

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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In the matter of Order Instituting an)
 Informational Proceeding (Lessons Learned))
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Docket No. 10-SIT 0II-1
 COMMISSION WORKSHOP
 RE: Lessons Learned:

**Commission Workshop for the
 Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding
 (Lessons Learned)
 10-SIT 0II-1**

The California Energy Commission Lead Commissioner for Lessons Learned (Commissioner Karen Douglas) will conduct a workshop to gather information from outside agencies.

**March 2, 2012
 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
 California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street,
 First Floor, Hearing Room A
 Sacramento, CA
 (wheelchair accessible)**

DOCKET	
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DATE	FEB 17 2012
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Background/Purpose

On December 1, 2010, the California Energy Commission adopted an Order Instituting an Informational Proceeding (Lessons Learned) on issues that are critical to the licensing of power plants. Commission staff has been assessing the Energy Commission's siting processes and examining critical issues common among solar-thermal and conventional power plants. The Commission staff will use the information gathered during this proceeding to prepare a report which will describe the topics examined, issues identified, the significance of the issues in the licensing process, prioritization of issues, and actions needed to avoid or address any problems identified. Based upon the outcome of the OII Proceeding, the Commission may recommend changes to the siting process including changes to regulations.

One part of this examination includes an examination of the Energy Commission's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) equivalent process.

As part of this review, the Energy Commission is interested in ways to improve and/or change its CEQA analysis. This includes improving coordination with local, state, and federal agencies.

The California Energy Commission is interested in hearing how county and state agencies conduct their CEQA reviews. The Energy Commission also wants to hear how federal agencies coordinate and work together with local and state agencies when completing their environmental analysis.

Towards this end, the Lead Commissioner will conduct a workshop on March 2, 2012 to hear from local, state, and federal agencies. Other Commissioners may attend the workshop to observe the presentations.

An agenda for the Workshop will be posted on the Lessons Learned website (listed below).

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Agenda

See Attachment #1

Public Comment

The Commission accepts comments in advance of the workshop. Comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012. Please include the docket number **10-SIT OII-1** and indicate **Lessons Learned** in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by electronic mail (e-mail). Please include your name or organization in the name of the file. Those submitting attached comments by e-mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or in Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.ca.gov].

If you are providing written comments, please hand deliver or mail an **original copy** to:

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Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 10-SIT OII-1
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Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All e-mailed or written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

The Committee will accept oral comments during the workshop. The Committee may limit oral comments to 3 minutes per person. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Date: February 17, 2012

KAREN DOUGLAS
Lead Commissioner

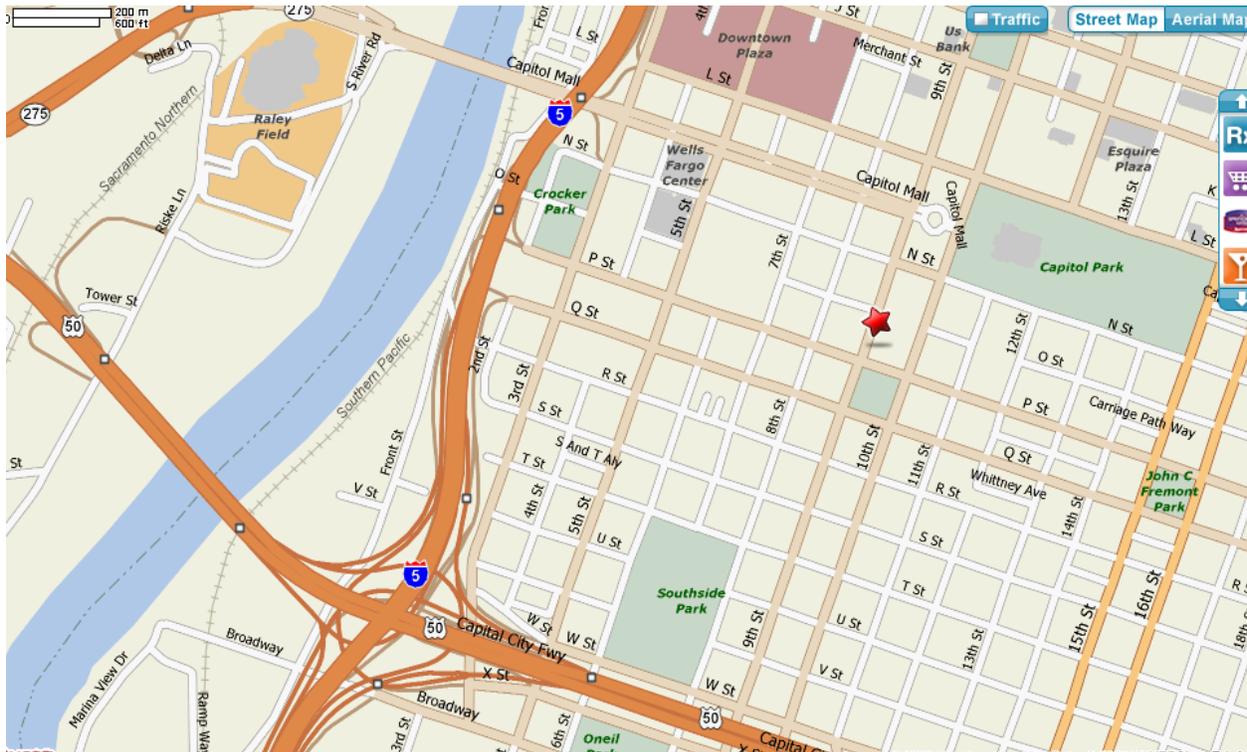
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Lessons Learned Public Workshop March 2, 2012

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Goals of Today's Workshop

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The following agencies will be participating in the Workshop:

- Imperial County
- Inyo County
- Kern County
- Los Angeles County
- Riverside County
- San Bernardino County
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California ISO
- California Public Utilities Commission
- US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
- US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor

Agenda

Time	Item	Presenter
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome	Karen Douglas, Energy Commission
8:45 – 9:00	Purpose of today’s workshop	Jeff Ogata, Energy Commission
9:00 – 10:00	Renewable energy challenges and successes	All Agency Representatives
10:00 – 3:00 A lunch break will be provided	Panel discussions Process topics (CEC staff moderator): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pre-filing process ➤ Determining completeness of the initial application ➤ Requesting additional information from the applicant ➤ Scoping and receiving information from the public ➤ Dealing with project changes ➤ Developing and monitoring mitigation measures CEQA/NEPA coordination (US Department of the Interior & the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research co-presenter) Multi-Agency Environmental Review Renewable Energy Planning	Topic Discussion Lead: TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD TBD
3:00 – 3:45	Questions from the floor/Public comments	Panel Discussion
3:45 – 4:00	Next Steps	Karen Douglas, Energy Commission