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IN THE MATTER OF:

*Senate Bill 80 Fusion Research and
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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Staff Workshop | Fusion Research and
Development Innovation Initiative

Notice of Staff Workshop: Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative

April 2, 2026

09:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a [remote-access staff workshop](#) to discuss implementation of its new Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative. This initiative was created under Senate Bill 80 (Caballero, Chapter 334, Statutes of 2025) to accelerate the development and growth of fusion energy by advancing fusion science and technology. The staff workshop will facilitate a discussion on fusion energy research needs and barriers, and identify opportunities that could be supported by grant funding under the Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative.

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 start with opening remarks from Commissioner Gallardo and presentations from Department of Energy-funded research labs, academics, and industry, followed by roundtable discussions on the current state of fusion energy technologies and the role of a Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative in delivering the world's first fusion energy pilot plant in the state by the 2040s.

A detailed [agenda](#) will be posted prior to the workshop at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/events>.

Background

Senate Bill 80 (Caballero, 2025) establishes the Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative within the Energy Commission to accelerate the development and growth of fusion energy by advancing fusion science and technology in consultation with Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and the California Public Utilities Commission.

CEC is required to establish and administer the initiative and provide financial incentives to advance research and development into fusion energy to: (1) support the establishment or expansion of testing facilities addressing gaps in fusion science and technology; (2) accelerate the deployment of new research and technology capabilities that support the commercialization of fusion energy; and (3) achieve the initiative's goal of delivering the world's first fusion energy pilot project in the state by the 2040s.

Attendance Instructions

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/87060161239?pwd=hYVYj51FkBHhKjxfvbd8D0Y9Mcv.1> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **870 6016 1239** and passcode **fusion** and follow all prompts.
- **To join by telephone.** Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the Webinar ID **870 6016 1239** and press # twice. No passcode is required when joining by telephone.

Zoom Closed Captioning Service. At the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose "Show Subtitle" or "View Full Transcript" from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the "Live Transcript" or select "Hide Subtitle" from the pop-up menu. If joining by phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors. A more accurate transcript of the workshop will be docketed and posted as soon as possible after the meeting concludes.

Zoom Difficulty. Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=26-ERDD-01) for this docket <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=26-ERDD-01>. 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 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 16, 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 26-ERDD-01 and **Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative** 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 <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=26-ERDD-01>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the **Fusion Research and Development Innovation Initiative**. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

Dated: March 16, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

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