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Lead Commissioner Workshop)	RE: Geothermal Grant and Loan
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Notice of Lead Commissioner Workshop

The Renewable Energy Lead Commissioner for the California Energy Commission, David Hochschild, will conduct a workshop on the Energy Commission's efforts to support and advance the integration of geothermal energy resources in California through the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program.

The Energy Commission's Geothermal Grant and Loan Program Past, Present & Future: A Conversation with Geothermal Stakeholders

Wednesday, April 19, 2017
1:00 p.m.

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1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
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Agenda

This workshop will provide an opportunity for stakeholders interested in the efforts of the Energy Commission's Geothermal Grant and Loan Program to discuss the evolution of the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program over the last 36 years, the status of geothermal development and utilization in California, and opportunities to expand and support the use of geothermal energy throughout the state.

The agenda will include the following:

- A brief overview of the Energy Commission's Geothermal Grant and Loan Program

- Presentations from current and former grant recipients highlighting success stories and project highlights
- A review of geothermal resources in California
- Open discussion with Commissioner Hochschild, Legislators, and Stakeholders

A final agenda will be posted prior to the workshop.

Background

Geothermal energy is a significant source of renewable energy in California. Based on 2010 exploration and production technologies, a conservative estimate is that California has the potential for at least 4000 megawatts of additional utility-scale power from geothermal energy. In addition, California has widely distributed lower temperature resources potentially suitable for other uses. The Energy Commission has a long history of promoting the development of geothermal energy resources and technologies.

The Energy Commission's Geothermal Grant and Loan Program is one of the Commission's longest operating funding programs, providing much-needed financial assistance for geothermal-related projects in California since its authorization by the Legislature in 1980. Also known as the GRDA Program after its Geothermal Resources Development Account funding source, the program provides financial assistance to eligible public and private entities for projects and activities that:

- Promote research into and development of California's vast geothermal energy resources;
- Mitigate adverse impacts that may be caused by geothermal development; and
- Help local jurisdictions offset the costs of providing public services delivered by geothermal development.

For more information on the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program and funded projects, please visit the program webpage at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/geothermal/grda.html>.

Additional resources related to geothermal energy in California are available on the Energy Commission webpage at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/geothermal/background.html>.

Public Comment

Oral comments. The Lead Commissioner for Renewable Energy will accept oral comments during the workshop. Time allotted for each commenter may be limited. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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Availability of Documents

A detailed agenda for this workshop will be available online by April 17, 2017, at: www.energy.ca.gov/geothermal/grda_workshops/. Workshop presentations will also be made available online at www.energy.ca.gov/geothermal/grda_workshops/.

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