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<b>Investment Charge Program</b>	)	<b>RE: Research Needs for Thin-film</b>
	)	<b>Photovoltaic Technologies</b>

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## Notice of Staff Workshop

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a scoping workshop to identify research needs and opportunities for thin-film solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and new high-value applications:

**September 7, 2018**

9:00 AM

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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### Background

The 2018-2020 Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Triennial Investment Plan under Strategic Initiative 4.1.1 “Advance the Material Science, Manufacturing Process, and In-Situ Maintenance of Thin-film PV Technologies” identified the need to facilitate technological advancements in thin-film solar PV systems, enable scaling while addressing constraints in cell efficiency, supply chain, materials scarcity and toxicity, and to create new market applications for thin-film PV technologies with unique properties to increase renewables penetration and to lower the levelized cost of energy (LCOE).

The Energy Commission plans to release a solicitation under the 2018-2020 EPIC Triennial Investment Plan to address the challenges faced by conventional thin-film PV technologies, including cadmium telluride, copper indium gallium selenide, and amorphous silicon, and emerging thin-film PV technologies, including perovskites,

organic/polymer, quantum dots, and III-V multi-junction solar cells. The purpose of this scoping workshop is to solicit feedback from stakeholders, experts, and general public to determine how the Energy Commission funding could leverage existing research efforts aiming to advance market readiness of thin-film technologies, reduce levelized cost of electricity (LCOE), and increase solar energy penetration in California.

## Agenda

The Energy Commission plans to discuss the following topics at this workshop to inform implementation of the 2018-2020 EPIC Triennial Investment Plan:

1. Overview of the purpose and objectives of the future Energy Commission solicitation addressing Strategic Initiative 4.1.1. “Advance the Material Science, Manufacturing Process, and In-Situ Maintenance of Thin-film PV Technologies.”
2. Prospective research concepts and strategies to support advancements of thin-film PV technologies, extend their application range while increasing LCOE equivalence between PV systems and conventional sources of electricity.
3. Expert opinion on research needs, performance metrics, and economic viability of conventional and emerging thin-film PVs in support of growth of their share on solar market.

## Public Comment

**Oral comments.** Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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### **Availability of Documents**

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