

# Memorandum

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Subject: **BUSINESS MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2010**

**COMMISSION CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE  
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM 2010 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE  
and APPENDIX**

## Summary of Item

Since 1998, the Energy Commission's Renewable Energy Program has been reporting to the Legislature on program activities and expenditures. These have taken the form of quarterly, annual, and/or biennial reports. In 2004, legislation (Assembly Bill 2304 [Richman], Chapter 781) consolidated these reports into a single annual report, which is due to the Legislature each November 1 and reports on program activities on a fiscal year basis. This year's reporting period is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

In September 2010, the Renewables Committee approved staff's revised schedule for the *Renewable Energy Program 2010 Annual Report to the Legislature (2010 Annual Report)* and its associated *Appendix*. Although the report and appendix are due to the Legislature November 1, 2010, which would have relied on the Commission's adoption of the report at the October 20 Business Meeting, delays associated with staff furloughs necessitated seeking adoption at the December 1 Business Meeting.

The *2010 Annual Report* provides a retrospective summary of Renewable Energy Program accomplishments, funding allocations, and expenditures. The report is not a policy document. Specifically, the *2010 Annual Report* discusses the following:

- Allocation of Renewable Resource Trust Fund dollars among the Renewable Energy Program elements and any reallocation of funds
- Information on cash flow: expenditures and encumbrances, transfers and repayments
- Summaries of program activities and results, projects and funding awards
- Allocation of interest earned on the Renewable Resource Trust Fund

The report also discusses program activities associated with achieving Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets including:

- Certification of renewable facilities as eligible for the RPS
- Status of the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System, an accounting system to track and verify RPS compliance
- The *Renewables Portfolio Standard 2006 Procurement Verification Report* (this report compares procurement claims made by retail sellers with generation data submitted to various programs by generating facilities).

The *2010 Annual Report* must also identify the types and quantities of biomass fuels receiving funds from the Existing Renewable Facilities Program and their impacts on improving air quality.

Lastly, the report's *Appendix* itemizes the various projects, contracts, and grants that have been funded by the Renewable Energy Program, along with their status and award amounts.

### **Project Manager**

Madeleine Meade, Renewable Energy Office

### **Summary of Staff Position**

Staff recommends the adoption of the *Renewable Energy Program 2010 Annual Report to the Legislature* and *Appendix*.

### **Oral Presentation**

Staff will be prepared to discuss this recommendation and to respond to any questions regarding this item.

### **Business Meeting Participants**

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### **Commission Action Requested**

Energy Commission staff and the Renewables Committee request that the Energy Commission approve the adoption of the *Renewable Energy Program 2010 Annual Report to the Legislature* and its associated *Appendix*.