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(2017 IEPR)*

-) Docket No. 17-IEPR-13
-) Docket No. 17-MISC-03
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-) NOTICE OF IEPR STAFF WORKSHOP
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-) RE: Environmental Information for Energy Planning

Notice of IEPR Staff Workshop on Environmental Information for Energy Planning

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop focused on environmental information for energy planning in California. The purpose of this staff workshop is to present an update on science-based environmental information assembly, online tool development, and case study approach to support future renewable energy and transmission planning. This workshop is being conducted as part of the *2017 Integrated Energy Policy Report* (IEPR) proceeding. Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller is the Lead Commissioner for the 2017 IEPR.

A quorum of Commissioners from the Energy Commission may be in attendance, but no Energy Commission business will be discussed, and no votes will be taken.

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

1:00 p.m.

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Background

Senate Bill 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016) amended the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 by establishing a statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) limit equivalent to a 40 percent decrease from 1990 levels by 2030. The Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act SB 350 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015) increases California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) from 33 to 50 percent and requires a doubling of energy efficiency of existing buildings by 2030. Achieving the GHG limits and RPS by 2030 will require changes across California's entire energy

system, including the electricity system, which will need to continue decarbonizing rapidly while reliably meeting future electricity needs.

As described in the *2016 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update* and the final *Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0 Plenary Report*, reaching the GHG and RPS goals will require additional renewable energy development, which could affect a variety of environmental resources. Further, the 2016 IEPR and previous IEPRs describe how landscape-scale planning can facilitate the development of renewable energy and transmission to meet the state's goals by considering a wide range of potential constraints and conflicts to minimize potential environmental impacts.

Through the first and second RETIs, Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP), and the stakeholder-led San Joaquin Valley Identification of Least-Conflict Lands study, federal and state agencies, local governments, tribes, and stakeholders have gained experience with a variety of landscape-scale planning approaches that seek to identify suitable areas for renewable energy development. These planning efforts demonstrate different approaches to using science-based tools and spatial data for renewable energy and transmission planning.

The Energy Commission staff report, *Environmental and Land Use Information to Support the RETI 2.0 Process*, includes specific recommendations to refine and update existing environmental and land use information and data, and improve existing spatial support tools developed in collaboration with the Conservation Biology Institute (CBI). Staff held a public workshop on April 6, 2017 to introduce planned environmental data work on those recommendations and initiated the Environmental Information for Energy Planning Docket (17-MISC-03). The May 24, 2017 IEPR Lead Commissioner Workshop also discussed this current staff work and previous work on interactive data platforms supporting collaborative planning.

Agenda

Staff and CBI will present an update on environmental data assembly and online tool development to support statewide energy and transmission planning. CBI will provide a demonstration of online tool features and functionality in assessing user-defined areas of interest for potential environmental constraints and providing reports of modeled and land cover data. Staff will provide an overview of the case study approach to test the tool in various areas of the state.

Public Comment

Oral Comments: Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record.

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this workshop, please contact Scott Flint, Scott.Flint@energy.ca.gov or (916) 651-3774. For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Raquel Kravitz, IEPR project manager, by e-mail at raquel.kravitz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 651-8836.

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Availability of Documents

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