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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 16-DIVERSITY-01
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Implementation of AB 865)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
Empower California Workshop)	RE: Empower California AB 865
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Notice of Empower California Public Workshop

The California Energy Commission will host the first Empower California workshop to kick-off the implementation of Assembly Bill (AB) 865. The purpose of this workshop is to begin implementation of AB 865, which includes establishing an outreach plan to increase participation of diverse business enterprises in Energy Commission funding opportunities; and establishing a Diversity Task Force. This workshop will provide an opportunity to learn the following:

- How to apply for nearly \$700 million in funding opportunities
- Understand the Energy Commission funding programs and have a Q&A with Energy Commission Staff
- Learn best practices and tips for collaborating with successful funding applicants
- Learn about the new Energy Commission Diversity Task Force

Participants may find it helpful to review all of the Energy Commission funding opportunities prior to attending this workshop by visiting this link:

http://www.energy.ca.gov/newnav/funding_links.html

Commissioner Janea A. Scott, Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, and Energy Commission staff will attend, lead, and participate in this workshop.

Friday, February 26, 2016

9:00 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

Arthur Rosenfeld Hearing Room, 1st Floor

Sacramento, California

Wheelchair Accessible

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Background

The Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act establishes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission. Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to administer various grant and loan programs. AB 865 requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to develop and implement an outreach program to inform the most qualified loan and grant applicants, and contractors, including, but not limited to, women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprises, as defined, about workshops, trainings, and funding opportunities. The bill requires that one component of the outreach program be a process for tracking the diversity of contractors, loan recipients, and grant recipients. The bill requires the outreach program to include a strategy to encourage the participation of certified women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprises in the commission's relevant programs and consider including them in capacity building activities. The bill authorizes the commission to establish a Diversity Task Force to consider and make recommendations about diversity in the energy industry, including diversity of corporate governing boards and procurement from diverse businesses, and addressing and promoting local and targeted hiring.

Public Comment

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 4:00 p.m. on March 28, 2016. Written comments will also be accepted at the Empower California Workshop.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 16-DIVERSITY-01 and indicate "Empower California Workshop" or "Diversity Task Force" in the subject line. Send comments to:

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Renewable Division Funding Programs	Friday, February 26 th 10 am -11am	929 362 642

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online the day of the workshop:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/commission/diversity/documents/ab865.html>

Dated: February 26, 2016

Alana Mathews, Public Adviser

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AGENDA

EMPOWER CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP

Friday, February 26, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Arthur Rosenfeld Hearing Room, 1st Floor

- A. Opening Remarks: Commissioner Janea Scott
- B. Introduction and Purpose: Alana Mathews, Public Adviser
- C. Overview of Application Process: Rachel Kiley-Grant
- D. Overview of Funding Programs: Breakout Sessions
 - 1. Research & Development Division -- **Arthur Rosenfeld Hearing Room**
 - *Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)*
 - *Natural Gas Research and Development*
 - 2. Fuels & Transportation Division -- **Charles Imbrecht Hearing Room**
 - *Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology*
 - 3. Efficiency Division -- **1st Floor Training Room**
 - *The Bright Schools Program*
 - *Clean Energy Jobs Act*
 - *Energy Partnership Program*
 - *Energy Efficiency Financing*
 - 4. Renewable Division -- **2nd Floor Conference Room (Fishbowl)**
 - *New Solar Homes Partnership*
 - *GeoThermal Planning Grants*
- E. Panel Discussion- *Best Practices, Barriers and Lessons Learned in Applying for Energy Commission Funding:*
Shawn Garvey, CEO -Grant Farm
Simeon Gant, Director - GreenTech Education and Employment
Michelle Wong, CEO - Clean World
Jairam Agaram, Principal - Digital Energy, INC
- F. Diversity Task Force Introduction
- G. Public Comment

THE EMPOWER CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP
will be held at:
California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

