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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Request for Comments on Proposed Design
of the California Automated Permit
Processing (CalAPP) Program*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Proposed Design of the California
Automated Permit Processing
(CalAPP) Program

**Notice of Staff Workshop for the Proposed Design of the
California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program
January 12, 2022
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Remote Access Only**

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff are facilitating a workshop to solicit comments on the proposed program design and implementation of a solicitation for the California Automated Permit Processing (CalAPP) Program. The CalAPP program will provide grants to enable and support cities and counties to establish online solar permitting via the adoption of *SolarAPP+*. *SolarAPP+* is a standardized plan review software that can run compliance checks and process building permit approvals for eligible rooftop solar systems.

The workshop is being held remotely, consistent with AB 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) to improve and enhance public access to state agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time, and the end time is an estimate.

Agenda

Staff are presenting the CEC's proposed design and implementation plan for CalAPP's grant solicitation that includes information about eligible applicants, use of funding, and grant award structure. The workshop will include a question-and-answer session and an opportunity for public comment.

The agenda and a preliminary design proposal will be posted prior to the workshop on the [CalAPP Program webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/calapp) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/calapp> and to the CalAPP Program Docket.

Background

Senate Bill (SB) 129 (Skinner, Budget Act of 2021) authorized \$20 million from the General Fund to the CEC to support a grant program for cities, counties, or cities and counties to establish online solar permitting. The CEC expects to release a Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) in the first half of 2022 allowing applicants to apply for grant funding. Funds are available for encumbrance until June 30, 2023, and available for liquidation until June 30, 2027.

Remote Attendance

Remote access is available by internet or call-in options. Participants may join by logging in via [Zoom™](https://zoom.us/) at <https://zoom.us/>, entering the unique webinar ID and passcode for the workshop and following all prompts.

Program Workshop:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/92608631286?pwd=eDJ4ck9vNlIKDK3JFUFI3c1QvOGFCdz09>

Webinar ID: **926 0863 1286**

Webinar Password: **862230**

Use the “raise hand feature” to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

To participate by telephone, call toll-free at (651) 372-8299 or (877) 853-5257 (Toll Free). When prompted, enter the ID and passcode above. To comment, dial *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

If you experience difficulties joining, contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Attendees using a computer can access **Zoom’s closed captioning service** by clicking on the “live transcript” icon and then choosing either “show subtitle” or “view full transcript.” The closed captioning service can be stopped by closing out of the “live transcript” or selecting the “hide subtitle” icon. If using a phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. A transcript of the workshop, developed by a professional court reporter, will be docketed and posted.

Public Comment

Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop during a question-and-answer session. Additional comments may be provided at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. If participating via Zoom’s online platform, use the “raise hand” feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. If you are participating by telephone, press *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2022. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number **21-SOLAR-01** and **Staff Workshop CalAPP Program** in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

If preferred, a paper copy may be sent to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 21-SOLAR-01
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Sacramento, California 95814

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Direct general or technical subject inquiries to the Renewables Office at renewable@energy.ca.gov or (916) 805-7521.

Availability of Documents

Agendas, presentations, and other documents for this meeting will be available at the [CalAPP Program Docket Log](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the CalAPP Program list server. To receive these notices, subscribe at the [CalAPP Program webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/calapp), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/calapp>. You can also manage existing list servers or sign up for others at [CEC List Servers](https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html), at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html.

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