

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION - RE: ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL 350: DOUBLING ENERGY
EFFICIENCY SAVINGS BY 2030 FINAL COMMISSION REPORT

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25310(c)(1) requires the Energy Commission to “establish annual targets for statewide energy efficiency savings and demand reduction that will achieve a cumulative doubling of statewide energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas final end uses of retail customers by January 1, 2030” on or before November 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25310(c)(1) requires the Energy Commission to establish the annual targets “in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission [CPUC] and local publicly owned electric utilities, in a public process that allows input from other stakeholders”; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25310(c)(1) requires the Energy Commission to “base the targets on a doubling of the midcase estimate of additional achievable energy efficiency savings, as contained in the California Energy Demand Updated Forecast, 2015-2025, adopted by the commission, extended to 2030 using an average annual growth rate, and the targets adopted by local publicly owned electric utilities pursuant to Section 9505 of the Public Utilities Code, extended to 2030 using an average annual growth rate, to the extent doing so is cost effective, feasible, and will not adversely impact public health and safety”; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the CPUC, the Energy Commission held 4 public workshops to discuss the annual targets described in Public Resources Code section 25310(c)(1), which took place on July 11, 2016; January 23, 2017; June 19, 2017; and September 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2017, the Energy Commission made available to the public staff’s proposed *Framework for Establishing the Senate Bill 350 Energy Efficiency Savings Doubling Targets*; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2017, the Energy Commission publicly noticed staff’s proposed *Draft Staff Papers on SB 350 Energy Efficiency Savings Doubling Targets* and provided the CPUC, local publicly owned electric utilities, other stakeholders, and interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the papers; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2017, the Energy Commission publicly noticed the *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Draft Commission Report and provided the CPUC, local publicly owned electric utilities, other stakeholders, and interested members of the public an opportunity to comment on the report; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2017, the Energy Commission publicly noticed the *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Final Commission Report, which establishes the annual targets described in Public Resources Code section 25310(c)(1), establishes subtargets for the portion of projected energy efficiency savings that can be achieved through programs funded by the state's investor-owned and publicly owned electric and natural gas utilities, establishes subtargets for nonutility programs funded through government, private and utility ratepayer sources, identifies projected efficiency savings from the industrial and agricultural sectors, and outlines recommendations to ensure that California meets the annual targets; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Commission has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Final Commission Report and finds that this report is not subject to CEQA under CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15061, 15308, and 15378. The report is not a "project" subject to CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15378 (b)(2) and (5), in that it deals with general policy and procedural activities or organizational and administrative activities and does not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. The report also falls within the so-called "common sense" exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), which indicates that CEQA only applies to projects that have a "significant effect on the environment" as defined in Public Resources Code section 21068 and in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15382, as being a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment. Furthermore, the report is categorically exempt from CEQA as an action taken to protect the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15308; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Commission has considered the *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Final Commission Report, all written comments submitted in this proceeding, and all oral comments made at the business meeting and the public workshops in this proceeding; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Energy Commission hereby adopts the *Senate Bill 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030* Final Commission Report.

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 November 8, 2017.

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NAY:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Secretariat