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IN THE MATTER OF:

2022 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (2022 IEPR Update) Docket No. 22-IEPR-04

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

RE: Centering Equity and Environmental Justice Throughout CEC Efforts

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10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Physical Location:

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Ventura Room

800 Hobson Way

Oxnard, CA 93030

(Wheelchair Accessible, Includes In-person Spanish Interpretation)

Complimentary Parking

Remote Option via Zoom™

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The California Energy Commission (CEC) is hosting a series of workshops for the public to help the CEC explore approaches to ensure meaningful community engagement and develop a framework to center equity and environmental justice (equity and environmental justice framework). This workshop will focus on addressing barriers to clean energy adoption and explore approaches to providing effective technical assistance at the local level to accelerate the state's transition to a clean energy future for all.

The CEC will dedicate this workshop to the memory of Carmen Ramirez, former Ventura County supervisor and environmental justice champion for the Central Coast. She recently passed away, leaving a legacy of leadership in California that will forever be appreciated and remembered.

This workshop is part of the 2022 IEPR Update proceeding. Vice Chair Siva Gunda is the CEC's Lead Commissioner for the 2022 IEPR Update. This will be a hybrid meeting consistent with Senate Bill 189 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 48, Statutes of 2022), with both a publicly accessible physical location and public access online or by phone through Zoom. A quorum of commissioners may participate, but no votes will be taken.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction provided below. Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time depending on various factors.

Attendance Instructions

In-person participants may join at Oxnard Performing Arts Center located at 800 Hobson Way, Oxnard, California, 93030, in the Ventura Room. If you need Spanish interpreting services, please ask a CEC staff member for guidance.

If participants choose to bring their own device to join the meeting via Zoom at the physical location in Oxnard, they must mute their system audio or not join the audio (audio will be provided through the onsite sound systems). This is necessary to avoid causing feedback that will disrupt the meeting.

Remote participants may join via Zoom by internet or by phone.

- To use Zoom's online platform, click on this link, https://energy.zoom.us/j/98214834303?pwd=eFBIWERWWIJBSIIJeGFQK0IzamxQQT09 or by logging in via Zoom™ at https://zoom.us/, entering the Webinar ID: 982 1483 4303 and passcode: IEPR2022, and following all prompts.
- To participate by telephone, call toll-free at (888) 475-4499 or toll at (669) 219-2599. When prompted, enter the **Webinar ID: 982 1483 4303** and **passcode: IEPR2022**.

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. While the closed captioning is available in real-time, it typically includes errors. A more accurate transcript of the workshop developed by a professional court reporter will be docketed and posted in a later timeframe.

For **Spanish interpreting services available via Zoom**, click on the Interpretation icon that resembles a globe and pick the Spanish language channel. Then click "Mute Original Audio" to reduce background noise.

Agenda

The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a morning and afternoon session. The morning session will be held from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m. The afternoon session will begin at 2:00 p.m. (The same webinar ID: **982 1483 4303** and passcode: **IEPR2022** apply to both sessions.)

In the morning, CEC staff will present background information and the fundamentals about the IEPR and discuss the equity and environmental justice framework. There will be a presentation of the California Environmental Protection Agency's Pollution and Prejudice story map that focuses on redlining practices that discriminated against communities of color and contributed to inequities and environmental injustice in California, along with a presentation of the California Tribal Gap Analysis, which helped identify needs and barriers faced by tribes. Local leaders will share their experiences organizing community to seek justice and fight climate change on the Central Coast.

In the afternoon, a panel of experts will discuss how they have activated local action for clean energy. There will also be a panel of experts discussing solutions to address gaps and barriers faced by tribes and communities through technical assistance and will explore regional hub approaches to support greater adoption of clean energy technologies for tribes and in harder-to-reach areas.

Opportunities for Q&A will be provided throughout the workshop with formal public comment at the end of each session.

A detailed meeting schedule will be posted prior to the workshop at <u>Docket No. 22-IEPR-04</u>, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-IEPR-04.

Background

As described in the <u>Scoping Order for the 2022 IEPR Update</u> at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=242747&DocumentContentId=76300, the CEC aims to establish a framework centering equity and environmental justice throughout all CEC efforts and relevant tools to help implement the framework.

Aligned with the state's commitment to a "California for All" agenda and as part of the CEC's current comprehensive effort called the Inclusion Diversity Equity and Access (IDEA) Initiative, the CEC will establish an equity and environmental justice framework to guide CEC activities. The IDEA Initiative focuses internally to improve the workplace and externally to improve programs. This framework will help the CEC continue removing barriers and increasing opportunities for all Californians to live with dignity and achieve prosperity regardless of race, income, or location. The framework will provide:

- Guidance for CEC leadership, divisions, and offices on how to prioritize equity and environmental justice in tribal and stakeholder engagement, regulatory decisionmaking, program development and implementation, investment decisions, policy analysis, and other practices.
- Baseline definitions for terms used by the CEC, including energy equity and the processes to be employed, along with benefits, non-energy considerations, and social costs.

• Recommendations for an outreach and engagement approach, improvements for existing efforts, and ways to create an action plan for future activities.

This workshop builds on the two prior 2022 IEPR Update regional workshops in California held on June 29, 2022, in the city of Imperial in the Salton Sea area and July 20, 2022, in the city of Bakersfield in the San Joaquin Valley. At those workshops, CEC staff announced that a draft of the framework would be available for public comment by the end of July. Staff now plan to make it available for comment in early September under separate notice.

The framework will be accompanied by an assessment mechanism and action plan. Conducting assessments will enable the CEC to help ensure our work is being completed with an equity and environmental justice lens. The CEC will complete the action plan after learning more from the assessments.

The CEC will also revisit the Energy Equity Indicators to determine whether the indicators should be updated, reimagined, or kept the same. The Energy Equity Indicators were developed in response to recommendations from the <u>SB 350 Barriers Study</u> at https://www.energy.ca.gov/rules-and-regulations/energy-suppliers-reporting/clean-energy-and-pollution-reduction-act-sb-350/sb, to help identify opportunities to improve access to clean energy technologies for low-income customers and disadvantaged communities, increase clean energy investment in those communities, and improve community resilience to grid outages and extreme events.

Public Comment

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the morning and afternoon sessions of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. Depending on the number of members of the public seeking to make a comment, the facilitator may adjust the total time allotted for public comment and the time allotted for each comment.

If participating via Zoom's online platform, use the "raise hand" feature to alert the administrator that you would like to make a comment after the lead commissioner opens the floor for public comment.

If participating by telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute. A workshop administrator will call on you by the last three digits of your phone number. Unmute your phone before introducing yourself and sharing your comment.

The Public Advisor may, upon the request of public participants who may be absent during the workshop when a matter of interest to them is being discussed, neutrally and publicly relate those participants' points to the CEC on behalf of the public. If you are interested in this service, please email concise comments, specifying your main points, before the start of the workshop to the Public Advisor at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov. Comments submitted after the workshop starts will be filed in the workshop docket.

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **September 21, 2022**.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page
https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=22-IEPR-04 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 consistent with title 20 of the California Code of Regulations, section 1208.1. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number **22-IEPR-04** and **Centering Equity and Environmental Justice Throughout CEC Efforts** 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. 22-IEPR-04
715 P Street
Sacramento, California 95814-5512

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.

Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor provides the public with assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information about how to participate in this workshop or to request interpreting services or other reasonable modification and accommodations, reach out by phone at (916) 957-7910 or via email at publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov. Requests for interpreting services, reasonable modifications, and accommodations should be made as soon as possible but at least five days in advance of the workshop. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on the availability of the service or resource requested.

Direct media inquiries to mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct technical subject inquiries to Katrina Leni-Konig at katrina.leni-koni@energy.ca.gov or (916) 957-7911.

Direct general inquiries regarding the IEPR proceeding to Raquel Kravitz at raquel.kravitz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 907-4284.

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available from the <u>IEPR webpage</u> at https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2022-integrated-energy-policy-report-update-0, or at <u>Docket No. 22-IEPR-04</u>, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-IEPR-04.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to the list subscriptions identified below. To receive these notices about the IEPR, subscribe at Integrated Energy Policy Report - IEPR | California Energy Commission, https://energy.ca.gov/data-reports/integrated-energy-policy-report. Manage existing list servers or sign up for others at CEC Subscriptions, at https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions.

Dated: Friday, August 19, 2022, at Sacramento, California

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