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Preparation of the)	NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP
<i>2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	
<i>(2009 IEPR)</i>)	

Staff Workshop on Energy and Land Use Issues and Opportunities

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As part of the *2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report* (IEPR), the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct a workshop to examine issues and opportunities to assist local governments to become more energy and resource efficient and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through better land use planning. While this is a staff workshop, Commissioners from the Energy Commission may attend and participate in the workshop. The workshop will be held:

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009
9 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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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

The 2009 IEPR Scoping Order identified that this *IEPR* will:

1. Evaluate the impacts of state-level policy and legislative changes since publication of the *2007 IEPR* on local decision-making related to land use, energy consumption, and climate change. Particular focus will be on the role that

state government can play in statewide land use, energy, and GHG policy and coordination.

2. Examine how state-level policies, programs and actions can assist local decision-makers in implementing and promoting energy efficiency and GHG emission reductions.
3. Examine how local governments can contribute to energy efficient land use planning and be energy/water/resource-efficient. This will include exploring strategies to encourage more infill development in existing communities as well as energy and resource efficient material production and design approaches.
4. Identify the need for research activities to support implementation of SB 375 and other state land use policy goals.

The purpose of the workshop is to develop policy recommendations in the 2009 IEPR to encourage energy and resource efficiency and reduced GHGs through the integration of energy, transportation, and land use planning. The workshop will explore the nexus of recent land use related legislation, energy use, and GHGs from a regional and local perspective, a private sector perspective, and from a state agency perspective. The workshop will culminate with a panel discussion to identify opportunities for the state to assist local and regional governments and the private sector in terms of prioritizing the implementation of planning processes and documents. In addition, the panel will discuss potential future funding sources and current resources.

Questions that will be asked include:

Regional and Local Perspective: Given the new state directives to reduce GHG, what assistance do local governments need and expect from the state?

Private Sector Perspective: What barriers does the private sector face in the design and construction of communities which use little energy and which reduce the need to drive? How can the barriers be overcome?

State Land Use Policy: What implications does SB 375 have on local and regional government's planning requirements relating to land use and reducing energy and statewide GHG emissions? What is each agency's role?

State Assistance to Local and Regional Agencies: How can the State assist local and regional agencies in implementing the new requirements? What is the optimal sequencing of the planning processes?

Background

The *2007 IEPR* recognized the need to establish a strategic planning process with local governments and regional planning organizations in order to identify and reduce energy and GHG emissions by facilitating energy efficiency and land use planning. Since the

publication of the *2007 IEPR*, the state has made progress in tying local and regional planning efforts to energy and GHG reductions.

The Climate Action Team established the Land Use Subcommittee that focused on identifying existing programs and developing new cross-cutting land use strategies that could be adopted by state agencies for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Significant state legislation, in the form of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) and Senate Bill 732 (Steinberg, Chapter 729, Statutes of 2008) create new responsibilities for land use and resources. SB 375 creates regional targets for GHG emissions. This is tied to land use and require regional planning agencies to meet the targets by creating a “Sustainable Communities Strategy” as part of the Regional Transportation Plan. The Regional Transportation Plan must consider land use planning, transportation policies and transportation investments. SB 732 recognized the need for State Agencies to coordinate funding activities and programs and to recommend policies, investment strategies, and priorities to the governor, legislature, and appropriate state agencies. In addition, the California Department of Transportation’s Regional Blueprint Planning Program is helping local agencies and stakeholder groups collaborate on smart growth goals. Further, the California Air Resources Board’s Scoping Plan lays out an aggressive vision for avoiding GHG emissions through local government land use decisions which lead to reduced energy use.

Sustainable land use planning offers California a wealth of other benefits as well. It can drive economic development, prevent the destruction of agricultural lands, encourage the efficient use of both energy and water, improve public health and reduce the number of vehicle miles travelled by Californians. Local governments and regional agencies have taken the lead achieving these goals through individual and collective action.

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by 5 p.m. on August 1, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-IEP-1N and indicate **2009 IEPR – Energy and Land Use** 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-1N
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by electronic mail (e-mail). Please include your name or organization’s in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by e-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 Dockets Office.

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 Office and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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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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