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*IN THE MATTER OF:**Geothermal Grant and Loan Program*DOCKET NO. *17-GRDA-01*

NOTICE OF HYBRID WORKSHOP

RE: Pre-Solicitation Workshop for
Geothermal Grant and Loan Program**Notice of Pre-Solicitation Workshop****June 27, 2023**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

In-person at:San Diego State University
Imperial Valley Campus
720 Heber Ave.
Auditorium
Calexico, CA 92231**Remote Access via Zoom:**

See Attendance Instructions.

Includes Spanish Interpretation

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A quorum of commissioners may participate, but no votes will be taken. Anyone 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

Staff will facilitate the following:

- Introduction and Background on the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program
- Presentation about the Plans for the 2023 Geothermal Grant and Loan Program Solicitation
 - Proposed list of projects eligible for funding
 - Eligible applicants
 - Proposed timeline for solicitation
- Question & Answer Session
- Public Comment Period

Staff are specifically seeking input on the proposed list of eligible purposes for projects to be included in the upcoming solicitation.

Background

The CEC's Geothermal Grant and Loan Program receives funding from the Geothermal Resources Development Account (GRDA). The GRDA program authorizes grants and loans to local jurisdictions and private entities to promote and maintain development of California's geothermal energy resources and mineral extraction from geothermal brine, mitigate possible adverse impacts from geothermal development and help offset the costs of providing public services necessitated by geothermal development and related sectors.

CEC staff anticipates issuing a solicitation in 2023 to fund projects for the following eligible applicants and seeks input about the list of proposed purposes, which are a subset of those authorized by [Public Resources Code Section 3823](#).

Eligible applicants for the 2023 GRDA funding solicitation are:

- "Local jurisdictions" which means any unit of Indian government, any city, county, or district, including, but not limited to, a regional planning agency and a public utility district, or any combination thereof formed for the joint exercise of any power, except that "public utility district" does not include any public utility district which generates for sale more than 50 megawatts gross of electricity.
- "Private entities" which means an individual, or organization engaged in the exploration and development of geothermal energy for profit.

The proposed list of purposes for the 2023 GRDA funding solicitation are:

- Local and regional planning and policy development and implementation necessary for compliance with programs required by local, state, or federal laws and regulations.
- Identification of feasible measures that will mitigate the adverse impacts of the development or production of geothermal resources, the extraction of minerals from

geothermal brines, and related activities, and the adoption of ordinances, regulations, and guidelines to implement those measures.

- Monitoring and inspecting geothermal facilities and related activities to assure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and ordinances.
- Identifying, researching, and implementing feasible measures that will mitigate the adverse impacts of the development or production of geothermal resources, extraction of minerals from geothermal brines, and related activities, including mitigation measures that provide community benefits directly or indirectly related to adverse social and economic impacts.
- Planning, constructing, providing, operating, and maintaining those public services and facilities that are necessitated by, and result from, the development or of geothermal resources, the extraction of minerals from geothermal brines, and related activities.
- Undertaking projects for the enhancement, restoration, or preservation of natural resources, including, but not limited to, water development, water quality improvement, fisheries enhancement, and park and recreation facilities and areas.
- In furtherance of the state's zero-emission vehicle and energy storage objectives, undertaking projects to recover lithium, metals, agricultural products, and other beneficial minerals from highly mineralized geothermal brines at a geothermal facility that is in a disadvantaged community and provides local employment opportunities.

Attendance Instructions

In-person participants may attend the meeting at the Auditorium on the Imperial Valley Campus of San Diego State University located at 720 Heber Ave., Calexico, CA, 92231. Masks and social distancing are encouraged, but not required.

If participants bring a device to join the meeting via Zoom at the physical location, the system audio must be muted, or the audio should not be joined. This is to avoid disruptive feedback during the meeting. Audio will be provided through an onsite sound system.

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

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- **To join by telephone.** Call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the Webinar ID 873 1022 7570 and passcode GRDA.

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Written Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket [17-GRDA-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. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 17-GRDA-01 and Geothermal Grant and Loan Pre-Solicitation Workshop in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov. Please submit written comments to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on July 11, 2023**.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 17-GRDA-01
715 P St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

Oral comments. Participants may provide oral comments during 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.

Public Record.

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Media Inquiries. Email mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 654-4989.

Technical Subject Inquiries. Email Erica Loza at erica.loza@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 891-8936.

Availability of Documents. Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at [17-GRDA-01 Docket Log](#).

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Dated: June 15, 2023, at Sacramento, California.

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