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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

FOOD PRODUCTION INVESTMENT
PROGRAM

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FOOD PRODUCTION
INVESTMENT
PROGRAM GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Food Production Investment Program, funded by Assembly Bill 109 (Statutes of 2017, Chapter 249) and administered by the California Energy Commission, provides grants to California's food processing industry to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by adopting advanced energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies at California food processing plants, and demonstrating the reliability and effectiveness of these technologies; and

WHEREAS, funding for the program comes from the California Climate Investments initiative (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) and all funded projects must reduce greenhouse gas emissions and further the purposes of Assembly Bill 32 and related amendments; and

WHEREAS, the *Food Production Investment Program Guidelines (FPIP Guidelines)*, developed pursuant to Assembly Bill 109 and Public Resources Code section 25218(e), provides details on how the California Energy Commission will administer the program and include information on program design, project selection and administrative requirements; and

WHEREAS, the development of the *FPIP Guidelines* has benefitted from four public workshops, multiple meetings with the California Food Processor's Working Group, as well as, 26 written comments submitted to public docket; and

WHEREAS, after considering all the materials and comments received, the California Energy Commission staff, with guidance and input from Lead Commissioner

for Research and Development Chair Weisenmiller, released the latest draft of the *FPIP Guidelines* on May 2, 2018. The *FPIP Guidelines* set forth the types of projects eligible for funding and administrative requirements; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission staff will develop solicitations and grants in the ensuing fiscal years to implement the Food Production Investment Program consistent with the *FPIP Guidelines*; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the adoption of the *FPIP Guidelines*, and concludes that the *FPIP Guidelines* is exempt from CEQA, either because it fits within activities categorically exempt from CEQA as a “actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state law or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment” (14 California Code of Regulations section 15308)) or because the action is exempt under the “common sense” exception (14 California Code of Regulations section 15061(b)(3)). The *FPIP Guidelines* proposes funding for categories of activities and other administrative procedures, but decisions to fund specific projects will be made by California Energy Commission at a future date through a competitive solicitation process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby finds the adoption of the *FPIP Guidelines* to be exempt from CEQA, under categorical exemption California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15308, actions by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment, and the common sense exemption, adopts *the FPIP Guidelines* with any errata approved at the May 9, 2018 Business Meeting, and authorizes the Executive Director or his designee to implement the Food Production Investment Program consistent with the *FPIP Guidelines*.

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 May 9, 2018.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Hochschild, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Original Signed by:

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Secretariat