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In the matter of,	)	Docket No. 16-OIR-02
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Senate Bill 350 Study on Barriers to Low	)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
Income Customers to Renewable	)	
Technologies and Energy Efficiency	)	RE: Senate Bill 350 Barriers Study
Investment	)	

## Notice of Energy Commission Workshop Regarding Barriers of Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities to Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The California Energy Commission will conduct a workshop to gather input on barriers faced by low-income and disadvantaged communities to investing in energy efficiency and weatherization, installing solar photovoltaic and other renewable generating resources, and contracting opportunities for small businesses. This input will be included in the "Senate Bill 350 Barriers Study," required by the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (De León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015).

Energy Commission Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller will preside over the discussion and will be joined by Commissioners Karen Douglas, David Hochschild, Andrew McAllister, and Janea Scott. Commissioners and executive officers of other agencies may also attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of commissioners from the Energy Commission will be in attendance and a quorum of commissioners from the California Public Utilities Commission may attend, but no votes will be taken. The workshop will be held:

**Friday, August 12, 2016**

9:00 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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## **Background**

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 (SB 350) on October 7, 2015. The bill establishes new energy efficiency and renewable electricity targets by 2030 to support California's long-term climate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

The bill also finds that there is insufficient understanding of the barriers for low-income and disadvantaged communities to access energy efficiency investments, solar photovoltaic energy generation, weatherization, other forms of renewable generation, and contracting opportunities. For this reason, SB 350 directs the Energy Commission to complete and publish a study by January 1, 2017, on the following topics:

- Barriers to and opportunities for solar photovoltaic energy generation as well as barriers to and opportunities for access to other renewable energy by low-income customers.
- Barriers to contracting opportunities for local small businesses in disadvantaged communities.
- Barriers for low-income customers to energy efficiency and weatherization investments, including those in disadvantaged communities, as well as recommendations on how to increase access to energy efficiency and weatherization investments to low-income customers.

## **Agenda**

This workshop will include panel and roundtable discussions focused on barriers and recommendations to increase access to renewable energy, energy efficiency, and small business contracting opportunities in disadvantaged communities.

A schedule of participants will be provided prior to the workshop.

## **Public Comment**

**Oral Comments:** The Energy Commission will accept oral comments during the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

**Written Comments:** Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2016**. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

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California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 16-OIR-02  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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The service list for the *350 Barriers Report* is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-OIR-02>. When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the e-mail listserv. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the listserv through the website at [www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html). The listserv is titled "SB 350 Barriers Report List Serve."

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Date: August 1, 2016



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Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller  
California Energy Commission

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