE Compliance Portal which includes 3 different forms: Contractor Registration, Project Registration, and Certified Payroll Submission.
- This workshop **will not cover** how to determine prevailing wages or prepare certified payroll records. For information on these topics, please visit the California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) website at <https://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>.
- Additionally, our previous webinar on May 29<sup>th</sup>, included speakers from the DIR's Labor Commissioner's Office, to view that recording visit: <https://youtu.be/-JNHnKxp29Q?si=WWsU49fUuxKrvkVh>

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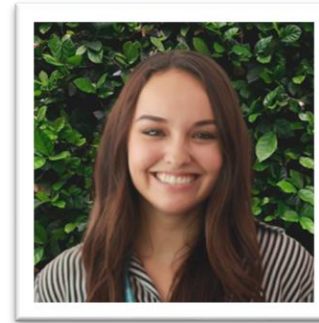


# Presenters

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# AB 2143 / PUC 769.2 Overview

- **Purpose:** Ensure construction workers and apprentices involved in qualified customer-sited renewable electrical generation (solar or solar with storage) facilities are paid prevailing wages.
- **Effective Date:** Starting January 1, 2024
- **Renewable Energy Facility Qualifications:**
  - Renewable energy generation facility, and any associated battery storage, that seeks to use the contract or tariffs pursuant to PUC 2827.1 or 2827 will constitute as public works. (PUC 769.2(a))
  - The PUC 2827.1 or 2827 tariffs include the net energy metering and net billing tariffs.

# Eligibility Exceptions PUC 769.2(f)(1-4)

The following projects **do not apply** to AB 2143 / PUC 769.2:

- ⊗ Residential facilities with a maximum generating capacity of 15 kilowatts or less or installed on a single-family home.
- ⊗ Projects already classified as a public work under existing law.
- ⊗ Facilities serving only a modular home, a modular home community, or multiunit housing with 2 or fewer stories.



# AB 2143 / PUC §769.2 Requirements

**All contractors (including Prime and lower-tier subcontractors) working on eligible renewable energy (solar) projects must meet AB 2143 / PUC §769.2 requirements.**



✓ Pay construction workers & apprentices prevailing wages (PUC 769.2(b)(1))



✓ Maintain and verify certified payroll records through the California Department of Industrial Relations. (PUC 769.2(b)(2))



✓ Submit digital copies of certified payroll records to the Commission twice a year on July 1 and December 31 of each year. (PUC 769.2(b)(3))

# Customer Impacts

- If the Contractor does not submit copies of certified payroll records to SURGE, then it may result in the loss of service to net metering or net billing tariffs for the impacted qualified renewable energy facility. (PUC 769.2(d))



# Contractor Responsibilities Overview

Investor-Owned  
Utilities (IOUs)

- ✓ Contractor or Owner/Customer complete Interconnection Application
- ✓ Contractor & Owner/Customer review AB 2143 Checklist
- ✓ Owner/Customer sign AB 2143 Disclosure Form

California  
Department of  
Industrial Relations

- ✓ Register as a Contractor with the DIR
- ✓ Owner (Customer) registers project with DIR
- ✓ Contractor pays prevailing wages to qualified workers & apprentices
- ✓ Contractors submit certified payroll records to DIR

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Utilities  
Commission  
(CPUC) Solar-  
Utilities Reporting,  
Guidance, and  
Education (SURGE)

- ✓ Register as a Contractor on the SURGE Compliance Portal
- ✓ Contractors register project w/ Interconnection Application # on the SURGE Compliance Portal
- ✓ Contractors submit copies of certified payroll records to SURGE by due dates

# Contractors are required to report certified payroll records to both DIR and CPUC SURGE.

## **Existing Law (Labor Code)**

Per Labor Code Section 1771.4 (3) (A) (i) (ii), contractors must furnish the records [certified payroll records] specified in Section 1776 directly to the labor commissioner at least monthly, or more frequently if specified in the contract with the awarding body.

## **New Law (AB 2143/PUC 769.2)**

Per Public Utilities Code Section 769.2, contractors are required to submit digital copies of their certified payroll records to the commission [via SURGE Compliance Portal] biannually on July 1 and December 31 of each year.

**Per Labor Code Section 1771.4 (3)(A)(i)(ii),  
contractors are required to submit certified  
payroll records to the DIR monthly.**

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**Per AB 2143 / PUC 769.2, copies of certified  
payroll records from  
January 1, 2024, to May 31, 2024,  
are due to the Commission [SURGE Compliance  
Portal] by Monday, July 1, 2024, at 5:00 PM (PDT).**



# CPUC SURGE



- SURGE is an initiative directed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to help contractors navigate compliance requirements for AB 2143 / PUC 769.2.
- The SURGE website has resources and information for contractors subject to AB 2143 / PUC 769.2.
- Dedicated email address ([info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org)) and phone number (**1-800-549-2143**) to help answer contractor questions.
- SURGE has its own system, **SURGE Compliance Portal**, where contractors must submit digital copies of certified payroll records to the CPUC.



# **SURGE Compliance Portal**

## **STEPS FOR CONTRACTORS**

**1**

**Contractor Registration**

**2**

**Project Registration**

**3**

**Certified Payroll Submission**



# **SURGE Compliance Portal**

## **CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION**

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- **Create a free Submittable account.**
  - SURGE Compliance Portal is hosted on Submittable.
  - All Primes and Subcontractors must register as a contractor.
- **Fill out and complete the Contractor Registration form.**
- **Once approved, you will receive a Contractor Identification Number (CIN).**
  - Keep this CIN as you will need it to register for projects and submit copies of certified payrolls.

### **Information Needed to Complete the Contractor Registration:**

- ✓ **Contractor Name**
- ✓ **First & Last Name**
- ✓ **Phone Number**
- ✓ **Email Address**
- ✓ **Address**
- ✓ **Contractors State License Board (CSLB) Number**
- ✓ **Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) Public Works Contractor Registration (PWCR) Number**





# **SURGE Compliance Portal**

## **PROJECT REGISTRATION**

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- **Log into your Submittable account to access the SURGE Compliance Portal.**
  - Only the Prime or General Contractor needs to complete this form.
- **Go to Project Registration Form and read the notice.**
- **Answer the questionnaire to ensure projects are subject to AB 2143 requirements.**
- **Complete the Project Registration.**
- **Once approved, you will receive a Project Identification Number (PIN).**
  - Primes or General Contractors need to share this PIN with Subcontractors as they will need it to submit copies of certified payrolls.

### **Information Needed to Complete the Contractor Registration:**

- ✓ **Prime Contractor's Identification Number (CIN)**
- ✓ **Subcontractor Information (If any)**
- ✓ **Project Name**
- ✓ **Project Interconnection Application ID Number**
- ✓ **Electric Utility Name**
- ✓ **Electrical Generation Facility (EGF) Information**
- ✓ **Project Location**
- ✓ **Project Owner Contact Information**



# **SURGE Compliance Portal**

## **CERTIFIED PAYROLL SUBMISSION**

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- **Log into your Submittable account to access the SURGE Compliance Portal.**
- **Go to Certified Payroll Submission form and read the notice.**
- **Complete the Certified Payroll Submission form and upload copies of certified payrolls.**
- **Ensure timely submissions of copies of payrolls before July 1st and December 31st deadlines.**
  - July 1st – Submit all copies of January 1st to May 31st payroll records
  - December 31st – Submit all copies of June 1st to November 30th payroll records

### **Information Needed to Complete the Contractor Registration:**

- ✓ **Project Name**
- ✓ **Project Identification Number (PIN)**
- ✓ **Project Interconnection Application Number**
- ✓ **Electric Utility Name**
- ✓ **Submitter's Contractor Identification Number (CIN)**
- ✓ **Reporting Period**
- ✓ **Copies of Certified Payrolls**
- ✓ **Non-Performance Periods (Dates)**

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