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Sacramento, California 95814Main website: www.energy.ca.gov

Notice of Staff Workshop on the State Energy Program Funding Allocation from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct workshops in various parts of the state to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provisions as they pertain to the disbursement of funds for specific energy related projects. The workshops will focus on the State Energy Program (SEP) including program description and objectives, funding levels, United States Department of Energy (DOE) guidance, Energy Commission preliminary funding program areas, and timelines for providing input into developing guidelines and design of energy programs.

These workshops are intended to inform the public and various stakeholders of the broad energy program funding areas under development and the timetable for how the public and stakeholders can assist the Energy Commission with developing guidelines. At the workshop, energy programs and activities to support energy efficiency retrofits for residential and non-residential applications including clean energy systems and green force work development will be discussed. All three workshops will follow the same agenda and address the same issues. Commissioners from the California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission may be in attendance at the workshops.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
21865 Copley Drive
Auditorium
Diamond Bar, California
(All locations are Wheelchair Accessible)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

UCSF FRESNO CENTER FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
155 N. Fresno Street
Auditorium
Fresno, California

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California

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Remote Attendance

Webcast – Where available, presentations and audio from these meetings will be broadcast over the Internet through Windows Media. For details, please go to [\[www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/).

Where possible, webcast participants will be able to submit questions on areas of interest to be addressed by workshop participants via email during the meetings at [\[sep@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:sep@energy.state.ca.us).

Purpose

These workshops will examine the broad energy program funding areas under development and the timetable for how the public and stakeholders can assist the Energy Commission with developing guidelines. At the workshop, energy programs and activities to support energy efficiency retrofits for residential and non-residential applications, including clean energy systems and workforce development will be discussed. The Energy Commission is very interested in obtaining feedback on these initial potential funding program areas and the types of projects that may fall in these funding areas.

Additionally, the Energy Commission staff will present and explain the following program activity areas for evaluating future proposals that include: 1) effectiveness in stimulating and creating or retaining green jobs in California; 2) achieve lasting and measureable energy benefits consistent with the “Loading Order” priority of energy efficiency and clean energy systems; 3) expend money efficiently, with accountability and minimal administrative burden; 4) contribute to meeting California’s energy policy goals as defined by the Energy Commission’s *Integrated Energy Policy Report*, California Air Resources Board’s *AB 32 Scoping Plan* and other relevant policy documents; and, 5) leverage other federal, state, local and private financing to sustain the economy. A detailed agenda will be provided in advance of all workshops.

Background

The ARRA will provide nationally \$787 billion in economic investment. The goals of ARRA are to jump start the economy and create jobs for Americans.

The Energy Commission is expected to administer three programs that include: the State Energy Program for approximately \$226 million; the Energy Efficiency and Conservation and Block Grant Program (BlockGrant) for approximately \$49.6 million; and the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program estimated at approximately \$30 million.

In addition, there is more than \$37 billion available nationwide that the United States DOE will administer through competitive grants and other financing for energy- and climate change-related programs. The Energy Commission will work with other state agencies, utilities, and other public and private entities to identify ways to leverage these funds for California projects.

Please note that other workshops will focus on guidelines and funding criteria for Energy Block Grant funds and the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. If you have not yet signed up for the Energy Commission's list server on the recovery program please do so at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery].

Written 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 (PDF) to [sep@energy.state.ca.us].

Written comments on the workshop topics may be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2009. Comments on paper should be hand delivered or mailed to:

California Energy Commission
Special Projects Office, MS-23
Re: SEP Workshop
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

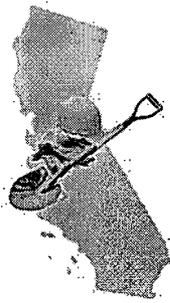
Public Participation

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 [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].

Mail Lists: Recovery List Server

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



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Public comments can also be sent to the California Energy Commission's recovery website at: eecbq@energy.state.ca.us

Public Workshop on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: U.S. Department of Energy – State Energy Program Funds

May 4, 2009 – Diamond Bar (LA Area) • May 6, 2009 – Fresno • May 7, 2009 – Sacramento

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome | 5 minutes |
| 2. Overview and Timeline | 15 minutes |
| 3. Non-residential and Small Business | |
| • Overview | 10 minutes |
| • Q&A | 35 minutes |
| 4. Residential | |
| • Overview | 10 minutes |
| • Q&A | 35 minutes |
| 5. Green Jobs | |
| • Overview | 10 minutes |
| • Q&A | 35 minutes |
| 6. General Q&A | |
| 7. Closing Comments | |

Note that the agenda and discussion topics will be the same for all three locations. Public comments can also be sent to the California Energy Commission's recovery website at: sep@energy.state.ca.us