



# **Notice of Geothermal Grant and Loan Program (GRDA) Mineral Recovery from Geothermal Brines Pre-Solicitation Staff Workshop**

Staff from the California Energy Commission's Geothermal Grant and Loan Program (referred to as GRDA) will conduct a workshop on January 18, 2017, to go over program participation requirements and discuss project planning in advance of the program's upcoming GRDA - Mineral Recovery from Geothermal Brines grant funding project solicitation.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the GRDA Program and Senate Bill 1074 (Hueso, Chapter 539, Statutes of 2016) which authorized a special GRDA solicitation focused on mineral recovery from geothermal brines. Staff will review the requirements for the anticipated **GRDA - Mineral Recovery from Geothermal Brines** solicitation and will also discuss project planning considerations, including requirements for project compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In addition to staff presentations, the workshop will include time for discussion and questions from participants.

**January 18, 2017**

1:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Imbrecht Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

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## **Background**

The Energy Commission's Geothermal Grant and Loan Program was created in 1980 by Assembly Bill 1905 (Bosco, Chapter 139, Statutes of 1980). The overall mission of the program is to provide funding to promote assessment and development of California's vast geothermal energy resources; to mitigate any adverse impacts caused

by geothermal development; and help local jurisdictions offset the costs of providing public services necessitated by geothermal development.

Senate Bill 1074 (SB 1074) adds a new category of activities that may be funded by the GRDA Program. Specifically, SB 1074 allows for funding to recover lithium, metals, agricultural products, and other beneficial minerals from highly mineralized geothermal brines at a geothermal facility in existence on January 1, 2017, that is in a disadvantaged community and provides local employment opportunities. SB 1074 also directs the Energy Commission to issue a competitive solicitation no later than February 1, 2017, for mineral recovery projects as allowed, using \$2,500,000 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds previously allocated to the Energy Commission.

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If you have questions on the subject matter of this workshop, please contact Jim Folkman, [jim.folkman@energy.ca.gov](mailto:jim.folkman@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 654-5116.

For more information on the Geothermal Grant and Loan Program: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/geothermal/grda.html>.

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