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*IN THE MATTER OF:*

*GFO-22-608 Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel:  
Demonstration- and Commercial-Scale  
Production Facilities Utilizing Forest Biomass*

Docket No. 22-TRAN-01

NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS  
WORKSHOP

RE: Pre-Application Workshop - GFO-  
22-608 Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel:  
Demonstration- and Commercial-Scale  
Production Facilities Utilizing Forest  
Biomass

**Notice of Pre-Application Workshop for Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel:  
Demonstration- and Commercial-Scale Production Facilities  
Utilizing Forest Biomass Solicitation**

**February 23, 2023**

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Remote Access Only (via Zoom)  
See instructions below.**

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will host a pre-application workshop for GFO-22-608 Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel: Demonstration- and Commercial-Scale Production Facilities Utilizing Forest Biomass solicitation. The solicitation is to support ultra-low-carbon fuel in two funding categories: demonstration-scale and commercial-scale production facilities utilizing forest biomass. The intent of this solicitation is to support ultra-low-carbon fuels that reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, decrease air pollution, prevent wildfires, and help achieve the state's climate change and clean air goals. The workshop will be held remotely.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time. No CEC commissioners are expected to attend.

**Agenda**

CEC staff will present information about the solicitation, and then conduct a question and answer session and public comment session.

Information to be provided will include:

- Solicitation Overview
- Eligible Applicants
- Application Components
- Application Evaluation Criteria
- Application Submittal

A detailed workshop agenda will be posted prior to the workshop within [CEC Docket Log 22-TRAN-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-TRAN-01), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-TRAN-01>.

## Background

CEC staff developed a grant funding opportunity that will provide up to \$9 million from the CEC's Clean Transportation Program to support ultra-low-carbon fuel in two funding categories: demonstration-scale and commercial-scale production facilities utilizing forest biomass.

In 2007, Assembly Bill (AB) 118, the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007, was signed into law. AB 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), created the Clean Transportation Program. The statute authorizes the CEC to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies to help attain the state's climate change and clean air goals. AB 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) reauthorized the Clean Transportation Program through January 1, 2024.

The CEC's Clean Transportation Program's FY 2021-23 Investment Plan Update (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2021/2021-2023-investment-plan-update-clean-transportation-program>), and [FY 2022-23 Investment Plan](https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2022/2022-2023-investment-plan-update-clean-transportation-program-0) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2022/2022-2023-investment-plan-update-clean-transportation-program-0>) dedicated \$10 million in fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 and \$10 million in FY 2022-23 under the Zero- and Near Zero-Carbon Fuel Production and Supply category. Currently, \$7 million in FY 2021-22 and \$10 million in FY 2022-23 funding remains. From these remaining funds, \$9 million has been allocated for this grant funding opportunity.

## Remote Attendance Instructions

The pre-application workshop may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or visiting [Zoom](https://join.zoom.us) at <https://join.zoom.us> and entering the ID and password for the workshop listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the CEC Public Advisor at [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

**Link to Workshop:** [Zoom](https://energy.zoom.us/j/87146329956?pwd=T002SlhDcUhhXcTNXTGRseGFndmNRdz09) at <https://energy.zoom.us/j/87146329956?pwd=T002SlhDcUhhXcTNXTGRseGFndmNRdz09>

**Workshop ID:** 871 4632 9956

**Workshop Password:** 569822

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.

**Participate by Telephone.** To join the meeting, dial (888) 475-4499 (toll-free) or (669) 219-2599 (toll). When prompted, enter the ID: 87146329956. To comment, dial \*9 to “raise your hand” and \*6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

**Zoom’s Closed Captioning Service.** At the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose “Show Subtitle” or “View Full Transcript” from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the “Live Transcript” or select “Hide Subtitle” from the pop-up menu. If joining by phone, closed captioning is automatic and cannot be turned off. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors.

### **Public Comment**

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [CEC’s e-filing system](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-TRAN-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=22-TRAN-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 (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

**Oral comments** will be accepted 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 participating by telephone, press \*9 to “raise your hand” and \*6 to mute/unmute.

**Written comments** may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **March 2, 2023**.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **22-TRAN-01** and “GFO-22-608 Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel Demonstration- and Commercial-Scale Production Facilities Utilizing Forest Biomass – Pre-Application Workshop” in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

A paper copy may be mailed to:

California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 22-TRAN-01  
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**Media Inquiries.** Email [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov) or call (916) 654-4989.

**Technical Subject Inquiries.** Email Kevyn Piper, Commission Agreement Officer, at [kevyn.piper@energy.ca.gov](mailto:kevyn.piper@energy.ca.gov).

**General Inquiries.** Email Kevyn Piper, Commission Agreement Officer, at [kevyn.piper@energy.ca.gov](mailto:kevyn.piper@energy.ca.gov).

**Availability of Documents.** Documents and presentations for this workshop will be available within [CEC Docket Log 22-TRAN-01](#), at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-TRAN-01>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Solicitations and Awards Announcements; Clean Transportation Program; Low Carbon Fuel Production; and Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group list subscriptions. Manage existing list subscriptions or sign up for others at [CEC List Subscriptions](#) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CNRA/signup/31719>.

Dated: [February 13, 2023](#), at Sacramento, California

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