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In the matter of,	)	Docket No. 08-ALT-1
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Implementation of Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program	)	NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

Notice of Staff Workshop

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct a workshop with Advisory Committee members to review and discuss the revisions to the draft Investment Plan for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program established under Assembly Bill (AB) 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007). Commissioner and Vice Chair James D. Boyd, Presiding Member of the Transportation Committee, and Commissioner Karen Douglas, the Associate Member of the Transportation Committee, may be in attendance. Other Commissioners may also attend and participate. The workshop will be held on:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008
9 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Presentations and audio from the workshop will be broadcast via our WebEx web conferencing system. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" section at the end of this notice.

Purpose

The first meeting of the AB 118 Advisory Committee, led by the Energy Commission's Transportation Committee, was held on May 19, 2008. Roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee members were discussed and the schedule for the preparation of the AB 118 investment Plan was presented.

At the second Advisory Committee meeting held on July 9, 2008, also led by the Energy Commission's Transportation Committee, the draft Investment Plan was presented for review and comment. The Advisory Committee's primary comments on the draft Investment Plan were that the plan did not include a goal-oriented allocation methodology to allocate program funds and lacked sufficient detail to determine whether the funding would be effective in achieving the state's climate change goals. The Energy Commission staff is in the process of gathering additional information and conducting analyses to address the comments and to revise the Investment Plan in anticipation of the next formal Advisory Committee meeting now scheduled for October 6, 2008.

In the interim, Energy Commission staff will convene two workshops with the Advisory Committee to present and discuss the status of its analyses and proposed revisions to the draft Investment Plan. The first staff workshop which was the subject of a prior, separate notice, will be held on September 2, 2008, to allow the Advisory Committee to review and discuss:

- the methodology to allocate program funds and preliminary results,
- the preliminary results of the gap analysis regarding public and private funding for alternative and renewable fuels, and
- the schedule for the completion and adoption of the Investment Plan by the Energy Commission

The purpose of the second staff workshop on September 15, 2008, is to allow the Advisory Committee to review and discuss:

- any changes to the methodology to allocate program funds and the final results,
- final results of the gap analysis, and
- the outline for the revised Investment Plan.

The Energy Commission will seek strategic input from the Advisory Committee, interested stakeholders, and the public to further develop the Investment Plan. The meeting will be available via WebEx and will be recorded to assure all comments are captured.

Background

AB 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007) created the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (Program). The legislation authorizes the Energy Commission to spend approximately $120 million per year for over seven years to develop and deploy innovative technologies that will transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state's climate change policies. The emphasis of this program is to deploy alternative and renewable fuels in the marketplace, without adopting any one preferred fuel or technology, and in doing so decrease, on a life-cycle

basis, air and water pollutants, reduce or avoid multimedia environmental impacts, and maintain the sustainability of the state's natural resources.

Under the program, the following are eligible for funding:

- Alternative and renewable fuel projects to develop and improve alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels;
- Demonstration and deployment projects that optimize alternative and renewable fuels for existing and developing engine technologies;
- Projects to produce alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels in California;
- Projects to decrease the overall impact of an alternative and renewable fuels lifecycle carbon footprint and increase sustainability;
- Alternative and renewable fuel infrastructure, fueling stations, and equipment;
- Projects to develop and improve light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicle technologies that provide for better fuel efficiency and lower greenhouse gas emissions, alternative fuel usage and storage, or emission reductions;
- Programs and projects that accelerate the commercialization of vehicles and alternative and renewable fuels including buy-down programs through near-market and market-path deployments, advanced technology warranty or replacement insurance, development of market niches, and supply-chain development;
- Program and projects to retrofit medium-and heavy-duty on-road and non-road vehicle fleets with technologies that create higher fuel efficiencies, including alternative and renewable fuel vehicles and technologies, idle management technology, and aerodynamic retrofits that decrease fuel consumption;
- Infrastructure projects that promote alternative and renewable fuel infrastructure development connected with existing fleets, public transit, and existing transportation corridors;
- Workforce training programs related to alternative and renewable fuel feedstock production and extraction, renewable fuel production, distribution, transport, and storage, high-performance and low-emission vehicle technology and high tower electronics, automotive computer systems, mass transit fleet conversion, servicing, and maintenance, and other sectors or occupations related to the purpose of the Program; and
- Block grants administered by not-for-profit technology consortia for multiple projects, education and Program promotion within California, and development of alternative and renewable fuel and vehicle technology centers.

Written Comments

Written comments after the workshop must be submitted by 5 p.m. on September 22, 2008. Please include the docket number 08-ALT-1 and indicate Staff Workshop in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 08-OIR-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by electronic mail (e-mail). Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by e-mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit. Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

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If you have questions regarding the Advisory Committee or the Investment Plan, please contact Ms. Aleecia Macias of the Emerging Fuels and Technology Office at the Energy Commission at (916) 654-4526 or e-mail at [AB118@energy.state.ca.us].

The Energy Commission has set up an electronic list server to provide updates on the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. If you want to receive notification by e-mail when information relating to the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program is posted in the website, please sign up for their list servers at [http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html].

For media inquires regarding the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program, please contact the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

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