In Decision 19-09-027, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) created a heat pump water heater (HPWH) equity budget within the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP). Decision 20-01-021 provided an additional $40 million for general market HPWH participants under SGIP. The earlier decision directed Commission staff, in coordination with the SGIP Program Administrators (PAs), to convene a workshop to identify barriers and develop strategies to enable HPWH participation in SGIP.

This workshop will begin to discuss how to allow HPWHs to receive incentives under the statutory mandates of SGIP to improve the efficiency and reliability of the distribution and transmission system, and reduce emissions of GHGs, peak demand, and ratepayer costs.\(^1\) Topics to be covered at the workshop include barriers to HPWH adoption, eligibility issues, incentive levels, ensuring load shifting to reduce peak load, whether SGIP should require use of controls to ensure HPWH re-heating off-peak, and other program rules.

Given travel restrictions, this workshop is being broken into two parts. This first, three-hour webinar will provide background on SGIP and HPWH technologies. In addition, the SGIP HPWH working group\(^2\) will present a high level overview of their straw proposal for clarification and feedback. The second webinar/workshop is targeted for late April and will be an opportunity for greater discussion of the straw proposal, other proposed concepts, and additional programmatic considerations, including how to make these technologies accessible to equity customers.

\(^1\) The SGIP is codified in Public Utilities Code § 379.6.

\(^2\) SGIP Heat Pump Water Heater working group includes NRDC, Sierra Club/EarthJustice, AO Smith Water Heating, Building Decarbonization Coalition.
Break (10 minutes)

11:00am – 11:30am  SGIP HPWH Straw Proposal Presentation | HPWH Working Group

11:30am – 12:30pm  SGIP HPWH Straw Proposal Feedback and Q&A | Facilitated by Energy Division Staff

Note 1: It is expected that one or more CPUC Commissioners may attend and participate in the workshop. One or more advisors to the CPUC Commissioners, as well as other decision-makers, may also be in attendance at the workshop. The agenda will be publicly noticed on the CPUC’s Daily Calendar 10 days in advance, so statements made at the workshop will not constitute a reportable ex parte contact. 

Note 2: This agenda is subject to change.