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Panel:

LDES Participation in Wholesale Electricity Markets

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Within its balancing authority area, the California ISO:

- Maintains reliability on the grid
- Manages the flow of energy
- Oversees the transmission planning process
- Operates the wholesale electric market

For much of the western U.S., the ISO:

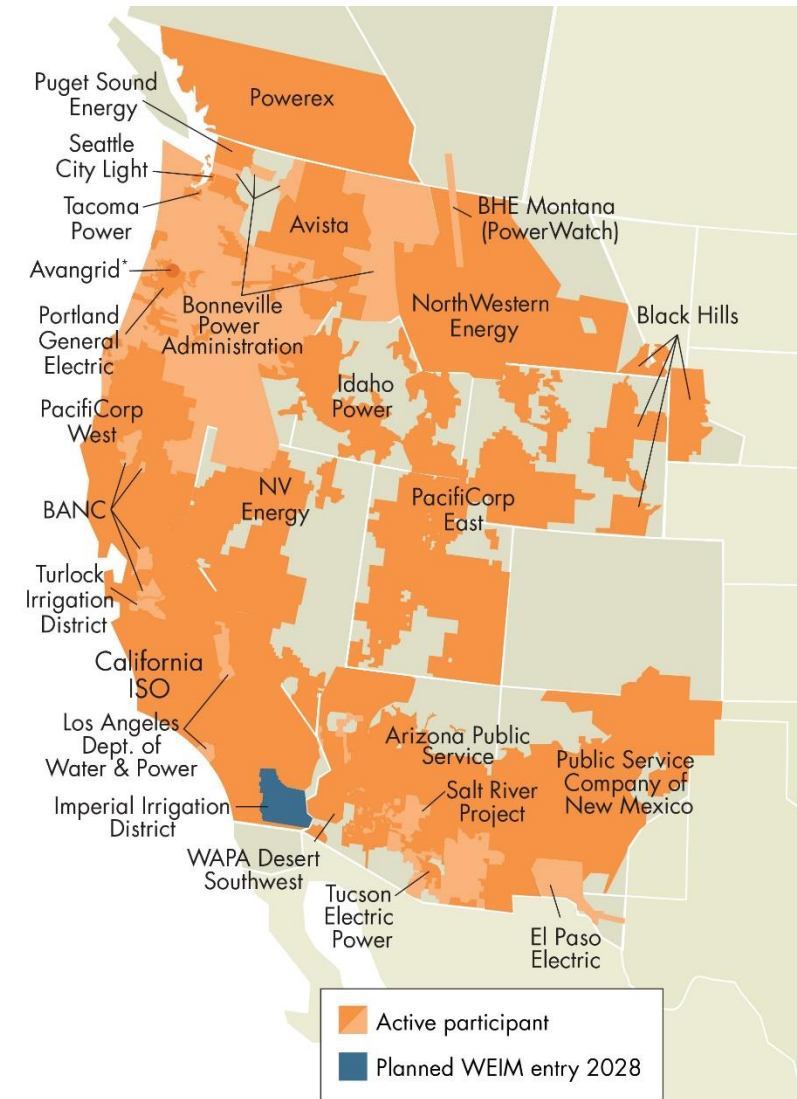
- Operates the Western Energy Imbalance Market (EIM)
- Serves as Reliability Coordinator (RC West)



Western Energy Imbalance Market (WEIM)

Since its launch in 2014, the WEIM has enhanced grid reliability, generated billions of dollars in benefits for participants, and improved the integration of renewable energy resources.

- 24 participating entities
- Gross benefits over \$8.6 billion
- Reduced over 1 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions

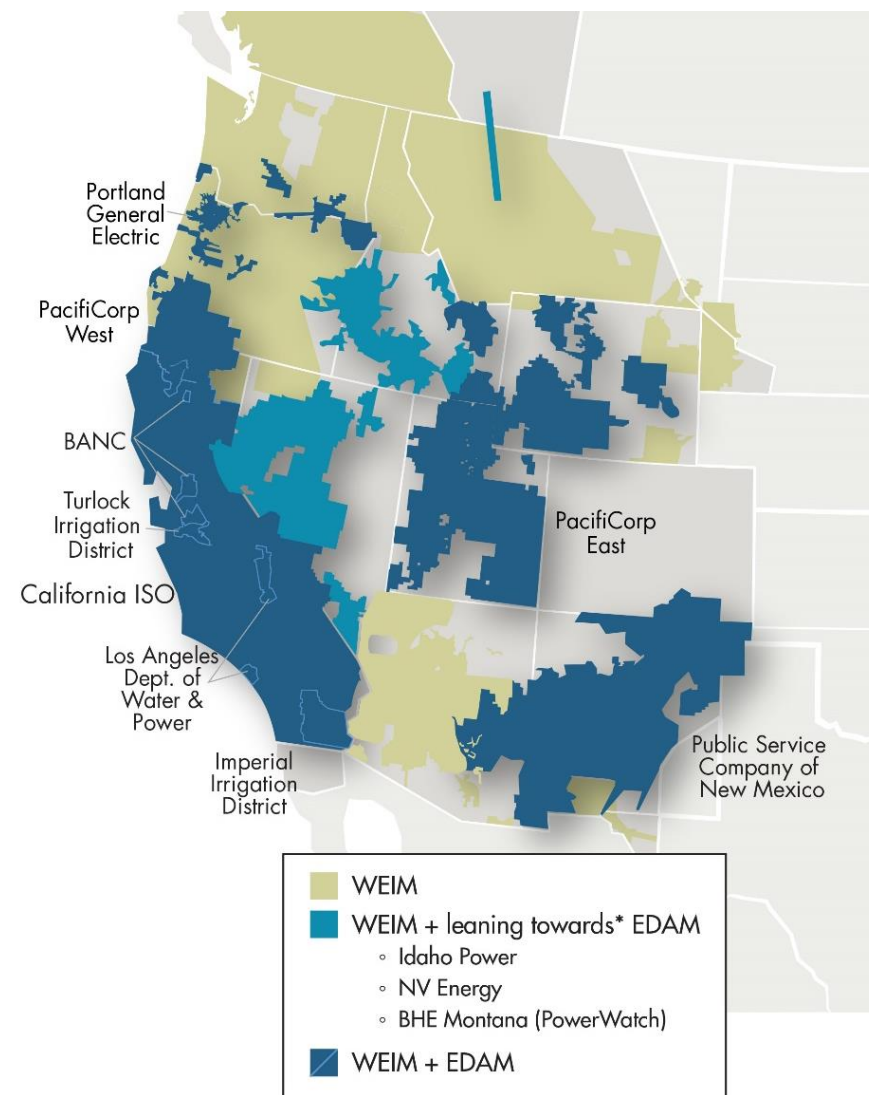


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Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM)

EDAM is a voluntary day-ahead electricity market designed to deliver reliability, economic, and environmental benefits to utilities throughout the West. Building on the success of the Western Energy Imbalance Market, EDAM increases regional coordination, supports states' policy goals, and meets demand cost-effectively.

- Market launched May 1, 2026
- Seven entities committed to join
- Three additional entities signal intent to join or prefer EDAM for their day-ahead market



**These entities have publicly indicated a leaning towards EDAM as their preferred day-ahead market. Map boundaries are approximate and for illustrative purposes only. Copyright ©2026 California ISO*

Key Themes for LDES Consideration in CAISO's Markets

- Proper Valuation of Flexibility
- Co-Optimization of Markets and Infrastructure
- Operational Integration and Grid Visibility