WHEREAS, on January 28, 2016, the Commission published an analysis of efficiency standards for pool pumps and motors and held a staff workshop on February 18, 2016 to discuss the proposed efficiency levels; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2016, the Commission published a revised analysis of efficiency standards for pool pumps and motors in response to comments received and held a staff workshop on July 13, 2016 to discuss the revised proposal; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2017, the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) published a direct final rule establishing nationwide efficiency standards for dedicated purpose pool pumps, excluding replacement motors, based on a working group consensus in which the Energy Commission participated as a voting member; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2017, the U.S. DOE confirmed the effective date and compliance date for dedicated purpose pool pumps established in the direct final rule; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2017, the Commission published a second revised staff analysis of efficiency standards for replacement pool pump motors and held a staff workshop on August 3, 2017 to discuss the proposed efficiency levels; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the Commission published a memo to suspend the replacement pool pump motor pre-rulemaking proceeding to allow the Commission to participate in a negotiation with industry representatives and efficiency advocates on potential federal standards for dedicated purpose pool pump motors, including replacement motors; and
WHEREAS, on June 1, 2018, the Commission published a memo to resume the Commission’s pre-rulemaking proceeding for replacement pool pump motors due to a perception that consensus could not be reached on proposed national standards; and

WHEREAS, industry representatives and efficiency advocates have since reached consensus on potential national standards for dedicated purpose pool pump motors; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has reviewed the consensus position reached by industry representatives and efficiency advocates, and the consensus position would increase the efficiency of dedicated purpose pool pump motors, resulting in technologically feasible improvements that will on average save consumers money on their utility bills over the life of the appliance.

THEREFORE, THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FINDS that a federal rulemaking that implements the consensus position would allow timely adoption of nationwide standards, resulting in energy savings for California and the nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the California Energy Commission delegates to the Executive Director, or his or her designee, the authority to sign a petition requesting the U.S. DOE to conduct a rulemaking proceeding to establish new federal appliance efficiency standards and test procedures for dedicated purpose pool pump motors in line with the consensus position, and to further support such efficiency standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution will not prevent the Energy Commission from continuing to pursue state standards for replacement pool pump motors if the Energy Commission views events and actions as unlikely to yield federal appliance standards for these products by the negotiated compliance date of July 19, 2021.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Commission does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California Energy Commission held on August 1, 2018.

AYE:  
NAY:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  

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Cody Goldthrite  
Secretariat