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Notice of Staff Workshop

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to solicit public input on a proposed portfolio of energy-related research to support California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment. Commissioners may attend and participate in the workshop. The workshop will be held:

Friday, August 29, 2014
10:00 AM
Elihu M. Harris building
1515 Clay Street, Room 1
Oakland, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to seek input from the general public, from public and private stakeholders, and from the research community to foster collaborative, actionable research regarding climate vulnerability, resilience, and management options in the energy sector. This research will contribute to California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment (Fourth Assessment).

Energy Commission staff will present the following:

1. Overview of California's three prior assessments and goals of the Fourth Assessment
2. Relationship of energy sector vulnerability studies to non-energy research of the Fourth Assessment
3. Draft portfolio of energy sector studies

Public participants will have the opportunity to help the Energy Commission improve the proposed research portfolio through discussion and public comments.

Background

The State of California has produced three scientific climate change assessments since 2006.¹ These assessments have been instrumental in fostering the passage of California's Climate Change Solutions Act (Assembly Bill 32, Nunez, Statutes of 2006), providing initial estimates of impacts to key sectors of California's economy (2009), and responding to requests for further information regarding vulnerability and adaptation (2012).

California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment (Fourth Assessment) will build on the success of its three prior assessments, each of which was scoped to address California-specific policy questions and information needs.

The prior three assessments were carried out under the leadership of the California Energy Commission, with advisory support from a steering committee of state agencies. The development of the Fourth Assessment will be coordinated under the leadership of the California Natural Resources Agency, with the Research Working Group of the Climate Action Team serving as an advisory steering committee.

California's Fourth Assessment will comprise an integrated portfolio of studies, including a suite of studies dedicated to the energy system as well as a comprehensive, multi-sectoral analysis addressing extreme events, local impacts, and response options to protect economic interests as well as natural resources. The California Energy Commission will be responsible for the energy sector studies, which will include development of regionally downscaled climate change, hydrological, and socioeconomic scenarios critical to energy sector planning.

Energy sector vulnerability studies will be funded through resources from the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program and from the Natural Gas Research Program.

The proposed research will benefit ratepayers by providing for an energy system that is resilient to the challenges posed by climate change. Through this workshop, staff will seek input from the general public, from public and private stakeholders, and from the research community to foster collaborative, actionable research that investigates climate vulnerability, resilience, and management options in the energy sector.

Workshop Format

This workshop is one of a series of three workshops at which the same material will be presented for public comment on August 25 (Sacramento), August 26 (San Diego), and August 29 (Oakland). The workshop will include several brief presentations about the

¹ Prior assessments can be found at California's Climate Change Portal: http://climatechange.ca.gov/climate_action_team/reports/climate_assessments.html

proposed research portfolio. There will be opportunities to comment immediately after each presentation, as well as an open public comment period at the end of this workshop. The workshop will also include a brief discussion of how the energy and non-energy research of the Fourth Assessment are being coordinated.

Staff will use the information gathered during the workshop and any written comments submitted before the deadline to draft a final internal research strategy for the energy part of the Fourth Assessment, which in turn will be used to develop requests for proposals for grants or contracts.

Public Comment

Oral comments: Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. Oral comments may be made by those attending in person as well as those attending remotely. Comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments: Written comments should be submitted to Susan Wilhelm by 4:00 p.m. on September 5, 2014. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop, though the Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

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The Energy Commission encourages comments by email. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please indicate "[Staff Workshop – Energy Sector Research for California's 4th Climate Change Assessment](#)" in the subject line. Send comments to the attention of Susan Wilhelm at: susan.wilhelm@energy.ca.gov.

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

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