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REAP Draft Guidelines, Version 2

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Dear California Energy Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program (REAP) Draft Guidelines, Version 2.

In brief, we thoroughly support all elements of program design and we feel this program will be critical in building momentum toward a low-carbon cannabis industry. With these guidelines, REAP will provide the clarity, flexibility and financial support needed to motivate action in the nascent cannabis industry.

Resource Innovation Institute's non-profit mission is to advance resource efficiency to create a low-carbon cannabis future. We achieve our mission by advising governments, utilities and industry leaders on approaches to reduce impacts associated with cannabis energy, carbon, water and waste. Our vision is to inspire new platforms for innovation in sustainable agriculture. Our board members include senior representatives from American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) and California Cannabis Industry Association (CCIA).

Within a few days, in partnership with New Frontier Data, RII will publish *The Cannabis Energy Report*, the most comprehensive assessment of US cannabis energy (with emphasis on electricity) consumption since regulation of the adult use market began. We look forward to briefing your team on this report.

Thank you for your leadership and please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Derek Smith
Executive Director