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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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**2017-2018 INVESTMENT PLAN
UPDATE FOR THE ALTERNATIVE AND
RENEWABLE FUEL AND VEHICLE
TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

2017-2018 INVESTMENT PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007) established the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) to be administered by the Energy Commission, with a goal to “develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California’s fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state’s climate change policies” (Health and Safety Code §44272(a)). The same law also directs the Energy Commission to develop and annually update an investment plan that will determine priorities and opportunities for the ARFVTP (Health and Safety Code §44272.5(a)); and

WHEREAS, The Energy Commission must prepare and submit an annual investment plan update to the Legislature “each May concurrent with the submittal of the Governor’s May Revision to the budget” (Health and Safety Code §44272.7(b)); and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) extended the collection of fees supporting the ARFVTP through January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the development of the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (2017-2018 Investment Plan Update)* has benefitted from two Advisory Committee meetings and public workshops, as well as 32 comments submitted to public docket; and

WHEREAS, after considering all materials and comments received, Commissioner Janea Scott, Lead Commissioner for Transportation, released the latest draft of the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* on March 28, 2017. The *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* includes proposed funding allocations for a portfolio of fuels and technologies designed to advance the goals of the ARFVTP; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission staff will develop solicitations, grants, and other types of agreements in the ensuing fiscal years to implement these funding allocations; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the adoption of the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update*, and concludes that the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* is not a “project” for purposes under CEQA because it fits within activities excluded from the definition of “projects” under CEQA, including the “creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment” (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15378(b)(4)). The *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* proposes funding for categories of activities, but decisions to fund specific projects will be made in the future through competitive solicitations or other selection mechanisms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby finds the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* not to be a project under CEQA, adopts the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* with any errata approved at the April 12, 2017 Business Meeting, directs Commission staff to prepare the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* incorporating any non-substantive changes such as typographical corrections, to forward the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* to the appropriate committees of the Legislature for review pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44272.7(b), and to make the *2017-2018 Investment Plan Update* available to the public.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on April 12, 2017.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Hochschild, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Original Signed by:

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Secretariat