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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Appliance Efficiency Pre-Rulemaking -
Landscape Irrigation Controllers*

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NOTICE OF LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION
CONTROLLER WORKSHOP, REVISED
STAFF REPORT

RE: EFFICIENCY STANDARDS;
IRRIGATION CONTROLLERS

Notice of Landscape Irrigation Controller Workshop and Availability of Revised Draft Staff Report March 16, 2026

Start Time 10:30 a.m. – End Time 12:30 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a public workshop to discuss staff's revisions to the proposed standards for landscape irrigation controllers, and to seek comments from interested members of the public regarding the draft revised staff analysis and revised proposed regulatory language present in the updated staff report.

The draft revised staff report, which includes the draft revised proposed regulatory language and the draft revised staff analysis, was published on March 5, 2026, and is currently available for download at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=268960&DocumentContentId=106153>. Public comments will be accepted both orally at the March 16, 2026, workshop and in writing up to April 17, 2026. Instructions for accessing the draft revised staff report and for submitting comments are provided below.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

The workshop will include a presentation by staff about the revisions to the proposed regulatory language and staff analysis for landscape irrigation controllers. It will also include a discussion segment and an opportunity for public comment.

A detailed meeting schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at the Landscape Irrigation Controllers Docket Log, at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-AAER-10>.

Background

On March 14, 2012, the CEC issued an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to consider standards, test procedures, labeling requirements, and other efficiency measures to amend the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1601 through Section 1609). The OIR identified a variety of appliances that have the potential to save electricity, gas, and water. Of those, staff began informal proceedings relating to Irrigation Controllers in 2017, releasing an "Invitation to Participate" in April of that year followed by a request for proposals released in July and closing in October.

On December 17, 2019, staff conducted a webinar on proposed water efficiency regulations for landscape irrigation controllers, including information related to definitions, test methods, and performance requirements. Staff reviewed and considered all comments received before beginning the development of a draft staff report containing technical analysis, recommendations, and alternatives.

On November 8, 2023, the CEC published its first draft staff report, *Staff Analysis of Proposed Efficiency Standards for Landscape Irrigation Controllers*¹. This draft report included proposed regulatory language and staff analysis, with a recommendation to establish minimum efficiency standards for this category of appliances. The CEC staff conducted a workshop on December 11, 2023, to solicit written and oral feedback and to discuss the proposed water efficiency standards presented in the draft staff report.

In May of 2024, the CEC invited all interested parties and members of the public to work with the CEC staff to resolve several issues relating to the proposed regulations for landscape irrigation controllers. In June of 2024, the CEC staff started a workgroup for landscape irrigation controllers and hosted several rounds of meetings resulting in gathering information from the workgroup to find viable solutions for several outstanding issues and applied appropriate adjustments to the proposed regulatory language. The published revised draft staff report incorporates the feedback provided by the participants and the CEC is seeking additional public input.

Availability of Revised Draft Staff Report

Staff revised the proposed regulatory language that resulted from the collaboration with the workgroup and the public comments received. Staff also revised the analysis of statewide benefits, cost-effectiveness, and technical feasibility of the proposed standards to match these revisions. The complete revised draft staff report, containing the revised proposed regulations and revised staff analysis, is available on the California Energy Commission website at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=268960&DocumentContentId=106153>.

Workshop Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

¹ <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=253615&DocumentContentId=88853>.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/82113753892?pwd=QNgDbY9w8ILWKgbBStEivGaNo76MbD.1> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the meeting ID **821 1375 3892** and passcode **011454** and follow all prompts.
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Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket ([Irrigation Controllers](#)) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=17-AAER-10>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in compliance with CCR, Title 20, section 1208.1 such as Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on April 17, 2026. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **17-AAER-10** and Landscape Irrigation Controllers in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the [Landscape Irrigation Controllers Docket Log](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-AAER-10>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the Appliance Efficiency Standards subscription list. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](#), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: March 5, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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