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Notice of Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 Environmental and Land Use Technical Group Meeting

Staff at the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Energy Commission (Energy Commission), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Independent System Operator (California ISO) will host a meeting of the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Environmental and Land Use Technical Group (ELUTG).

The purpose of the meeting is to engage local land use planning authorities in the assessment of environmental and land use implications of potential renewable energy and transmission development in the areas identified by the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group as Transmission Assessment Focus Areas (TAFAs). The ELUTG seeks to gather input and geographic data regarding local land use planning affecting renewable energy and transmission development in the TAFAs, and to explore ways to share land use and environmental information between RETI 2.0 and counties.

One or more commissioners from the CPUC and Energy Commission may attend and participate in the meeting. A quorum of commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance.

The meeting will be held:

Thursday, July 21, 2016

1 p.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

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Background

On April 29, 2015, Governor Brown issued Executive Order B-30-15, which established a new statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction target of 40 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2030 to ensure meeting the existing target of 80 percent reduction by 2050, and he directed all state agencies to implement measures, pursuant to statutory authority, to help achieve these targets. On October 7, 2015, Governor Brown signed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015), which requires electric utilities to increase retail sales of qualified renewable electricity to at least 50 percent by 2030 and to prepare long-term plans to achieve GHG levels consistent with the 40 percent economy-wide reduction goal. Developing the transmission needed to support increasing amounts of renewable resources will be critical to meeting these goals and will require careful planning and coordination across the West.

In September 2015, the CNRA, Energy Commission, CPUC, California ISO, and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management California Office initiated RETI 2.0 as a proactive, statewide, non-regulatory planning forum to facilitate the long-range planning, inter-agency coordination, and stakeholder engagement necessary to identify the constraints and opportunities for new transmission to access and integrate new renewable resources and help meet the state's long-term GHG and renewable energy goals.

Specifically, RETI 2.0 will:

- Explore renewable generation resources in California and throughout the West that can help meet California's long-term energy and GHG reduction goals.
- Identify land use and environmental opportunities and constraints to accessing these resources.
- Build understanding of transmission options for accessing and integrating renewable resources, and support for "least regrets" transmission pathways.
- Inform future planning and regulatory proceedings.

The RETI 2.0 Workplan, presented to stakeholders in December 2015, established three working groups to accomplish these goals. The groups are:

- Plenary Group, responsible for identifying the RETI 2.0 planning goals, resource potential, TAFAs, and final conclusions and recommendations.
- Transmission Technical Input Group, responsible for advising the Plenary group on the transmission implications of TAFAs.
- ELUTG, tasked with evaluating the environmental and land use implications of TAFAs and transmission options.

Agenda

The purpose of this meeting is to gather input from counties on RETI 2.0, with a specific focus on sharing environmental and land use information between counties and RETI 2.0 to assess and refine the implications of TAFAs originally presented to the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group on May 2, 2016.

The preliminary agenda for the meeting is:

- 1. TAFAs Background and Goals.** RETI 2.0 agency management team will present the background and goals for assessing the environmental and land use implications of the hypothetical renewable resource development scenarios in the TAFAs identified by the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group.
- 2. County Land Use Planning, Permitting, and, Renewable Energy Development.** Counties with land use planning authority in and around TAFAs will describe local plans and other actions that their counties have taken that may influence the pattern of renewable energy development. This includes identification of geographic and other data that may be incorporated into RETI 2.0.
- 3. County Collaboration with RETI 2.0.** RETI 2.0 agency management team will lead a group discussion with counties and stakeholders to learn more about the ways in which counties and RETI 2.0 can share information moving forward, and recommendations for further work.
- 4. Public Comment**

Public Comment

Oral comments: The agencies will accept oral comments during the meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes and will become part of the public record maintained by the Energy Commission.

Written comments should be submitted by August 5, 2016. Please submit comments to the Energy Commission using the Energy Commission's e-commenting feature by going to the RETI 2.0 webpage <http://www.energy.ca.gov/reti/> and clicking on the "Submit eComment" link. A full name, e-mail address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a person and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit.

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If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz by e-mail at Lou.Quiroz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this workshop, please contact Al Alvarado by e-mail at Al.Alvarado@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4749.

The service list for the stakeholder process is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the RETI e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website at www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/.

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Availability of Documents

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July 11, 2016

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