

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Staff Workshops on FY 2011/12 Public Interest Energy Research Initiatives

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct workshops for participants to discuss and advise the Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program's proposed initiatives for the 2011/12 fiscal year. Three workshops conducted with Research Advisory Groups on Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Smart Infrastructure will explore research initiatives. The workshop outcomes will help structure future public interest research efforts to maximize ratepayer benefits and eliminate duplication of efforts. The workshop will bring together utilities, researchers, manufacturers, end-users and policy makers from state agencies, federal agencies, and other members of the public. Commissioners may attend the forums.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2011*

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2011

Beginning at 10 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

901 P Street

First Floor, Suite 102

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

*At 10:30 am on June 21, the workshop will split into three "breakout" sessions for approximately one hour. Two of these sessions will be held in the main Energy Commission building at 1516 9th Street in Hearing Room B and Conference Room 2.

Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents

Internet Webcast - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web meeting service. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Remote Attendance" section toward the end of this notice.

Purpose

The workshops will receive comments on the proposed PIER research initiatives for fiscal year 2011/12. The Advisory Groups will share their knowledge of public interest energy research to:

- Provide advice on the initiatives to Energy Commission staff,
- Alert Energy Commission staff to possible duplication of efforts,

- Advise Energy Commission staff on opportunities to gain synergies in research efforts, and
- Assist effective transfer and use of research results.

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to comment at each workshop.

Background

The California Energy Commission established a Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Advisory Board as required by statute. During a PIER Advisory Board meeting held on March 30, 2011, PIER staff presented a recommendation to augment the Advisory Board structure by forming three subcommittees, called Advisory Groups, which would focus on the following research topics:

- Energy Efficiency
- Renewables
- Smart Infrastructure (smart grid, transportation, and climate change)

The purpose of the PIER Advisory Groups (PAGs) is to assist PIER program staff in producing a Budget Year Research Initiatives Report which will be incorporated into the PIER Budget Year Research Plan to be presented to the Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Committee for final approval. The PAGs will interface between program staff, external stakeholders, and the PIER Advisory Board for research initiative development and effective technology transfer of research results. PAGs will provide advice and input to program staff on research initiatives.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please call Philip Misemer at 916-327-1445, or by e-mail at [pmisemer@energy.state.ca.us].

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Date: June 7, 2011

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