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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 13-IEP-1M
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<i>2013 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	WORKSHOP
<i>(2013 IEPR)</i>)	RE: Bioenergy development
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Notice of Staff Workshop on Status of Bioenergy Development in California

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the status of bioenergy development in California and the challenges in developing bioenergy. Public input from this workshop will inform the development of the *2013 Progress-to-Plan for the Bioenergy Action Plan*.

The Energy Commission is seeking input from stakeholders, industry experts, and the public on possible recommendations to address challenges to development of bioenergy. Biomethane challenges will not be discussed at this workshop. The Energy Commission will be holding a separate workshop on May 31, 2013 to discuss the challenges to procuring biomethane.

Although this is a staff workshop, Commissioners may attend and participate.

June 3, 2013

9:00 a.m.

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Background

In 2006, then Governor Schwarzenegger issued Executive Order S-06-06. Under this order, the Energy Commission is required to “report to the Governor and the State Legislature through its Integrated Energy Policy Report, and [biennially] thereafter, on progress made in achieving sustainable biomass development in California.” This order remains active until repealed.

The Energy Commission participates as a member of the Bioenergy Interagency Working Group (BIWG), which is chaired by Natural Resource Deputy Secretary Ann Chan. The purpose of this group is to promote the development of sustainable bioenergy projects and secure the environmental and societal benefits of these projects for the state.

From 2010 through the end of 2011, staff worked with state agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties to identify and address the challenges facing the bioenergy industry in California. In 2011, the California Energy Commission adopted the *2011 Bioenergy Action Plan*, which provides a detailed description of the challenges to the industry and an initial state action plan. In 2012, staff worked with the BIWG to update this action plan to reflect Governor Brown's policies and expanded actions that fit within the new administration's policy objectives. The Governor's Office released the 2012 Bioenergy Action Plan in August 2012.

The workshop will focus on the requirements of Executive Order S-06-06 and the Bioenergy Action Plan. Staff will host industry and environmental experts to address the status of bioenergy development, recent/potential challenges affecting the development of bioenergy, and assess the benefits of bioenergy development.

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Information on the Bioenergy Interagency Working Group and the Bioenergy Action Plan for California can be found on-line at:

www.energy.ca.gov/bioenergy_action_plan/index.html

Public Comment

Oral Comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes 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 **June 17, 2013**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop, however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for this proceeding.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format

such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 13-IEP-1M and indicate “*Status of Bioenergy Development in California*” in the subject line. Send comments to **docket@energy.ca.gov** and copy the technical lead staff at **Garry.Oneill@energy.ca.gov**.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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