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BUSINESS MEETING

BEFORE THE

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

In the Matter of: )  
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CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (CEC)

PARTIAL TRANSCRIPT  
ITEM #9

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
WARREN-ALQUIST STATE ENERGY BUILDING  
ART ROSENFELD HEARING ROOM, FIRST FLOOR  
1516 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

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## APPEARANCES

STATE LEADERSHIP PRESENT:

Janea Scott, Vice Chair  
J. Andrew McAllister, California Energy Commission  
Patty Monahan, California Energy Commission  
Karen Douglas, California Energy Commission

CEC STAFF PRESENT:

Hally Cahssai, California Energy Commission

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 NOVEMBER 13, 2019

10:00 A.M.

3 VICE CHAIR SCOTT: With that, the motion carries four  
4 to zero.

5 Next we will move on to Item 9, the Energy  
6 Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) Rulemaking, Docket Number  
7 18-OIR-02.

8 Hally, please.

9 MS. CAHSSAI: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name  
10 is Hally Cahssai, I'm with the Efficiency Division. And with  
11 me is Cory Irish from the chief counsel's office.

12 I'm here today to request adoption of resolution to  
13 repeal the Energy Conservation Assistance Act or ECAA  
14 regulations which are outdated and no longer relevant to  
15 administrating the ECAA program.

16 The ECAA program is a low interest and no interest  
17 loan program administered by the Energy Commission to provide  
18 loans to local government and public schools to fund energy  
19 efficiency and renewable energy projects. The program has  
20 been in existence for 30 years and has funded 882 projects.  
21 Currently there are \$165 million used for implementation for  
22 these projects and the funds are being repaid.

23 The program has resulted in local governments and  
24 public schools savings over \$45 million in annual energy

1 costs and a reduction of over 125,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per  
2 year. The program has also had a very successful repayment  
3 history with zero loan defaults and 100 percent of borrowed  
4 funds repaid.

5 The ECAA program was established in 1979 and ECAA  
6 regulations were adopted in 1983. Since 1979, the ECAA  
7 statutes has been revised and updated numerous times as the  
8 ECAA program as evolved. Most recently, Senate Bill 110 in  
9 2017 made further changes to the way the ECAA program is  
10 implemented. However, the 1983 ECAA regulations have never  
11 been revised and have not kept up with changes in statute.

12 Each section of the current regulations have now  
13 become either out of date, no longer relevant, or unnecessary  
14 for the administration of the program. Therefore, staff is  
15 proposing to repeal the ECAA regulations and use statutory  
16 authority and guidance to implement the program. Repealing  
17 the ECAA regulations will not affect how the ECAA program is  
18 currently implemented, nor will impact the time or resources  
19 needed to apply for a loan.

20 In addition, in compliance with the Administrative  
21 Procedures Act, staff held a 45-day comment period followed  
22 by public hearing. There were no comments received during  
23 the 45-day comment period. During the public hearing, we had  
24 one individual ask if the loans would be available for local  
25 governments and schools and we were able to confirm that the

1 program will continue as it has been as that information was  
2 part of the staff's presentation during the public hearing.

3 Staff has considered the application of the  
4 California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, to the  
5 proposed repeal and concluded that proposed repeal is exempt  
6 from CEQA because the proposed repeal will not affect how the  
7 ECAA program is implemented and therefore, it can be seen  
8 with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed  
9 repeal will have a significant effect on the environment.

10 Staff requests that the Commission adopt the  
11 resolution to repeal the outdated ECAA regulations which as  
12 stated previously will not impact how the program is run or  
13 nor the time or resources needed to apply for a loan.

14 Cory and I are available to answer any questions you  
15 may have. Thank you.

16 VICE CHAIR SCOTT: Thank you. Let me see if I have  
17 any public comment in the room. All right. How about any  
18 public comment on the phone?

19 Okay. With that, we'll close public comment on  
20 Item 9. Let me turn to commissioner discussion.

21 Commissioner McAllister.

22 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yes. This is pretty  
23 straightforward. You know, old rules that don't really need  
24 to be there and it's really just a good government thing.  
25 And, you know, even -- even the agencies that you might

1 expect to be like what? They're repealing rules? It's kind  
2 of been a big nothing burger.

3 So the ECAA program is so well run and has its own  
4 guidelines that really staff follow and we see that every  
5 meeting when we get stuff in front of us from -- through that  
6 program. So it's really self-sufficient on its own without  
7 these rules, without these regs. So very appropriate to  
8 clean things up and get rid of them.

9 So if there are no other comments, I'll move Item 9.

10 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Second.

11 VICE CHAIR SCOTT: All right. All those in favor.

12 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS: Aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Aye.

15 VICE CHAIR SCOTT: With that, the motion carries four  
16 to zero.

17 We will now move on to Item Number 10 which is --  
18 oops, Determination of Consistency of Integrated Resource  
19 Plans, IRP, with SB 350.

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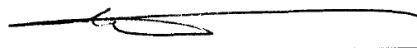
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