

# Solar-Utilities Reporting, Guidance, and Education (SURGE) Outreach & Education Plan

SURGE is an initiative supporting AB 2143 / PUC §769.2

Wednesday, November 13th at 12:00 PM (Microsoft Teams Webinar)



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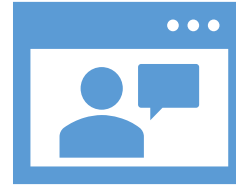


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# Disclaimer

- This presentation will go over the overall outreach and educational efforts for Assembly Bill 2143 (AB 2143) and Public Utilities Code (PUC) §769.2.
- This workshop **will not cover** technical support for AB 2143 and PUC 769.2 or 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>.
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# Agenda



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# AB 2143 / PUC §769.2 Background

- Renewable energy generation facilities on commercial or large residential buildings will constitute public works. Contractors with work that qualifies under AB 2143 and PUC §769.2 must pay prevailing wages and submit copies of their payroll records to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).
- More information can be found on the CPUC website here: [Prevailing Wage for Qualified Renewable Energy Facilities](#)
- CPUC contracted with GCAP Services, Inc. to develop the SURGE initiative to support contractors with the following:
  - Guidance for submission process
  - Records submission portal (SURGE Compliance Portal)
  - Resources for assistance

# Outreach & Education Plan

- The Outreach & Education Plan outlines outreach activities to inform and educate contractors and stakeholders impacted by AB 2143 and PUC 769.2.
- SURGE is required to maintain and update the O&E Plan on an annual basis.
- The purpose of this webinar is to share results of outreach and education efforts from 2024 and provide an update for 2025 planned activities.

# 2024 O&E Recap

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# Logo, Branding, and Website

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### LOGO

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Home Page: 

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## Welcome to SURGE

Let's accomplish solar project compliance together!

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# The Official AB 2143 Resource for Helping Contractors Navigate Renewable Energy Compliance with Ease.

# SURGE Compliance Portal



Home View Your Submissions

## Welcome to the Solar-Utilities Reporting Guidance and Education (SURGE) Compliance Portal!

Please follow the steps listed below:

- **Step 1:** Please register as a contractor for the SURGE Compliance Program.
- **Step 2:** If you currently have an eligible project, proceed to the SURGE Project Registration and complete the eligibility requirement questions.
- **Step 3:** Once you have confirmed your project's eligibility, please proceed with registering your project using the SURGE Project Registration Form.
- **Step 4:** When you are ready to submit payroll, proceed to the Payroll Submission Form.

### Reporting Deadlines

Prime Contractors and Subcontractors must provide certified payroll records at least biannually but are encouraged to report more frequently (i.e., monthly). Below are the reporting deadlines for 2024:

- **Monday, July 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm (PST/PDT):** Submit certified payroll records from January 1, 2024, to May 31, 2024.
- **Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 5:00 pm (PST/PDT):** Submit certified payroll records from June 1, 2024, to November 30, 2024.

### Questions

If you have any questions regarding the SURGE registration or reporting requirements, please contact [info@CPUCSURGE.com](mailto:info@CPUCSURGE.com) or call (800) 549-2143 and we will respond to your query within 24 - 48 hours. You are also welcomed to visit our FAQ page at [www.cpucsurge.org](http://www.cpucsurge.org). Thank you!

<b>SURGE Contractor Registration</b>	Guidelines ▾	<b>Submit</b>
<b>SURGE Project Registration</b>	Guidelines ▾	<b>Submit</b>
<b>SURGE Certified Payroll Submission</b>	Guidelines ▾	<b>Submit</b>

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Contractor Registrations

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Project Registrations

115

Certified Payroll  
Submissions



# Outreach Materials

## Flyers & Fact Sheets

**FACT SHEET**  
What is AB 2143 & PUC §769.2?

Assembly Bill (AB) 2143, introduced by Assembly Member Carrillo, added Section 769.2 to the Public Utilities Code (PUC). PUC §769.2 requires prevailing wages for construction workers of renewable energy facilities using the net energy metering or net billing tariffs.

To ensure contractor compliance with AB 2143 and PUC 769.2 requirements, the Solar-Utilities Reporting, Guidance, and Education (SURGE) initiative was created under direction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). SURGE has developed a system for contractors to submit their copies of certified payroll records to show that they paid with prevailing wages.

**AB 2143**  
Establishes requirements related to prevailing wages for construction workers and apprentices involved in large customer-sited renewable electrical generation (solar) facilities.

**PUC §769.2**  
Mandates that contractors perform qualified facilities or associated projects. Pay each 15-day execution of the project. Monthly and records are provided in to submit payroll records.

**Resources**

- AB 2143 Full Legislation
- CPUC Website

**What is the SURGE Compliance Portal?**

The SURGE Compliance Portal serves as the designated platform for Prime Contractors and Subcontractors to submit certified payroll records for qualified renewable energy projects. Additionally, SURGE offers technical assistance to Prime Contractors and Subcontractors, ensuring smooth compliance with biannual submission deadlines falling on July 31st and December 31st.

**GETTING STARTED IS EASY AS 1-2-3**

- 1 Contractor Registration**  
To get started with SURGE, all Prime Contractors & Subcontractors must complete the Contractor Registration form.
- 2 Project Registration**  
Prime Contractors are responsible for registering their eligible projects on the SURGE Compliance Portal. Upon completion of the Project Registration, Primes will need to share the Project Identification Number (PIN) with their Subcontractors on the project.
- 3 Payroll Submission**  
All Prime Contractors & Subcontractors are responsible for submitting certified payroll records biannually on July 31st and December 31st.

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**When do I submit certified payrolls?**

The Solar-Utilities Reporting, Guidance, and Education (SURGE) Compliance Portal initiative requires Prime Contractors and Subcontractors on qualified projects to provide copies of certified payroll records on a biannual basis due on July 31st and December 31st.

Additionally, SURGE provides Prime Contractors and Subcontractors the flexibility to submit certified payroll record copies on a more frequent basis (i.e., monthly).

To better understand these deadlines, SURGE has put together a full 3-year calendar look ahead of the submission dates and reporting periods. See below.

**REPORTING DUE DATES (3-YEAR LOOK AHEAD)**

YEAR	DUE DATE	REPORTING PERIOD
2024	7/1/24	1/1/24 - 5/31/24
	12/31/24	6/1/24 - 11/30/24
2025	7/1/25	12/1/24 - 5/31/25
	12/31/25	6/1/25 - 11/30/25
2026	7/1/26	12/1/25 - 5/31/26
	12/31/26	6/1/26 - 11/30/26

Ensure that you submit copies of all certified payrolls by the specified due date for the respective reporting period.

**REGISTER AS A SURGE CONTRACTOR**

- Must create a Submittable account first
- All Contractors & Subcontractors (all tiers)
- Only need to do this once
- Keep the Contractor Identification Number (CIN)

**REGISTER A QUALIFIED PROJECT**

- Only Primes need to register
- Primes must register each
- Keep Project Identification
- Share PIN with Subcontractors

**SUBMIT COPIES OF CERTIFIED PAYROLL RECORDS**

- All Contractors & Subcontractors
- Need the CIN & PIN to report
- Must submit copies of pay wages for the duration of
- Payrolls are due biannually December 31st

**RESOURCE GUIDE**  
SURGE Contractor

**WHAT IS SURGE?**

The Solar-Utilities Reporting, Guidance, and Education (SURGE) initiative is directed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to develop a system to collect copies of certified payroll records from renewable electrical generation facilities and any associated battery storage projects. In addition, SURGE is responsible for providing outreach and education to contractors and other stakeholders on the submission of certified payroll records on the SURGE Compliance Portal.

The official system for gathering and storing certified payroll records from all qualified renewable energy projects is the SURGE Compliance Portal. Contractors are required to submit copies of certified payroll records on a biannual basis on the following deadlines for 2024:

- July 31st  
Submit all certified payroll records from January 1 - May 31
- December 31st  
Submit all certified payroll records from June 1 - November 30

**PROJECT ELIGIBILITY**

Projects qualify as "eligible" if they involve a customer-sited renewable electrical generation facility, or any associated battery storage, and are NOT:

- A residential facility with a maximum generating capacity of 15 kW or less or installed on a single-family home.
- A project already a public work under existing law.
- A facility that serves only a modular home, modular home community, or multiunit housing with two or fewer stories.

Discover the SURGE website which is the central hub for all outreach and education for contractors. The website provides resources to understand the process to submit certified payroll records to meet Assembly Bill (AB) 2143/Public Utilities Code (PUC) §769.2 requirements.

**LEARN MORE**

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## E-Blasts

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**AB 2143 Outreach and Education Plan Annual Workshop 2025**

**"PLEASE READ ENTIRE EMAIL"**

Greetings!

The Solar Utilities Reporting Guidance and Education (SURGE) initiative, directed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), is hosting the AB 2143 Outreach and Education Plan Annual Workshop 2025. This workshop is designed to gather feedback on SURGE's outreach and education efforts for AB 2143 and PUC 769.2. The SURGE Team will share outreach results from the past year, and cover proposed changes to improve outreach efforts in 2025. We will review what outreach and education activities have occurred this past year and seek to gain your input on improvements and recommendations for 2025.

Here are the event details:

- **What:** AB 2143 Outreach and Education Annual Workshop 2025
- **When:** November 13, 2024, 12:00 – 1:00 PM (PST)
- **Where:** Virtual (Microsoft Teams)
- **Who:** The virtual event is open to all contractors, solar groups, and other industry professionals who want to provide recommendations on outreach and education improvements for SURGE.

Attached, please find the event flyer for more information, and use the link below to register:

**Register Now!**

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**AB 2143 Outreach and Education Plan Annual Workshop 2025**

Join us on Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at 12:00 PM for the Solar-Utilities Reporting, Guidance, and Education (SURGE) initiative's Annual Outreach and Education Plan Workshop.

This event is an opportunity for stakeholders who are impacted by AB 2143 or PUC 769.2 to share comments, suggestions, and input on outreach and education efforts for the SURGE initiative. In this webinar, the SURGE team will go over the outreach efforts made in the past year and how we can improve in our plans for 2025 and beyond.

**Data/Time**  
Wednesday, November 13th, 2024  
12:00 - 1:00 PM

**Location**  
Microsoft Teams  
Event Webcast  
Must register to obtain link

**Topics**  
2024 Outreach Efforts  
2025 Outreach Plans  
Q&A Session

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input and look forward to your attendance at the AB 2143 Outreach and Education Plan Annual Workshop 2025. If you have any questions about this event, please email [info@cpusurge.org](mailto:info@cpusurge.org).

Keep in mind that this event will be focused on outreach and education for any technical or project-specific questions related to AB 2143, please email [info@cpusurge.org](mailto:info@cpusurge.org) or (800) 549-2143, or contact the SURGE team at [info@cpusurge.org](mailto:info@cpusurge.org) and (800) 549-2143.

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# Informational Webinars & Workshops

- Participated in 2 partner events with SOMAH (2/28/24 & 3/21/24)
- Co-hosted 1 webinar with Department of Industrial Relations Labor Commissioner's Office (5/29/24)
- Hosted 3 solo SURGE webinars/workshops (4/30/24, 6/18/24, and 6/25/24)
- All events were held virtually

638

Registered Attendees

514

Event Attendees

231

Q&A Received



# Contractor Communications



**SURGE Hotline:**  
**1-800-549-2143**

**50-100 calls per month**



**Email Addresses:**  
[info@cpucsurge.org](mailto:info@cpucsurge.org)  
[reporting@cpucsurge.org](mailto:reporting@cpucsurge.org)  
[outreach@cpucsurge.org](mailto:outreach@cpucsurge.org)

**1,600+ emails received**



**Chat Bot:**  
[SURGE Website](#)

**Currently up and  
running on the website**



# Additional Outreach Efforts



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# 2025 O&E Planned Activities

# 2025 O&E Goals & Objectives Areas

**Outreach Events**

**Outreach  
Materials  
(Accessibility &  
Translation)**

**Contractor  
Submissions**

**Contractor  
Awareness &  
Knowledge**

**Partnerships &  
Collaborations**

# 2025 Goals & Objectives



## **Goal 1:**

Enhance contractor and stakeholder awareness of AB 2143 and PUC 769.2 compliance requirements through planned and coordinated outreach events.

## **Objectives:**

- 2025 Event Calendar
- Participation in solar-related in-person events in California (North, Central, and Southern)
- Host Annual O&E Workshop for 2026



# 2025 Goals & Objectives



## Goal 2:

Improve outreach and educational materials with a focus on accessibility and language translation.

## Objectives:

- Statement for language translation
- Process for requesting language translation
- Audit existing outreach materials to identify accessibility gaps
- Make accessibility updates to outreach materials



# 2025 Goals & Objectives



## Goal 3:

Increase contractor compliance rates for submitting copies of certified payroll records mandated by AB 2143 and PUC 769.2 via the SURGE Compliance Portal.

## Objectives:

- Ensure 100% of contractors subject to AB 2143 and PUC 769.2 have completed Contractor Registration on SURGE Compliance Portal
- Achieve 100% submission rate of copies of certified payrolls are submitted for projects registered on the SURGE Compliance Portal
- Identify areas to streamline internal process for reviewing submissions

# 2025 Goals & Objectives



## **Goal 4:**

Streamline educational materials and resources to enhance contractor knowledge of AB 2143 and PUC 769.2 compliance requirements.

## **Objectives:**

- Review and update outreach materials to simplify information
- Create Contractor Response template
- Ensure outreach materials are updated regularly and reflect any changes in legislation or compliance process

# 2025 Goals & Objectives



## **Goal 5:**

Strengthen partnerships and collaborate with solar organizations to share information on AB 2143 and PUC 769.2.

## **Objectives:**

- Meet with solar organizations and participate in meetings or other opportunities to collaborate
- Identify points of contact to share outreach materials
- Develop outreach packet to share

# Feedback by December 2, 2024

- The draft of the [\*\*SURGE Outreach and Education Plan 2025\*\*](#) is available online for public review and comment.
- Please review and provide feedback via the following methods by Monday, December 2, 2024.



**Annual Outreach Survey:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/V2Hima3n3r>



**Email:**

[outreach@cpucsurge.org](mailto:outreach@cpucsurge.org)

# Next Steps

Timeline	Activity
Now - 12/2 (5 PM)	Public comment and feedback for Draft O&E Plan for 2025
12/2 – 12/6	SURGE Team will review public feedback and incorporate changes into the plan
12/6 – 12/13	CPUC will review and provide final comments
12/13 – 12/18	Finalize O&E Plan for 2025 and post on the SURGE website



# Contact Us



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