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Notice of Staff Workshop Discussion on the California Energy Commission's Proposed Implementation of the Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public workshop to present preliminary program information and solicit public comment on initial concepts for the implementation of the Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program (REAP). The workshop will be held:

Thursday, March 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR DISTRICT – BAKERSFIELD OFFICE

The VTC Room

34946 Flyover Court

Bakersfield, CA 93308

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Purpose:

Funded through California Climate Investments, REAP is being designed to advance the on-site use of renewable energy in agricultural operations in California with an emphasis on programs serving disadvantaged and low income communities.

Background

Assembly Bill 109 (Ting, Budget Act of 2017, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2017) provided \$6 million of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund monies to the Energy Commission to support renewable energy projects in the agriculture sector to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To implement these efforts, the Energy Commission is developing REAP as a competitive grant program to support the installation of on-site renewable energy projects to serve agricultural operations located in California. The program will emphasize projects in disadvantaged communities and low income communities and is envisioned to foster projects with co-benefits serving the local community, benefiting public health and reducing air pollution. For more information about REAP, please visit <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/18-MISC-03/>.

Agenda

During the workshop, staff will provide information on the proposed program implementation, including the proposed timeline, eligibility, project requirements, and funding levels. Staff will welcome public comments during the meeting, and request written comments be provided following the workshop. The final agenda and a concept paper describing staff's initial proposal for program design will be posted in advance of the workshop online at:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/18-MISC-03/documents/>.

Public Comment

Oral comments: The Energy Commission will accept oral comments at the workshop. Comments may be limited to five 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 5:00 p.m. March 26, 2018. Written comments will be also accepted at the workshop, however the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

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Written comments may also be submitted by e-mail (include the docket number 18-MISC-03 and **Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program** in the subject line) to the Docket Unit at:

docket@energy.ca.gov

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 18-MISC-03
1516 Ninth Street
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If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Geoff Dodson by email at geoffrey.dodson@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 654-5171. For more information, please visit the REAP webpage at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/18-MISC-03/>.

Notices and documents for this workshop are posted to the Energy Commission website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/18-MISC-03/documents/>.

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Availability of Documents

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