**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AWARD (NOPA)**

**Advancing Precipitation Enhancement in California**

**GFO-23-311**

**September 17, 2024**

On March 11, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) released a competitive solicitation to fund applied research that advances the scientific basis and operational practice of glaciogenic seeding of orographic clouds (precipitation enhancement or cloud seeding) for augmenting hydropower generation in California. Up to $2,500,000 in Electric Program Investment Charge Program funding is available to fund applications under this solicitation.

The CEC received three proposals by the due date, May 31, 2024. Each proposal was screened, reviewed, evaluated, and scored using the solicitation criteria. Three proposals passed the stage one application screening.

The attached NOPA identifies each applicant selected and recommended for funding by CEC staff and includes the recommended funding amount and score. The total amount recommended is $2,500,000.

Funding of proposed projects from this solicitation is contingent upon the approval of these projects at a publicly noticed CEC business meeting and execution of a grant agreement. If the CEC is unable to timely negotiate and execute a funding agreement with an applicant, the commission, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel or otherwise modify the pending award, and award the funds to another applicant.

In addition, the CEC reserves the right to: 1) add to, remove, or shift funding between the different groups if there are insufficient passing proposals in one group; and 2) negotiate with successful applicants to modify the project scope, schedule, or level of funding.

This notice and awardees for GFO-23-311 are posted on the CEC’s website at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/awards>.

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