

February 11, 2022

CALEPA 2/16 WORKSHOP NOTICE

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss development of potential amendments to Cal/EPA's Environmental Enforcement and Training Grant Program regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 27, § 10011 et seq.). This public workshop will be held via zoom and telephone only, on the date and time shown below. To participate via zoom, click on the zoom link below at the given time and enter the passcode below when prompted. To participate by telephone, please call the telephone number below at the given time and enter the passcode below when prompted.

DATE: Wednesday, February 16, 2022

TIME: 11 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (PST)

ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89323940730?pwd=QUJLT05UMWg3SkhhVVFmbWxyeTN1UT09>

Meeting ID: 893 2394 0730

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At this workshop, CalEPA will solicit feedback on its potential draft regulatory text and approach to the potential amendments. You may obtain a copy of the potential draft regulatory text on Cal/EPA's Environmental Enforcement and Training Grant Program rulemaking webpage.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislature passed the Environmental Enforcement and Training Act of 2002 (Act), which created a funding source for grants for California environmental training, investigation, and enforcement activities. The Act further directed Cal/EPA's Secretary to establish a grant program to allocate and award funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to public and private entities to further these purposes. CalEPA adopted regulations to implement this Act; the regulations are located in California Code of Regulations, title 27, sections 10011 to 10018.

In 2021, Senate Bill (SB) 157 amended the Act. In particular, SB 157 made the following primary changes to the Act: (1) eliminated the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Project and instead established the Environmental Circuit Prosecutor Grant Program, (2) created additional restrictions related to the distribution of grant funds, and (3) recognized that “[c]ommunity-based organizations play a critical role in ensuring that disadvantaged communities, low-income residents, and other populations that are disproportionately burdened by pollution receive the benefit of enforcement of the state’s environmental laws and therefore need access to training and resources.”

Cal/EPA's potential rulemaking would propose amendments to Cal/EPA's existing regulations to conform to changes made necessary by SB 157, as well as to update the regulations to make them more clear and technologically current.

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Special Accommodation: If you require a special accommodation, need this document in an alternate format (i.e., Braille, large print), or need assistance in a language other than English, please email ectagrants@calepa.ca.gov at least two days before the meeting.

Questions: If you have any questions about this webinar, or wish to be added to the listserv for this rulemaking, please email ectagrants@calepa.ca.gov.