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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 09-AAER-1A
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2008 Rulemaking on Appliance Efficiency)	Notice of Efficiency Committee
Regulations: California Code of Regulations,)	Workshop Regarding Landscape
Title 20, Section 1601 through Section 1608)	Irrigation Efficiency Standards
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Notice of Efficiency Committee Workshop

The California Energy Commission's (Energy Commission) Efficiency Committee (Committee) will hold a workshop to receive input from all interested parties on the scope of performance standards and labeling requirements for landscape irrigation equipment, including but not limited to, irrigation controllers, moisture sensors, emission devices, and valves to reduce consumption of energy or water. Commissioner Arthur Rosenfeld is the Presiding Member, and Commissioner Julia Levin is the Associate Member of the Efficiency Committee.

Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission or California Public Utilities Commission may attend and participate in this workshop. The hearing will be held on:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009
 10 a.m.
 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
 1516 Ninth Street
 First Floor, Hearing Room A
 Sacramento, California
 (Wheelchair Accessible)

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please call **888-469-1980** by 10:00 a.m.
Passcode: **Irrigation** Call Leader: **Lorraine White**

DOCKET
09-AAER-1A
DATE <u>MAR 13 2009</u>
RECD. <u>MAR 18 2009</u>

Purpose

The Committee scoping workshop will obtain public input regarding possible changes to Title 20 regarding efficiency of landscape irrigation equipment, under pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 1881 (Laird, Chapter 559, Statutes of 2006).

The Committee will take public comment on the proposed scope of the necessary efficiency standards and labeling requirements for landscape irrigation equipment to reduce consumption of energy or water and welcomes recommendations from all interested parties on specific equipment, key topics, and issues that should be addressed in this proceeding. Following the hearing, the Committee will issue a scoping order based on input received that defines the specific equipment to be regulated.

As the proceeding moves forward, the Committee will continue to solicit input on the key issues and encourages the active participation of all interested and affected parties in the developing proposed standards.

Background

The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 (AB 1881) requires the Energy Commission, in consultation with the Department of Water Resources, as far as funds are available, to adopt, by regulation, performance standards and labeling requirements by January 1, 2010, for landscape irrigation equipment, including irrigation controllers, moisture sensors, emission devices, and valves to reduce energy or water consumption.

On December 5, 2007, the Energy Commission approved an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) to amend the Appliance Efficiency Regulations. The OIR says the Committee may divide the rulemaking into phases and establish the scope of each phase appropriately and, in addition to specific appliances listed, indicated that the phases would potentially cover "other priority matters as determined by the Committee."¹ This workshop will consider the scope of possible amendments to the Appliance Efficiency Regulations (Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1601 through Section 1608), specifically to fulfill the requirements of the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 as part of Phase 2 of the OIR.

AB 1881 also requires the Department of Water Resources, not later than January 1, 2009, by regulation, to update the state Model Local Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance in accordance with specified requirements and requires local agencies, not later January 1, 2010, to adopt the updated model ordinance or its equivalent.

¹ "This rulemaking shall focus initially on (1) "general purpose lighting" in order to help meet the requirements of AB 1109 (Stats. 2007, ch. 534, enacting Pub. Resources Code, § 25402.5.4); (2) battery chargers; (3) updates and clarification; and(4) other priority matters as determined by the Committee. The Committee may divide the rulemaking into phases and shall establish (and may from time to time modify) the scope of each phase, following one or more scoping workshops and with appropriate attention to staffing needs and resources." [http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/2008rulemaking/documents/2007-12-05_ORDER.PDF]

Assembly Bill 662 (Rustin, Chapter 531, Statutes of 2007) requires the Energy Commission to establish minimum levels of water efficiency for appliances that require a significant amount of water on a statewide basis. Specifically, AB 662

1. Adds water efficiency to existing requirements that Energy Commission adopt, by regulation, minimum levels of operating efficiency for appliances.
2. Allows Energy Commission to prescribe cost-effective measures to promote the use of water-efficient appliances that use a significant amount of water statewide.

Hearing Participation

The Committee is seeks the active participation of interested parties in this proceeding. Interested parties are invited to participate before and during this hearing, and attendees are strongly encouraged to participate in discussions. If you wish to present your comments to the Committee at the hearing, you may contact Lorraine White at (916) 654-4075 or by e-mail at lwhite@energy.state.ca.us by Tuesday, March 24, 2009. Presentation requests received on the day of the workshop will be accommodated to the extent that time allows. The Committee will also take general comments from the public immediately following the presentations.

Comments

The Committee will take comments either orally at the workshop or through written comments. The Committee requests that written comments on hearing topics be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-AAER-1A and indicate "2009 Irrigation Equipment Performance Standards and Labeling Requirements Proceeding Scope" in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's name in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) to docket@energy.state.ca.us. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit at the address shown below.

Parties may also submit comments in hard copy. Please hand deliver or mail an original plus 10 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-AAER-1A
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

The service list for the 2009 Irrigation Equipment Performance Standards and Labeling Requirements Proceeding is handled electronically. Notices and document for these proceedings are posted to the Energy Commission website at [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/appliances/>]. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the appliance standards e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website <http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html>.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]. Technical questions should be directed to Lorraine White, at (916) 654-4075 or by e-mail at [lwhite@energy.state.ca.us].



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Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.