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Notice of Staff Workshop Discussion on the California Energy Commission's Proposed Implementation of the Food Production Investment Program

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public workshop to present preliminary program information and solicit public comment on the proposed Food Production Investment Program (FPIP), including proposed program implementation. During this workshop, staff will also provide a brief introduction to a proposed grant program to advance the use of renewable energy in agricultural operations located in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). Commissioners may attend and participate. The workshop will be held on:

Friday, February 16, 2018

Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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1516 9th Street

First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

The workshop provides an opportunity for the public to learn about the preliminary program structure for the FPIP. Information and recommendations gathered as a result of the workshop will inform the FPIP and future energy research needed for the food production industry to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition, staff will provide a brief overview of a proposed grant program to support the installation of cost-effective, on-site renewable energy projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural operations located in California DACs. Program implementation will be on a similar timeframe and will coordinate with the FPIP. Additional workshop(s) specific to the renewable energy in agricultural grant program will be conducted in the first quarter of 2018 to discuss program information and design.

Background

With the recent passage of Assembly Bill 109 (Ting, Budget Act of 2017, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2017), the Energy Commission was provided \$66 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF). Of this amount, \$60 million is to be used to provide grants, loans, or financial incentives to food processors to implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and \$6 million is to support renewable energy projects in the agriculture sector. For more information, please visit the FPIP webpage at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/fpip/>.

Agenda

Staff will provide information on the proposed program implementation, including the proposed timeline, eligibility, project requirements, and incentives. There will be an opportunity to provide public comments at the meeting. The schedule will be posted online at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/notices/index.html>.

Public Comment

Oral comments: The Energy Commission will accept oral comments at the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. 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 February 28, 2018. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

The Energy Commission is using an electronic commenting system for the Food Production Investment Program. Visit our website at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=18-MISC-01> to add comments to the **Food Production Investment Program, 18-MISC-01** docket. Please enter your contact information and comment title. You may include comments in the box titled "Comment Text" or attach a file with your comments. Attached comments must be in a Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) formatted file.

The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system, but written comments may also be submitted by emailing them to the Dockets Office, or by U.S. Mail to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 18-MISC-01
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If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the appropriate docket number on any emailed or written comments. Comments may be emailed to docket@energy.ca.gov.

Please note that your electronic, emailed, written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (for example, address, phone, and email) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and other search engines.

Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this workshop, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Matthews, by email at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Poneh Jones by email at poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4425 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office by email at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions specific to the proposed FPIP, please contact Mark Kootstra by email at mark.kootstra@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 445-5299. For more information, please visit the FPIP webpage at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/fpip/>.

Questions specific to the proposed grant program for renewable energy in agricultural operations can be directed to Geoffrey Dodson by email at geoffrey.dodson@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 654-5171.

Notices and documents for this workshop are posted to the Energy Commission website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/notices/index.html>.

Remote Attendance

You may participate in this meeting through WebEx, the Energy Commission's online meeting service. Presentations will appear on your computer screen, and you may listen to the audio via your computer or telephone. Please be aware that the meeting may be recorded.

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/notices/index.html>.

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- EPIC listserv
- Naturalgas listserv
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