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In the matter of the Design of the New Solar	)	Docket No. 06-NSHP-1
Homes Partnership	)	
	)	Notice of Staff Workshop
_____	)	RE: New Solar Homes Partnership

## Staff Workshop on Proposed Revisions to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss proposed revisions to the *New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP) Guidebook*. While this is a staff workshop, Commissioners of the Energy Commission are interested in facilitating this form of public and stakeholder participation, and may attend the meeting.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011**  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Hearing Room A  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)

**DOCKET**

**06-NSHP-1**

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<http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/notices/index.html>

### Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to solicit comments from interested parties on proposed revisions to the *NSHP Guidebook*.

The anticipated revisions encompass several aspects of the program, including the need to clarify and streamline the NSHP requirements with respect to the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards). Other proposed revisions include: 1) changes to the timeframe for when a solar permit must be issued, 2) a revised incentive decline schedule based on the energy efficiency of the project, 3) the inclusion of affordable housing common area projects in the market-rate housing incentive decline schedule, and 4) clarification and streamlining of the NSHP Guidebook language and requirements.

## **Background**

The Energy Commission's NSHP is part of a comprehensive statewide solar program known as the California Solar Initiative. The NSHP provides financial incentives to encourage the installation of eligible solar energy systems on new residential construction. The NSHP is focusing efforts on new residential buildings and seeks to achieve 400 megawatts of distributed solar photovoltaic electricity generation by the end of 2016.

Since the program began in 2007, Energy Commission staff has received many comments from stakeholders to streamline the program. The proposed changes to the Guidebook intend to streamline and simplify the program.

## **Written Comments**

Written comments on the proposed Guidebook revisions must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2011. Please include the docket number 06-NSHP-1 and indicate *Staff Workshop on the Proposed Revisions to the NSHP Guidebook* in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an **original copy** to:

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 06-NSHP-1  
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 attached comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us] and [lqnguyen@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

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.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please call Le-Quyen Nguyen at (916) 654-4650, or by e-mail at [ [lqnguyen@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:lqnguyen@energy.state.ca.us) ].

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Date: September 12, 2011

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