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*IN THE MATTER OF:*

Notice of Gas R&D Workshop

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOPRE: NATURAL GAS RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT (R&D)**Notice of Gas R&D Workshop****Session I: California Energy Commission Staff Presentation - Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives for Fiscal Year 2022-23****Session II: Contractor Presentation - Establishing a Long-Term Natural Gas Research Strategy to Achieve Aggressive Statewide Carbon Neutrality Goals****January 19, 2022**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-access workshop that is structured into two sessions. In Session I staff will discuss the Public-Interest Natural Gas Research and Development (Gas R&D) Program's proposed energy-related gas research initiatives for fiscal year (FY) 2022-23. In Session II, Guidehouse, a contractor, will provide an update on the development of a Long-Term Natural Gas Research Strategy that will inform future Gas R&D Program investments.

Commissioners may attend the workshop, but no votes will be taken.

This meeting will be held remotely, consistent with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) to improve and enhance public access to state meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options. There will be opportunities for public comment. Instructions for remote participation via Zoom are below.

Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time depending on various factors.

Agenda Session I: Discuss Proposed Gas R&D Initiatives for FY 2022-23

This workshop session will discuss future research and budget requests for the FY 2022-23 Gas R&D Program. Public comment on the proposed research initiatives can be filed in the [Gas R&D Docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=16-PIER-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=16-PIER-01>. Feedback from the workshop will assist CEC staff in developing the proposed Gas R&D research plan for FY 2022- 23, which will be presented to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for final approval later this year.

A detailed meeting agenda and the FY 2022-23 Natural Gas Proposed Research Initiatives will be posted later at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=16-PIER-01>.

Agenda Session II: Contractor Presentation - Establishing a Long-Term Natural Gas Research Strategy to Achieve Aggressive Statewide Carbon Neutrality Goals

In this workshop session, CEC contractor, Guidehouse, will discuss long-term gas research strategies to help decarbonize California by 2045. Recommendations from Session II will inform future research on technology development, deployment, and demonstration in the CEC's Gas R&D Program to help transition to a net-zero carbon gas system.

Background

In 2004, the CPUC designated the CEC as the administrator for the gas research fund (Decision 04-08-010), which includes surcharges from fossil gas consumers who receive gas services from public utility gas corporations. The gas research fund supports public interest research and development through the Gas R&D Program, which the CEC evaluates on an annual basis by preparing a proposed budget. Staff will discuss research initiatives in this year's proposed budget for gas research areas including energy efficiency, targeted gas system decommissioning, decarbonization of gas end uses, and entrepreneur development. The CEC is required to submit the proposed research initiatives to CPUC for approval by March 31 of each year.

In response to CPUC Resolution G-3546, the CEC is examining the long-term research strategy for gas use in California within the context of the state's renewable energy and carbon neutrality goals. A study was initiated in 2021 to develop a long-term gas research strategy to help decarbonize California by 2045. The strategy is expected to provide prioritized research recommendations for all stages in the gas supply chain (production, transmission, storage, and distribution for low carbon fuels) and end use sectors, except for utility-scale power generation.

Remote Attendance Instructions

The meeting may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or [Zoom](https://join.zoom.us), <https://join.zoom.us>, by entering the Meeting ID and password for the workshop listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office via publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov or by phone at (916) 957-7910.

Link to Workshop:

<https://energy.zoom.us/j/97106566119?pwd=UmYzbnA1TnpDcGlIV3ZydjR5SGYzUT09>

Workshop ID: 971 0656 6119

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Use the “raise hand feature” to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

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Zoom’s closed captioning service will be enabled for the meeting. Attendees can use the service by clicking on the “live transcript” icon and then choosing either “show subtitle” or “view full transcript.” The closed captioning service can be stopped by closing out of the “live transcript” or selecting the “hide subtitle” icon. Those connected by phone do not have the option to stop closed captioning after it is enabled.

Public Comment

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of each session of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. If participating via Zoom’s online platform, use the “raise hand” feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. If you are participating by telephone, press *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute. See detailed remote attendance instructions above.

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2022. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/e-filing-and-e-commenting>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 16-PIER-01 and FY 22-23 Gas R&D Budget Plan Workshop in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

A paper copy may be sent to:

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Docket Unit, MS-4
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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at a later date.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Natural Gas list serve. To receive these notices, subscribe at [Natural Gas Program | California Energy Commission](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/natural-gas-program) page, <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/natural-gas-program>. Manage existing list serves or sign up for others at [CEC List Servers](https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html), https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html.

Dated 5th of January 2022, at Sacramento, California

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