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Notice of Staff Workshop Discussion on the California Energy Commission's Draft Guidelines for the Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to solicit public comment on the draft guidelines for the Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program (REAP). The workshop will be held on:

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
Charles Imbrecht Hearing Room
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Purpose:

Funded through California Climate Investments, REAP is being designed to advance the on-site use of renewable energy in agricultural operations in California with an emphasis on programs serving disadvantaged and low-income communities.

The workshop provides an opportunity for the public to comment on the draft guidelines for REAP. The draft guidelines, which will be posted publically prior to the workshop, describe the proposed program structure, eligibility criteria for selecting projects for funding, solicitation procedures, project implementation requirements, project reporting, and statutory requirements. Information gathered from the workshop will be considered in developing final guidelines.

Background

Assembly Bill 109 (Ting, Budget Act of 2017, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2017) provided \$6 million in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund monies to the Energy Commission to support renewable energy projects in the agriculture sector to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. To implement these efforts, the Energy Commission is developing REAP as a competitive grant program to support the installation of on-site renewable energy projects to serve agricultural operations located in California. The program will emphasize projects in disadvantaged communities and

low-income communities. The projects will serve local communities, benefit public health and reduce air pollution. For more information about REAP, please visit http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/18-MISC-03/.

Agenda

During the workshop, staff will provide information on the proposed program draft guidelines, including the proposed timeline, eligibility, project requirements, and funding levels. Staff will also welcome public comments during the meeting, and request written comments be provided afterwards. All documents and presentations for the meeting are at http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/18-MISC-03/documents/.

Public Comment

Oral comments: The Energy Commission will accept oral comments at the workshop. Comments may be limited to five 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 **5:00 p.m. on June 29, 2018**. Written comments will be also accepted at the workshop. The Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the website at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=18-MISC-03.

This will take you to the page for adding comments to this docket. Please enter your contact information, any organization name, and a comment title describing the subject of your comments. You may include comments in the box titled "Comment Text" or attach a file in a downloadable, **searchable format** in Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by emailing them (include the docket number 18-MISC-03 and **Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program** in the subject line) to the Docket Unit at docket@energy.ca.gov.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 18-MISC-03
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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