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In the matter of:)	Docket No. 09-OII-1
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Order Instituting Informational Proceeding)	NOTICE OF STAFF
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)	PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Informational Workshop

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and State Energy Programs

California Energy Commission staff will conduct an informational workshop to discuss the status of proposed funding areas for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program and State Energy Program (SEP), from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Staff will seek public and stakeholder comment on the proposed guidelines for both programs. Commissioners may attend and participate in this public workshop. The workshop will be held:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2009

1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

John Ferraro Council Chamber
Room 340, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance

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

DOCKET
09-OII-1
DATE <u>8/28/2009</u>
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Purpose

This workshop will discuss with stakeholders the Energy Commission's schedule and proposed funding areas for the EECBG and SEP programs to be administered by the Energy Commission. The workshop will also offer stakeholders an opportunity to learn about the proposed guidelines and funding areas for both programs. The funding areas include green workforce development; California Department of General Service's energy efficiency retrofits for state buildings; use of the Energy Commission's existing Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA) account for low interest rate loans (1 percent) for local jurisdiction energy saving projects; grants for energy saving projects, a clean energy program to support combined heat and power systems, distributed generation and energy product manufacturing; and energy efficiency retrofits for commercial and residential facilities.

Background

On June 3, 2009, the Energy Commission adopted an order instituting an informational proceeding to gather information to develop guidelines that will govern the administration and award of federal funds received pursuant to ARRA.

ARRA provides \$787 billion nationally in economic investment to stimulate the economy and create jobs. The Energy Commission is administering two programs (and possibly more in the future), the EECBG for \$49.6 million and the SEP for \$226 million.

The guidelines focus on the Energy Commission's implementation of the EECBG Program and the SEP and describe program objectives, eligibility requirements and limitations, available funding, evaluation criteria, and administrative procedures that apply to funding. The Energy Commission will consider approval of the final guidelines at a Business Meeting in September, 2009.

The Energy Commission's guidelines are part of a public process in coordination with the state's energy agencies, local governments, utilities, interested stakeholders, and members of the public. To the extent possible, the guidelines have been developed on an expedited basis consistent with the purposes of ARRA and Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order S-02-09, which created the Federal Economic Stimulus Task Force.

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics may be submitted by 5 p.m. on September 8, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-OII-1 and indicate Order Instituting Informational Proceeding – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 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-OII-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization 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 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 would like information on how to participate in this forum, please contact Elena M. 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 contact John Sugar, Manager of the Special Projects Office at (916) 654-4563 or via e-mail at [jsugar@energy.state.ca.us].

Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery]. 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 updates and notices to sign up for the List Server at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery].

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REGISTRATION

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2. Click the "Register" button at the bottom of the page.
3. Provide your information as requested.

4. You will receive a confirmation email message that contains the details to join the event.

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WebEx attendees will be able to submit questions on areas of interest during the meeting to be addressed by workshop participants via email at [\[recovery@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:recovery@energy.state.ca.us).

Mail Lists: Recovery List Server

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