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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Food Production Investment Program*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS  
WORKSHOP

RE: Food Production Investment Program

**Notice of Staff Workshop on  
Food Production Investment Program  
April 18, 2023**

09:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only via Zoom or Telephone

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-access workshop to discuss the implementation of the Food Production Investment Program (FPIP) funded under Assembly Bill (AB) 209 (The Energy and Climate Change Budget Bill, Chapter 251, enacted in September 2022). This funding will provide grants to California food processors to accelerate the adoption of advanced energy and decarbonization technologies that enable the state to meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals and support electrical grid reliability. CEC staff will consider stakeholder and public input on the proposed program scope, future competitive solicitations, and project eligibility, requirements, and considerations.

The workshop will be held remotely. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions 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**

The staff workshop will include a presentation by CEC staff and opportunities for public questions and comment on the following topics:

- Overview of the Food Production Investment Program.
- Proposed program scope, technology topic prioritization, and project requirements and considerations.
- CEC questions for stakeholders.

- Next steps and stakeholder engagement opportunities.

A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the workshop at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event-calendar> .

## **Background**

FPIP was originally established in 2018 and initially funded by Assembly Bill (AB) 109 (Ting, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2017), with additional funds from Senate Bill (SB) 856 (Chapter 30, Statutes of 2018). The program used Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) from the California Climate Investments (CCI) program. CCI requires that all funded projects reduce GHG emissions and further the purposes of AB 32 (AB 32, Nunez, Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Chapter 488, 2006) and SB 32 (SB 32, Pavley, California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, Chapter 249, 2016). The goals were to help replace high energy-consuming equipment and systems with market-ready and advanced technologies that can accelerate the reduction in energy use, and GHG emissions in food processing industries.

In 2022, AB 209<sup>1</sup> directed funding to CEC to implement several clean energy programs to establish comprehensive approaches to reach a 100 percent carbon-free grid and a carbon-neutral economy by 2045. The bill directed the CEC to continue implementation of FPIP with \$25 million available in fiscal year 2022-23. An additional \$40 million is proposed in the Governor's budget for fiscal year 2023-24. The funds would be used to continue California food producers' investments in advanced technologies and equipment that provide significant benefits to the electrical grid, maximize the reduction of GHG emissions, and reduce air pollution in under-resourced communities.

## **Attendance Instructions**

**Remote** participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/87414386693?pwd=YW10NHEwRVZCMk5vcUtRb3I0ckVJdz09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID **874 1438 6693** and passcode **FPIP2023** 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 **874 1438 6693**.

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<sup>1</sup> The [full text of AB 209](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB209) can be accessed at [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220AB209](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB209).

**Public Comment.**

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**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 [May 12, 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 [23-ERDD-05](#) and "[Food Production Investment Program](#)" in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto: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 [Food Production Investment Program](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/food-production-program), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/food-production-program>, or at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-05>.

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**Dated:** April 4, 2023, at Sacramento, California.

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