

AB 758 Issue Brief to WHPA EC

Summary

- The California Energy Commission (CEC) is poised to release a *draft* plan proposing key initiatives to implement a **comprehensive EE program for existing buildings**, pursuant to AB 758. CEC will be taking comment on the draft plan.
 - Workshops are scheduled for 6/24 (SF), 6/25 (Fresno), and 6/28 (LA)
- Initiatives of potential interest to WHPA members may include: (a) *voluntary* strategies, such as (i) Title 24 code compliance and enforcement, (ii) financing mechanisms, (iii) whole building retrofit incentive programs, and (iv) workforce development; and (b) potential future *regulatory* strategies (mandatory ratings, disclosures, etc.)
- The AB 758 plan, once adopted by the CEC (est. summer 2013), is expected to be deliberated in the CPUC's EE guidance proceeding (est. fall 2013) for potential initiatives appropriate for IOU ratepayers to fund in the post-2014 period.

Background

- AB 758 (Skinner, 2009) directs the CEC to develop a comprehensive statewide program to achieve higher levels of energy efficiency through retrofits of all residential and non-residential buildings in California. For more information: www.energy.ca.gov/ab758/
- The program scope touches *all* buildings in California, so it impacts investor-owned utility *and* publicly-owned utility EE programs, as well as relevant state agencies.
- The legislation directs the CPUC (a) to investigate appropriate ratepayer-funded financing options and (b) to collaborate with CEC on AB 758 program development to avoid duplication / leverage IOU programs.
- In August 2012 the CEC issued a Scoping Report laying the groundwork for possible AB 758 program directions. Report available at: www.energy.ca.gov/2012publications/CEC-400-2012-015/CEC-400-2012-015.pdf
- The CEC anticipates a phased program:
 - Phase 1 (2010-2012): Infrastructure Development and Implementation Plans
 - Phase 2 (2013-2014): Market Development and Partnerships
 - Phase 3 (post-2014): Statewide Ratings and Upgrade Requirements
- A CPUC proposed decision authorizing \$75M+ in new statewide finance pilot programs is expected in the coming weeks.

Next steps

- WHPA members interested in shaping these proposals should participate in the CEC's process beginning in June.
- CPUC Energy Division staff will keep the WHPA EC apprised of key milestones and opportunities to participate in the process.
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