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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 15-AAER-05
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Appliance Efficiency Rulemaking for Toilets, Urinals, and Faucets)	PUBLIC WORKSHOP
)	RE: Residential Lavatory Faucet and Showerheads
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Notice of Lead Commissioner Workshop

The Lead Commissioner of Efficiency at the California Energy Commission will conduct a public workshop to seek comments from interested parties regarding water appliance efficiency regulations, including residential lavatory faucets and showerheads. These topics are to be considered as possible amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1601 through 1608). The workshop will be held on:

Tuesday, July 28, 2015
1 p.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
1st Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to provide industry, stakeholders, and the public an opportunity to respond to and discuss staff proposals to update the water appliance efficiency regulations for residential lavatory faucets and showerheads. These proposals will be posted online with a detailed agenda before the workshop.

Background

Residential Lavatory Faucets

On April 8, 2015, the Energy Commission adopted an emergency drought regulation that, among other things, set the maximum flow rate of residential lavatory faucets at 1.2 gallons per minute (GPM) beginning January 1, 2016, with no sell through of existing inventory that exceeds that standard. Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) has claimed that few residential lavatory faucet models currently meet this standard and has requested a one-year extension to the effective date to provide industry with time to develop and manufacture the 1.2 GPM faucets. Energy Commission staff has performed additional research into these claims and will publish its findings and any proposed regulatory changes before the workshop for public comment and to generate discussion at the workshop.

Showerhead Water Saving Opportunity

The recent emergency drought plumbing fitting and fixture regulation left the showerhead maximum flow rate unchanged at the current federal standard of 2.5 GPM. Staff has investigated the possibility of reducing the maximum flow rate to achieve additional water savings and will publish its proposal before the workshop for public comment.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Lead Commissioner for Efficiency will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record for this proceeding.

Written comments should be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on July 31, 2015. If you wish to provide written comments please submit comments to the commission using the commission's e-commenting feature by going to <http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2015-AAER-5/rulemaking/> and click on the "Submit eComment" link. A full name, e-mail address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the commission Dockets Unit.

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California Energy Commission
Docket No. 15-AAER-01
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