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ARFVTP Technology Merit Review: Biofuel)	WORKSHOP
and Biomethane Project Success)	RE: ARFVTP Technology Merit
)	Review Biofuel and Biomethane
)	Project Success

Notice of Lead Commissioner Technology Merit Review Workshop: Biofuel and Biomethane Project Success

The Lead Commissioner for Transportation of the California Energy Commission, Janea A. Scott, will conduct a Technology Merit Review workshop to highlight key ingredients for successful development of biofuel and biomethane projects in California funded by the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. Lead Commissioner Janea A. Scott will preside over the workshop and other Commissioners may attend, but no business will be discussed and no votes will be taken.

Friday, September 18, 2015
9:00 a.m.

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Background

Beginning in 2008, the Energy Commission's Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) has co-funded nearly 40 biofuel and biomethane production projects in California to increase the capacity and production of renewable, low carbon intensity transportation fuels. Several projects have achieved commercial success and others are still under development. These projects contribute

to an overall objective to stimulate a broad portfolio of options that help attain Governor Brown's 2030 goals to reduce California greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent below 1990 levels and reduce vehicle petroleum use by 50 percent.

The Energy Commission elicited testimony and analytical studies from several stakeholders in the 2013 and 2014 Integrated Energy Policy Reports (IEPR), who noted the plausibility of increasing renewable transportation fuels two-to-six-fold by 2020 compared to 2008. The California Air Resources Board concurred with this possibility through independent illustrative scenarios developed for the Low Carbon Fuel Standard. In adopting the 2014 IEPR, the Energy Commission recommended exploring methods to better incorporate data collection, analysis and lessons learned from past ARFVTP investments to evaluate projects, market growth and business plans for target technologies and sectors. The 2014 IEPR also recommended action to identify, assess and initiate funding strategies that further leverage funds commensurate with the commercialization phases of technology and project development.

This workshop presents an opportunity to highlight key ingredients for success, lessons learned and pitfalls to avoid from several ARFVTP biofuel and biomethane project funding recipients. Use of this information can benefit existing and future projects and help the Energy Commission adapt and improve future investment plans and solicitations. The workshop will also include comments from independent peer reviewers on each project presented. This is an initial step to establish an annual Technology Merit Review for ARFVTP projects and technology sectors, which might adopt and adapt aspects of similar activities conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Lead Commissioner for Transportation will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker and any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit. Written comments will be also accepted at the workshop, however, the Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop.

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