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## **Invitation to Participate (ITP) Appliance Efficiency Regulation for Landscape Irrigation Controllers Docket 17-AAER-10**

The California Energy Commission (CEC) would like to invite all interested stakeholders and members of the public to participate in a workgroup relating to the proposed regulations for landscape irrigation controllers as part of the California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 1601-1609 (the Appliance Efficiency Regulations). The CEC is developing a staff report and draft regulatory language as part of an initiative to improve the overall efficiency of landscape irrigation controllers. As a part of this initiative, the CEC will consider establishing efficiency standards, test procedures, marking requirements, certification requirements, and any other appropriate regulations for landscape irrigation controllers.

CEC staff is therefore conducting this workgroup process to discuss, share information, and solicit input regarding the following topics:

- Proposed product definitions and scope
- Proposed data reporting requirements
- Limitations of current test standards (i.e., if there are types of water efficient controllers that cannot be tested through the proposed test procedure)
- Differences in devices designed for residential, commercial, and agricultural use
- Innovations and advances in irrigation equipment and control technology
- Approaches for ensuring effectiveness of central irrigation controllers and control systems connected through a data hub

Interested stakeholders and members of the public may include, but are not limited to, product manufacturers, researchers, industry professionals, industry associations, consumer rights organizations, retailers and distributors, utilities, water and energy efficiency advocates, and public members with an interest in and knowledge of the items to be discussed. However, participation is not restricted to these people or entities. Anyone interested may request to participate in the workgroup process.

### **General Structure**

The workgroup process may consist of several meetings with interested participants to address the topics listed above and any related topics. Communication for workgroup

activities will be conducted through email, and meetings will be conducted online using a virtual platform.

The workgroup meetings will be scheduled on a bi-weekly basis, with an option of moving to weekly discussions if needed. The first meeting is planned for June 4, 2024. The meeting information, including the agenda, will be provided to the workgroup members at a later date.

To elicit the best exchange of ideas, the CEC will structure workgroup meetings as open discussions. In order to facilitate discussion and keep the workgroup manageable, only those requesting to participate will receive invitations to attend workgroup activities, however participants that are unable to attend a meeting may send a representative in their place.

No formal record of the workgroup meetings (i.e., transcripts and/or minutes) will be generated or docketed. Group email exchanges, written comments provided through email, and written comments on deliverables might be retained internally and shared with the workgroup, stakeholders, or members of the public upon their request.

Unless otherwise provided by applicable law, all written materials held by the CEC will be considered public records under the California Public Records Act.

## **Request to Participate**

To participate in the workgroup for landscape irrigation controllers please email Soheila Pasha at [soheila.pasha@energy.ca.gov](mailto:soheila.pasha@energy.ca.gov) with the subject "Irrigation controllers Workgroup Request" and include a brief description of your expertise and the topics you are interested in. The deadline for requesting to participate is May 24, 2024. The CEC will continue to accept participants after the deadline, however there might be a delay for the request to be reviewed and interested stakeholders and members of the public may miss a few meetings as a result.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this ITP, please contact Soheila Pasha at [soheila.pasha@energy.ca.gov](mailto:soheila.pasha@energy.ca.gov) or Peter Strait at [peter.strait@energy.ca.gov](mailto:peter.strait@energy.ca.gov). The CEC's Appliance Efficiency Branch can also be contacted by phone at 916-651-7100.

## **Public Advisor**

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## **Availability of Documents**

All formal records for this proceeding will be accessible in the Appliance Efficiency Regulations for Landscape Irrigation Controllers docket (17-AAER-10), <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=17-AAER-10>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Appliance Efficiency Proceedings subscription list.

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