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Development of the Investment Plan for the Electric Program Investment Charge Program)))))	PUBLIC WORKSHOP: CO-CREATING CLEAN ENERGY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES WITH CALIFORNIA'S COMMUNITIES

**NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC WORKSHOP: CO-CREATING CLEAN ENERGY
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES WITH CALIFORNIA'S COMMUNITIES**

Monday, May 10, 2021

Remote access only.

(Instructions below.)

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is kicking-off the development of the next Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Investment Plan with an event to discuss how future EPIC investments can help create direct and indirect benefits of the clean energy transition for California's under-resourced communities.

The purpose of this event is to enable representatives from under-resourced communities to contribute their comments and ideas on the clean energy future they're seeking, the specific challenges facing communities in realizing these outcomes, and the types of innovative technology demonstration project partnerships that interest them. EPIC provides \$133 million annually to support new technological and scientific breakthroughs that can transform California's electricity sector to meet the state's ambitious energy and climate policy goals and increase benefits to electric ratepayers in the state's three largest investor-owned utilities – PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E.

A quorum of commissioners from the CEC and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) may participate, but no votes will be taken.

The event will be held remotely, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public can participate in the event consistent with the direction in these executive orders. Instructions for remote participation are provided below.

You must register for this complimentary event to access all sessions. To register, visit the [Co-Creating EPIC Clean Energy Research Investments with California's Communities Event](https://hopin.com/events/co-creating-epic-clean-energy-research-investments-with-california-s-communities) registration page: <https://hopin.com/events/co-creating-epic-clean-energy-research-investments-with-california-s-communities>.

Agenda

The purpose of this workshop is to hear from community representatives and environmental justice leaders on the clean energy goals being pursued by under-resourced communities, the specific challenges these communities face in trying to realize these goals, and the types of technology projects these communities are interested in participating in. In addition, this workshop seeks to create a dialogue between community representatives and researchers that can lead to future partnerships and better alignment between the priorities of under-resourced communities and emerging technology solutions being developed.

The agenda features:

- Opening remarks from CEC Chair David Hochschild and CPUC Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves highlighting the importance of an inclusive clean energy transition.
- An introduction to the EPIC 4 Investment Plan process and best ways to stay involved in the plan's development.
- Small group discussions guided by community leaders from across California to capture desired outcomes from investments in clean energy innovation.
- A panel of leaders advancing energy equity will provide reflections in response to report outs from small group discussions.
- Opportunities for networking.

Our goal is to learn from each other, start conversations that can lead to collaboration and other partnership opportunities, and inspire future EPIC research initiatives.

The full [event agenda](https://hopin.com/events/co-creating-epic-clean-energy-research-investments-with-california-s-communities) and registration site is posted on the EPIC Virtual Event site, Hopin, found at: <https://hopin.com/events/co-creating-epic-clean-energy-research-investments-with-california-s-communities>. More details provided below.

Background

In 2012, the CPUC established the EPIC program to fund public investments in research to create and advance new clean energy solutions, foster regional innovation, and bring ideas from the lab to the marketplace to the community. The CEC and the state's three largest investor-owned utilities (IOUs) were selected to administer the EPIC funds. The primary purpose of the EPIC program is to provide benefits to electric ratepayers through greater reliability, lower costs, and increased safety, while unleashing innovation to aid our transition to a clean energy future.

On September 2, 2020, the CPUC renewed the EPIC program for an additional ten years (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2030) in Decision 20-08-042 of Rulemaking 19-10-005. In Decision 20-08-042, the CPUC approved the CEC as an EPIC administrator with an annual budget of \$148 million for the first five years and ordered the IOUs to collect funds for the renewed EPIC Program starting January 1, 2021.

The CPUC's Decision 20-08-042 requires the CEC to file an investment plan to the CPUC by October 1, 2021, to cover the period of January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2025 (referred to as EPIC 4). CEC staff anticipates that the CPUC will issue a decision on the EPIC 4 investment plan at the end of 2021 or early in 2022.

The *Development of the California Energy Commission Electric Program Investment Charge Investment Plans 2021-2025* is docketed online at:
<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-EPIC-01>.

Remote Attendance

The workshop will be hosted on the Hopin platform. To receive login information, please register at the link below.

<https://hopin.com/events/co-creating-epic-clean-energy-research-investments-with-california-s-communities>

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email from Empower Innovation (no-reply@hopin.com) containing the calendar invite for the event.

When attending remotely, presentations will appear on your device screen and audio may be heard via the device. Please be aware that the event may be recorded.

We encourage participants to watch the Hopin Attendee Walkthrough Video Demo (<https://www.loom.com/share/f4c080393c7d476f96c6bc5083592b32>). If you experience difficulties with the Hopin platform, please review the Hopin:

- Troubleshooting Tips (<https://hopin.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360012661511-For-Everyone>) and
- FAQs (<https://hopin.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360012110072--FAQs>).

Mobile Device: For accessing the event via your mobile device, check out the Hopin Mobile App instructions (<https://hopin.zendesk.com/hc/en-gb/sections/360012637371--Mobile-App>).

Mobile browsers supported:

- Android:
 - Google Chrome
 - Mobile app (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=to.hopin.android&hl=en&gl=US>)
- iOS, iPadOS (Apple):
 - Safari
 - Mobile app (<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/hopin/id1542021364>)

Muting: We greatly appreciate your cooperation in reducing background noise on the audio connection. To keep background noise at a minimum, the line will be muted during presentation.

Public Comment

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. May 24, 2021. Comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting](#) page for the EPIC investment planning docket (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-EPIC-01>). Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 20-EPIC-01 "Empower Innovation Event: Co-Creating Clean Energy Research Opportunities with California's Communities" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be sent to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 20-EPIC-01
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Direct media inquiries to MediaOffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct questions about the subject matter of this workshop to Molly O'Hagan, at Molly.OHagan@energy.ca.gov or (916) 776-0799

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be made available after the event at the Empower Innovation website: <https://www.empowerinnovation.net/en/page/past-events-en>.

Dated: April 27, 2021, at Sacramento, California

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