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Photo: Luna Latimer shares her energy planning priorities at a public workshop in Orleans on September 3, 2019.

The Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) is continuing with a series of workshops to engage the public in its strategic energy planning. Workshops began in August and will continue through October. Next up is a stakeholder meeting on local offshore wind energy, this Wednesday, September 25, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Wharfinger Building in Eureka, 1 Marina Way.

Wednesday's offshore wind meeting will include an update on RCEA's proposed Redwood Coast Offshore Wind Project and the status of engagement with the fishing community and other stakeholders, updates on Humboldt State University's research on local offshore wind, and time for public input and discussion. Sandwich wraps and refreshments will be served.

On Thursday, October 17 there will be an opportunity to learn about and discuss the Complete Draft Comprehensive Action Plan for Energy (CAPE), which incorporates public input received in August and September on the Preliminary CAPE update. The updated plan includes RCEA's goal of 100% clean and renewable electricity by 2025 and proposed quantitative targets for RCEA's power mix makeup for the next ten years. Sandwich wraps and refreshments will be served. The meeting will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center in Eureka, 921 Waterfront Drive.

The next day, Friday, October 18, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. we will return to the Aquatic Center for our Forestry, Energy and the Environment workshop to discuss biomass. Biomass power derived from mill residuals and other wood waste has been a significant source of local-generated electric power in Humboldt County since the 1980s and has been an element of the renewable energy power mix of RCEA's community choice energy program since 2017. At this workshop a diverse panel of experts will share information, discuss, and answer questions about the role of biomass power in meeting our local electricity needs as well as its role in the management of local forest lands and the forest products sector of our economy.

The community is also encouraged to submit written comments to EnergyPlan2019@RedwoodEnergy.org. Recently submitted comments, meeting agendas, schedule updates, and additional meeting details can be found on RCEA's website, www.RedwoodEnergy.org. Please contact the RCEA at (707) 269-1700 for more information.