

Toolkit for Making a Comment at a UC Regents Meeting



What's happening: On **Nov 15th-16th, 2023** the UC Board of Regents is holding their Regents meeting.

More info: [Meeting Agendas and Schedule | Board of Regents](#)

Meeting will be held at UCLA and can be attended in-person or be available to watch live online.

What you can do: Submit a written and verbal comment

[If you make a comment, please let us know by adding your name here.](#)

1. Submit a written comment

Send an email to regentsoffice@ucop.edu with the title "Written Public Comment - Agenda Item A2 Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES)" **no later than 8:30 am, Monday, Nov 13th**. Use the [sample comment](#) or talking points below to write your comment in the body of your email.

2. Sign up to make a live in-person or phone comment

Fill out the [request to speak](#) **no later than 5 pm, Tuesday, Nov 14th**. Use the [sample comment](#) or talking points below to prepare your verbal comment (less than 1 minute long).

- For the [request to speak](#), answer whether you will be present in-person or by phone,
- the date/time that you are available to speak (options are: **8:30 am, Wed, Nov 15th; and 8:30 am, Thurs, Nov 16th**),
- the subject you wish to address e.g. Agenda Item A2 Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES),
- Your name, phone number, and email address

Then be available to be called starting at the time that you specified. Remember to unblock unknown calls to your phone. If you are speaking in person, please arrive early to check-in.

Full comment guidelines are located here: [Guidelines for Public Comment | Board of Regents](#)

Substantive Talking Points: Use these main points, but express in your own way

- The UC through the ARCHES Hydrogen Hub is responsible for managing \$1.2B in projects for clean hydrogen
- Currently, 95% of hydrogen is produced by methane gas and only 5% is produced cleanly
- The three pillars of green hydrogen are: 1) new clean supply (or additionality); 2) deliverability; and 3) hourly matching.
- ARCHES has publicly written to the IRS rejecting the three pillars of green hydrogen
- [Dozens of UC experts](#) have called on ARCHES to reverse this statement
- ARCHES [partners](#) with fossil fuel companies like Chevron & BloomEnergy, and gas utilities like SoCalGas, Pacific Gas & Electric

Sample verbal comment (1 minute max, use your own words!):

My name is _____, and I am a (student/faculty/staff...) at (campus). I am here today to advocate for the UC to take a leadership position regarding the ARCHES Hydrogen Hub.

UC has a critical role to play in managing over \$1.2B worth of projects with ARCHES. For hydrogen to be a climate solution, it needs to follow the three pillars of green hydrogen: new clean supply of electricity, grid connection, and hourly matching.

Dozens of expert UC faculty have called on ARCHES to support these pillars, which ARCHES and the UC publicly rejected in a recent letter to the federal government. It is also concerning that ARCHES has partnered with fossil fuel companies that seek to blend hydrogen with methane gas (a False Climate Solution) and will benefit from hydrogen infrastructure built by ARCHES.

I urge the Regents to provide oversight in this critical time to make the clean energy transition in California a just transition. **Uphold the three pillars of green hydrogen and reject partnerships with the fossil fuel industry.**

Thank you for listening to my comment.