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**CPUC WORKSHOPS SEEK COMMUNITY INPUT ON
PILOT PROJECTS TO IMPROVE AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO
ENERGY IN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 30, 2018 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a series of public workshops to receive community input on energy options to improve affordable access to energy for the disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley that have limited access to natural gas. The CPUC has identified roughly 170 disadvantaged communities that lack access to natural gas in the region and 12 of these communities have been deemed eligible for pilot projects to explore options to clean, affordable energy.

The series of Community Energy Option Assessment Workshops will take place in communities across the San Joaquin Valley that are eligible for pilot projects, as follows:

- **May 7, 2018, 6 p.m. – Le Grand**
Le Grand Elementary, 13071 E. Le Grand Rd., Le Grand, CA 95333
(Merced County)
- **May 8, 2018, 6 p.m. – De La Vina**
Casas de La Vina, 23784 Ave 9, Madera, CA 93637
(Madera County)
- **May 15, 2018, 6 p.m. – Allensworth**
Allensworth Elementary School Cafeteria, 3320 Young Rd., Earlimart, CA 93219
(Tulare County)
- **May 16, 2018, 6 p.m. – Seville**
Stone Coral Elementary School Cafeteria, 15590 Ave 383, Visalia, CA 93292
(Tulare County)
- **May 17, 2018, 6 p.m. – Lanare**
Lanare Community Center, 20620 S. Grantland Ave., Riverdale, CA 93656



(Fresno County)

- **May 21, 2018, 6 p.m. – Fairmead**
Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 22491 Fairmead Blvd, Chowchilla CA 93610
(Madera County)
- **May 22, 2018, 6 p.m. – Cantua Creek**
Cantua Creek Elementary Cafeteria, 29288 W. Clarkson, Cantua Creek, CA 93608
(Fresno County)
- **May 23, 2018, 6 p.m. – California City**
Central Park, Strata Center, 10350 Heather Ave., California City, CA 93505
(Kern County)
- **June 4, 2018, 6 p.m. – Alpaugh**
Alpaugh School Cafeteria, 5313 Road 39, Alpaugh, CA 93201
(Tulare County)
- **June 5, 2018, 6 p.m. – West Goshen**
Church of God, 6414 Ave 308, Visalia, CA 93291
(Tulare County)
- **June 6, 2018, 6 p.m. – Ducor**
Ducor Union Elementary School Cafeteria, 23761 Ave 56, Ducor, CA 93218
(Tulare County)
- **TBD, 6 p.m. – Monterey Park Tract**
Monterey Park Tract Community Center, 7655 Foy Ave, Ceres, CA 95307
(Stanislaus County)

This CPUC proceeding was developed in response to Assembly Bill 2672 (Perea, 2014), which called for increasing affordable access to energy for disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley. Currently, the CPUC administers energy assistance programs such as the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program and the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program to help keep energy utility rates affordable for low income California households.

The CPUC is seeking feedback through these workshops on the economic feasibility of affordable energy options and pilot project concepts, including extending natural gas pipelines, increasing electric subsidies, and other potentially cost-effective and innovative clean energy options for disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

The CPUC encourages attendance, as public comments help the CPUC reach an informed decision.



While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

For those unable to attend in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number R.15-03-010 on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R1503010

An overview of this proceeding is available at: www.cpuc.ca.gov/SanJoaquin

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