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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Docket No. 15-ALT-01 and 16-ALT-02

**2016-2017 AND 2017-2018
INVESTMENT PLAN UPDATES FOR
THE ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE
FUEL AND VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY
PROGRAM**

FUNDING MODIFICATIONS TO THE
2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 INVESTMENT PLAN UPDATES

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007) established the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) to be administered by the California Energy Commission, with a goal to “develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California’s fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state’s climate change policies” (Health and Safety Code §44272(a)). The same law also directs the California Energy Commission to develop and annually update an investment plan that will determine priorities and opportunities for the ARFVTP (Health and Safety Code §44272.5(a)); and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) extended the collection of fees supporting the ARFVTP through January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission adopted the *2016-2017 Investment Plan Update for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program* at the April 13, 2016, Energy Commission Business Meeting and adopted the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program* at the April 12, 2017, Energy Commission Business Meeting. The *2016-2017* and *2017-2018 Investment Plan Updates* include proposed funding allocations for a portfolio of fuels and technologies designed to advance the goals of the ARFVTP; and

WHEREAS, staff of the California Energy Commission will develop solicitations, grants, and other types of agreements in the current and ensuing fiscal years to implement these funding allocations; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the funding modifications to the *2016-2017* and *2017-2018 Investment Plan Updates*, and concludes, in accordance with staff's findings contained in the January 12, 2018 Memorandum, that the funding modifications do not constitute a "project" for purposes under CEQA because it fits within activities excluded from the definition of "projects" under CEQA, including the "creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment" (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15378(b)(4)). The *2016-2017* and *2017-2018 Investment Plan Updates* propose funding for categories of activities, but decisions to fund specific projects will be made in the future through competitive solicitations or other selection mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code §44272.7(c) requires the California Energy Commission to, "...within 30 days, notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and all relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature if a significant modification to the final investment plan update is approved."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby finds the funding modifications to the *2016-2017* and *2017-2018 Investment Plan Updates* not to be a project under CEQA, adopts the funding modifications with any errata approved at the January 17, 2018 Business Meeting, and directs Energy Commission staff to notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and all relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature of the modifications to the *2016-2017* and *2017-2018 Investment Plan Updates* pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44272.7(c).

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Energy Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on January 17, 2018.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: None

Original Signed by:

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Secretariat