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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

Request for Comments on Forthcoming Solicitation Regarding Research to Inform the Hydropower Relicensing Process

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NOTICE OF "REMOTE-ACCESS"
WORKSHOP

RE: Forthcoming Solicitation Regarding
Research to Inform the Hydropower
Relicensing Process

Notice of Staff Workshop: Research to Inform the Hydropower Relicensing Process

December 21, 2022

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will host a remote-access staff workshop seeking public comment on an upcoming solicitation for research to inform the hydropower relicensing process.

The public can participate in the staff workshop consistent with the instructions for remote attendance via Zoom below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

CEC staff seek input from researchers, government agencies, investor-owned utilities (IOUs), and other interested participants to inform the scope of an anticipated solicitation, planned for release in the first quarter of 2023. The proposed solicitation will support research efforts addressing the environmental effects of hydropower operations on downstream ecosystems will contribute to implementation of the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) 2021-2025 Investment Plan.

Background

More than 260 hydroelectric power projects are distributed throughout California's major rivers and streams. All non-federal hydropower projects in California are subject to licensing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). These licenses are for either 30 or 50 years. More than 50 permitted facilities, representing 2,471 MW in aggregate, will begin the relicensing process in the

next 13 years. The FERC relicensing process is a complex procedure generally taking five years or more to complete. Relicensing requires multiple the participation of numerous

Research from the proposed solicitation will provide better information and tools to reduce the environmental effects of hydropower operations while ensuring the adaptive, proactive management of hydropower as part of California's resilient renewable generation portfolio.

Remote Attendance by Zoom or Telephone Instructions

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/92501486201?pwd=RHNZN0Jwb05ENkFlaHlnRUVQaGZvUT09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the **Webinar ID** 925 0148 6201 and **Passcode** hydropower and follow all prompts.
To join by telephone. Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the **Webinar ID** 925 0148 6201 and press “#” twice. No Participant ID is required when joining by telephone.

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Zoom Difficulty. Contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [19-ERDD-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-ERDD-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-ERDD-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. 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.

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the “raise hand” feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2023. Written and oral 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. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **19-ERDD-01** and “Staff Workshop Hydropower Relicensing” in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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Availability of Documents: [Documents and presentations](#) for this meeting will be available at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=19-ERDD-01>.

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Dated: December 7, 2022, at Sacramento, California.

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