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| |) | Docket No. 13-ALT-02 |
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| In the Matter of: |) | |
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| <i>2014-2015 INVESTMENT PLAN</i> |) | |
| <i>UPDATE FOR THE ALTERNATIVE AND</i> |) | RESOLUTION: <i>2014-2015</i> |
| <i>RENEWABLE FUEL AND VEHICLE</i> |) | <i>Investment Plan Update</i> |
| <i>TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM</i> |) | |
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WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007) establishes the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVT Program) to be administered by the Energy Commission, with a goal to “develop and deploy innovative technologies that transform California’s fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state’s climate change policies” (Health and Safety Code §44272(a)). The same law also required the Energy Commission to develop and annually update an investment plan that will determine priorities and opportunities for the ARFVT Program (Health and Safety Code §44271.5(a)); and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1314 (Wieckowski, Chapter 487, Statutes of 2011) subsequently requires the Energy Commission to prepare and submit an annual investment plan update to the Legislature “each May concurrent with the submittal of the Governor’s May Revision to the budget” (Health and Safety Code §44272.7(b)); and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) extended the collection of fees supporting the ARFVT Program through January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the development of the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (2014-2015 Investment Plan Update)* has benefitted from two Advisory Committee meetings and public workshops, as well as more than 40 comments submitted to public docket; and

WHEREAS, after considering all materials and comments received during the development of the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update*, Commissioner Janea Scott, Lead Commissioner for Transportation, released the *Lead Commissioner Report*

version of the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update* on April 8, 2014. The *Lead Commissioner Report* includes proposed funding allocations for a portfolio of fuels and technologies designed to advance the goals of the ARFVT Program; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission staff will develop solicitations, grants, and other types of agreements in the ensuing fiscal years to implement these funding allocations; and

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the adoption of the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update*, and concludes that the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update* is not a “project” for purposes under CEQA because it fits within activities excluded from the definition of “projects” under CEQA, including the “creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment” (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15378(b)(4)). The *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update* proposes funding for categories of activities, but decisions to fund specific projects will be made in the future through competitive solicitations or other selection mechanisms; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission hereby adopts the *Lead Commissioner Report* version of the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update*, finds the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update* not to be a project under CEQA, and directs Commission staff to prepare the *Commission Report* version of the *2014-2015 Investment Plan Update* incorporating any non-substantive changes such as typographical corrections, to forward the *Commission Report* to the appropriate committees of the Legislature for review pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 44272.7(b), and to make the document available to the public.

It is so Ordered.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on April 22, 2014.

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Harriet Kallemeyn
Secretariat
California Energy Commission

Dated: April 22, 2014