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California Energy Commission Drought Response: Water Energy Technology Program

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public meeting to receive input on the Water Energy Technology (WET) Program draft guidelines and related topics on:

Thursday, July 2, 2015
Beginning at 2:00 p.m.
City of Lynwood - Bateman Hall – Room 2
Lynwood, CA 90262
Wheelchair Accessible

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Commissioners from the California Energy Commission, Officials from the Department of Water Resources, Board Members from the State Water Resources Control Board, and Commissioners from the California Public Utilities Commission may also attend.

In response to California's ongoing drought, Governor Brown's Executive Order B-29-15 directed the first ever statewide mandatory water reductions. The Executive Order further directed the California Energy Commission to implement a statewide water energy technology program as part of its work to address the drought.

To accelerate the deployment of innovative water and energy saving technologies and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the Energy Commission, jointly with the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, will implement the WET Program to provide funding for innovative technologies for agricultural, industrial, commercial, residential, and renewable desalination that meet the following criteria:

- Display significant water savings, energy savings, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.
- Demonstrate actual operation beyond the research and development stage.
- Document readiness for rapid, large-scale deployment (but not yet widely deployed) in California.

Draft guidelines and examples of potentially eligible innovative WET program technologies will be available online at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/wet/>.

The Energy Commission is interested in obtaining input on the following questions concerning the WET Program:

1. What emerging technologies should be considered that provide direct on-site energy, water, and greenhouse gas savings for each of the identified sectors?
2. What rebate levels would be most appropriate? What grant award amounts would be most appropriate for customized projects?
3. What changes to the draft guidelines are needed to ensure the purpose, instructions, and eligibility requirements are clear?
4. How can the WET Program best bring benefits to disadvantaged communities?
5. What are some of the main barriers preventing implementation of advanced water and energy saving projects?
6. To what extent is broadband or internet availability a factor that prevents implementation of water and energy saving projects, especially in rural areas?
7. What operational, regulatory, or other constraints may arise to prevent installing projects quickly? How would this differ from typical installation timelines for the equipment listed in the draft guidelines?
8. What is the capability of obtaining utility data for pre- and post-energy and water use? If utility data is not available, how will pre- and post-results be documented?

In addition to the WET program, the Energy Commission is focusing on the following drought response efforts:

- In April, the Energy Commission adopted emergency regulations establishing standards that improve the efficiency of water appliances, including toilets, urinals, and faucets available for sale and installation in new and existing buildings in California. For more information, see:

[http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2015-AAER-1/rulemaking/Water Appliance Fact Sheet.pdf](http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2015-AAER-1/rulemaking/Water%20Appliance%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf)

- Beginning in May, the Energy Commission is expediting the processing of all applications or petitions for amendments to power plant certifications for the purpose of securing alternate water supply necessary for continued power plant operation. For more information, see:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/business_meetings/2015_packets/2015-05-13/Item_03_Alternative_Water_Supply_for_Power_Plants/Item_03_Proposed_Order-ED_delegation_for_amendments.pdf

- Jointly with the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board, the Energy Commission is developing a time-limited statewide appliance rebate program to provide monetary incentives for the replacement of inefficient household devices. For more information, see:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/drought/rebate/>

Public Comment

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the working group meeting. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. by **July 6, 2015**. Written comments received prior to the meeting may be responded to during the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted at the public meeting; however, staff may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

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docket@energy.ca.gov

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments for the Water Energy Technology Program to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 15-WATER-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Pamela Doughman, pamela.doughman@energy.ca.gov or (916) 445-5297.

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Availability of Documents

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