

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE
OF THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Energy Commission, pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment to its conflict of interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on September 30, 2016 and closing on November 14, 2016. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

The California Energy Commission proposes to amend its conflict of interest code to include employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Changes to the conflict of interest code include the addition of a position in the Siting Division (Electric Generation Systems Program Specialist (All Levels)), two positions in the Office of Executive Director (Energy Commission Specialist (All Levels) and Associate Energy Specialist – both for the Compliance Assistance and Enforcement Unit within the Office of Executive Director), and the reclassification of two positions in the Renewable Energy Division (Energy Resources Specialist III (Supervisory) reclassified from Energy Commission Supervisor II positions – no ECS II positions remain, so the position will be deleted; Electric Generation Systems Specialist (All Levels) certain positions reclassified from Energy Commission Supervisor III – but ECS III positions remain, so the position will not be deleted). These new positions involve participating in making decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest. Other technical changes are also included in this update.

The proposed amendment is attached to this email and an explanation of the reasons can be obtained from the agency's contact.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than November 14, 2015, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than October 31, 2015.

The California Energy Commission has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.
3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

All inquiries concerning this proposed amendment and any communication required by this notice should be directed to: Jennifer Martin-Gallardo, Attorney, (916) 651-3748, Jennifer.Martin-Gallardo@energy.ca.gov.