



Notice of Staff Workshop on Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives for FY 2017-18

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the Public Interest Natural Gas Research Program's proposed energy related natural gas research initiatives for the 2017-18 fiscal year on:

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Beginning at 1:30 p.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Charles Imbrecht Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
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Background

In 2004, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) designated the Energy Commission to be the administrator for the natural gas research funds (Decision 04-08-010). The Energy Commission manages these funds through its Natural Gas Research Program. The workshop will discuss research initiatives across all of the natural gas research areas including: energy efficiency, renewable energy, natural gas infrastructure and safety, natural gas related environmental research, and natural gas related transportation research.

The workshop will be used to gather feedback on the proposed natural gas research initiatives by bringing together utilities, researchers, manufacturers, end users, environmental and consumer representatives, policymakers from state agencies, federal agencies, and other members of the public. Commissioners may also attend the workshop. The results from the workshop will assist Energy Commission staff in developing the proposed natural gas research plan for FY 2017-18. This plan will be presented to the CPUC for final approval.

Public Comment

Oral comments: Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public feedback should focus on the following:

- Advice and comments on the initiatives;
- Alerting Energy Commission staff to possible duplication of efforts;
- Advising Energy Commission staff on opportunities to gain synergies in research efforts; and
- Facilitating the effective transfer and use of research results.

Written comments: Written comments will be accepted at the workshop. Additionally, written comments can be submitted to Nicole Dani by 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2017. Please note that your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. your address, phone, email, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please indicate “FY 2017-18 Natural Gas Research Budget Plan” in the subject line. Send comments to:

Nicole.Dani@energy.ca.gov

Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission proceedings. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser, Alana Mathews, at PublicAdviser@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228.

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Poneh Jones at poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4425 at least five days in advance.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Nicole Dani, Nicole.Dani@energy.ca.gov or (916) 327-1462.

Remote Attendance

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at: www.energy.ca.gov/research/notices/

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California Energy Commission
Staff Workshop
Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives for FY 2017-18
January 24, 2017
DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Topic
1:30 p.m.	Introduction and Purpose – Mike Gravely
2:00 p.m.	Staff Presentations on Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Energy Efficiency – Brad Meister▪ Renewable Energy and Advanced Generation – Kevin Uy▪ Energy Infrastructure – Avtar Bining & Yu Hou▪ Natural Gas-Related Transportation – Peter Chen
4:00 p.m.	Public Comments
4:30 p.m.	Closing/Next Steps – Mike Gravely