



California Energy Commission
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Re: Docket No. 13-IEP-1C/1L
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

March 5, 2013

Comments of the California Biodiesel Alliance on the *Lead Commissioner Workshop on Economic, Demographic, and Energy Price Inputs for Electricity, Natural Gas and Transportation Fuel Demand Forecasts*

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

The California Biodiesel Alliance (CBA) is a not-for-profit trade association promoting the increased use and production of high quality, renewable biodiesel fuel in California. CBA membership includes California producers, feedstock providers, marketers and other stakeholders.

It is important to CBA that information gathered about biodiesel demand forecasts be done in conjunction with our industry. CBA believes that we are making good progress in working with the Energy Commission toward that goal and is encouraged by that.

We believe that the metrics analysis from the 2011 IEPR Benefits Section is good and needs to be expanded upon, and feel strongly that those metrics need to be applied in making AB118 funding decisions. CBA agrees with Commission staff that the development and use of program metrics are integral parts of benefits assessment and reporting, and we feel that because metrics are not currently being utilized to evaluate proposed budget allocations, the biodiesel allocation in the AB118 program is significantly under funded and CBA would like to see that corrected as soon as possible. We understand that metrics are being developed and look forward to seeing these metrics included in the 2013 IEPR Benefits Section.

I'd like to point out that biodiesel is the lowest cost, commercially available low carbon fuel on the market today. It can be produced from diverse low impact feedstocks grown in California, creating in-state jobs.

We look forward to continuing to work with staff and appreciate your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joe Gershen