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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 09-IEP-1P
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Preparation of the)	NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP
<i>2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	RE: Terrestrial Carbon
<i>(2009 IEPR)</i>)	Sequestration Methods

Notice of Staff Workshop on the Potential of Terrestrial Carbon Sequestration Methods as Options for Climate Change Mitigation

In support of the *2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2009 IEPR)*, the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the ability of terrestrial sequestration methods to contribute to the 2020 goal of Assembly Bill 32 (Nuñez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006). Commissioners from the Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission may attend and participate. The workshop will be held:

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
9 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

DOCKET

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DATE May 26 2009

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Remote Attendance

Web Conferencing - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web conferencing system. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" section at the end of this notice.

Purpose

This workshop will be conducted as a public forum to discuss how different carbon sequestration methods in terrestrial ecosystems could be used in future cap and trade markets. The workshop will begin with discussions on the following terrestrial carbon sequestration methods: forestry management, range management, delta island management, biochar, agricultural management and afforestation methods. Our panel of speakers will then participate in an open discussion on how these methods may be regulated and how they can contribute to AB 32's 2020 goal.

Background

Terrestrial ecosystems have an important role to play in addressing climate change since they have the ability to both emit and sequester carbon dioxide (CO₂), a leading greenhouse gas (GHG) that contributes to climate change. Vegetation (trees, grasses, crops, etc.), through the process of photosynthesis, naturally absorb CO₂ from the atmosphere and store the gas as carbon in their biomass (leaves, roots, etc.). Carbon is also stored in the soil as soil organic matter. Forest, range and croplands can all be managed in specific ways that will increase carbon storage in biomass and in the soil. Terrestrial carbon sequestration methods were recognized by the Governor's Climate Action Team reports and by the California Air Resources Board in its Scoping Plan for AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act. However, there are some uncertainties regarding these methods. Vegetation can be disturbed, through events like fire, disease, pests or harvest, resulting in some of their stored carbon to decay over time and release CO₂ back into the atmosphere. In addition, there are challenges involved in regulating and quantifying the efficacy of terrestrial carbon sequestration methods.

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-IEP-1P and indicate Terrestrial Carbon Sequestration Methods in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original to:

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

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's 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 (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

Participants may also provide an original and ten copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Office 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 Elena Miller, Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@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.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this forum, please call Sarah Pittiglio, Energy Analyst, (916) 654-3962 or by e-mail at [spittigl@energy.state.ca.us]. For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Lynette Esternon-Green, IEPR project manager, by phone at (916) 653-2728 or by e-mail at [lesterno@energy.state.ca.us].

The service list for the *2009 IEPR* is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at [www.energy.ca.gov/2009_energypolicy/index.html]. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website [www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html].

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Mail Lists: Energy Policy, Climate Change

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