

### WREGIS Path Forward Frequently Asked Questions

As of July 11, 2025

#### Q1. Why did MRETS decide not to renew the contract?

A. We cannot speak for CleanCounts (f/k/a M-RETS), but in general, time requirements for the development work were not in alignment with their expectations. Please see their press release for more information: <u>https://www.mrets.org/blog/wecc/</u>

# Q2. What did the WECC Board decide at its June 2025 meeting as a result of M-RETS's decision not to renew the contract?

A. The WECC Board directed WECC management to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to third-party software developers for a custom software solution. The Board also directed WECC management to conduct outreach and solicit stakeholder feedback on corporate structure and governance to establish WREGIS as a stand-alone company.

# Q3. Has WECC retained experienced outside advisors to assist with the software development efforts?

A. Yes. We are working with a consultant who is experienced in both software development and entrepreneurial ventures. Additionally, experienced individuals on WECC's IT team and other outside experts will assist with the RFP development. The RFP will be distributed and open to experienced, successful software development companies.

### Q4. Will WECC retain project management expertise for the software development project?

A. Yes, once a vendor is selected, we will use a project manager to ensure all development milestones are met.

## Q5. Will WECC retain project management expertise for the creation of the new entity?

A. WECC will use internal and external project management and legal expertise for the activities related to the separation of WREGIS from WECC.

# Q6. What will the opportunities be to provide feedback on the RFP and software development project?

A. A survey was sent to all active WREGIS users on July 7. Results from this survey will be used to inform the RFP requirements and vendor selection process. The goal of the software development project is to have a minimum viable product (MVP) ready by December 31, 2027, when our contract

with CleanCounts ends. The MVP will enable customers to perform their jobs and meet compliance requirements. We will post the RFP on wecc.org and the WREGIS page for awareness.

#### Q7. How are you defining the MVP?

A. WREGIS staff evaluated the current system functionality to identify functions and features necessary for users to perform their core duties, such as registering generators, data reporting, compliance reporting, REC creation, REC transfers, and REC retirements. These features are the backbone of the MVP.

#### Q8. Was any thought given to approaching one of the original founding entities (Western Governors Association, Western Regional Air Partnership or California Energy Commission) rather than forming a new company?

A. As part of our due diligence, we did consider whether transferring WREGIS operations to an existing organization was viable. After consideration, we determined that the needs of WREGIS and its customers and stakeholders would be best served by creating a stand-alone company that is focused solely on the needs of WREGIS and its customers, rather than having those interests be secondary to other interests.

### Q9. Governance of the new company will be very important. Will there be opportunities for stakeholders to get involved in the governance discussions?

A. Yes. WECC will be engaging with key stakeholders and committees to solicit feedback on the governance structure. Recommended governance and corporate structures will be discussed in committee meetings and public forums in July and August. Additionally, we will post the recommendations for public comment in August to provide enough time to gather feedback and present it to our Board with recommendations in September.

#### Q10. What will happen to WREGIS's reserve funds?

A. The WREGIS reserves will fund the software development efforts as well as the expenses for establishing the new company.

## Q11. Will fees go up because of the decision to build new software and separate WREGIS from WECC into a stand-alone entity?

A. While it is very early in the process, we do anticipate that fees will change. The fee structure has not changed in the 18 years since WREGIS began operating. The fee levels have decreased several times in the last 18 years and have never increased. As we move through the process and develop a budget for the stand-alone WREGIS, we will share more information. We will work with the WREGIS Committee to ensure that customers can plan for any anticipated changes. Based on market research, WREGIS fees are now approximately 25% of market rates.



## Q12. Is there a path forward if WECC does not receive satisfactory proposals in response to the RFP?

A. WECC is confident that there are numerous software developers capable of creating a tracking system. We have already identified several credible and qualified developers, and we will also post the RFP publicly to increase the number of qualified respondents.

#### Q13. How can I provide feedback to WREGIS about my needs?

A. We sent a survey to active users of the WREGIS system in July to solicit feedback on system use and features to inform the development of the RFP for software development. We are focused on the development of an MVP that enables users to perform their jobs and meet compliance requirements. Once the MVP is functional, we will prioritize enhancement requests and work with users on additional feature and functionality requests.

