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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 share preliminary results of the ELUTG review of RETI 2.0 Transmission Assessment Focus Areas (TAFAs).

The meeting will be held:

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting will be conducted via the Internet and telephone, via WebEx™
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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 Senate Bill 350, 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 discuss with stakeholders the preliminary draft findings of the ELUTG, based on a review of existing data, on the environmental implications of hypothetical renewable energy development in TAFAs originally presented to the RETI 2.0 Plenary Group on May 2, 2016.

A specific agenda will be posted prior to the meeting. Topics on the agenda will include, but not be limited to:

- Review of the assembled environmental data sets within the RETI 2.0 Gateway on Data Basin
- Demonstration of the Environmental Profile Report
- Presentation of preliminary draft findings on the environmental implications of hypothetical renewable energy development in TAFAs
- Discussion with stakeholders of these preliminary draft environmental implications
- 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.

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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.

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