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 WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS BIOFUELS)
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Notice of Biofuels Workshop

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public workshop for the Biofuels Program of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP).

The purpose of this workshop is to strengthen stakeholder partnerships by establishing a permanent, regular public forum for planning and strategizing California biofuel investments.

One of the goals for the workshop will be to gather input for an upcoming solicitation in biofuel production and discuss the development and formation of industry sector-specific working groups. This workshop will discuss funding strategies and eligibility requirements, consider evaluation criteria, discuss emerging issues and opportunities, and respond to public comment and questions.

The workshop will be held on:

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room (Hearing Room A)

Sacramento, California

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Background

Since 2008, the California Energy Commission’s Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP) has worked to “develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California’s fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state’s

climate change policies.” In doing so, one very important goal of the ARFVTP has been to help build capacity of California companies to produce economically competitive biofuels from waste-based and renewable feedstocks to displace imports from foreign countries and other states.

To date, the Energy Commission’s ARFVTP has invested over \$135 million in a variety of biofuels production facilities projects producing very low carbon fuels, and in projects proposing transformative technology solutions to some of the biofuels’ industries most significant problems.

As the ARFVTP continues development of the California biofuels industry and deployment of production facilities to reduce California’s use and dependence on petroleum transportation fuels and increase the use of alternative and renewable fuels and advanced vehicle technologies, the Biofuels team would like to engage and enlist industry stakeholders in a formal communication process to inform and drive future biofuels investments.

This workshop will:

- Strengthen stakeholder partnerships.
- Formulize communication by establishing a permanent and regular public forum process.
- Establish ongoing industry-sector working groups.
- Engage stakeholders in planning and strategizing investments.
- Complement Investment Plan process.
- Integrate with Merit Reviews.

Additionally, the Energy Commission has released a “Draft Solicitation Concepts” document, detailing the concepts under consideration for the next pilot-scale and commercial-scale advanced biofuels production facilities solicitation issued by the ARFVTP. This workshop will discuss the upcoming solicitation to gather and evaluate stakeholder input.

Potential solicitation applicants, industry-sector representatives, businesses, public agencies, vehicle and technology entities, public-private partnerships, academic institutions, and environmental groups are strongly encouraged to attend. This workshop will be the beginning of a formalized communication process being used to develop long term vision, goals, and strategies for the ARFVTP’s biofuels program in meeting California’s greenhouse gas reduction and petroleum replacement goals.

A workshop agenda is attached.

Public Comment

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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Following the workshop, written questions and comments should be submitted to Elizabeth John by 5:00 p.m. on **April 6, 2016**. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please indicate "Biofuels Production" in the subject line.

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Send questions and comments to:

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

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Agenda
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California Energy Commission
Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
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9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

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Workshop Introduction and Overview

- Introduction and logistics
- Agenda and goals

Biofuels Activities

- Progress of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology (ARFVT) Biofuels program
- Biofuels policy objectives
- Recap of Biofuels Technical Merit Review and past stakeholder input

Discussion of Biofuels Draft Solicitation Concepts

- Funding strategies
- Eligibility requirements
- Evaluation criteria
- Emerging issues and opportunities

Future Public Forum Process and Industry-Sector Working Groups

- Formulize communication by establishing a permanent and regular public forum process.
- Establish ongoing industry-sector working groups.

Public Comment