



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2000

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Siegel at 5:40 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Cain and Siegel

Absent: Denver, Ode and Williamson

Guests: Priya Sreedharan and Anita Harrison

Staff: Neal De Snoo

2. Public Comments

Staff distributed a memorandum from the City Attorney regarding participation in an on-line discussion forum.

Staff reminded commissioners that Statements of Economic Interests are due.

3. Discussion of Draft Resolution on Reusable Bottles

No report.

4. Report on Solid Waste Management Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)

No reports. Commissioner Bachrach volunteered to be the liaison to the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Cain volunteered to be the liaison to the Community Environmental Advisory Commission. Commissioner Siegel volunteered to review the Solid Waste Commission agenda and to attend if there are issues related to energy. An assignment to review Council agendas was postponed until the next meeting.

5. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that new lead prevention procedures are in place and staff training has been completed.

6. Discussion on Electric Utility Restructuring

Staff reported on a plan to purchase renewable energy through the ABAG power pool. An item is expected to go to Council in April.

7. Discussion of Proposed PG&E Rate Increase

The PUC has granted PG&E a \$229 million rate increase. This is the amount recommended by the Hearing Examiner and is lower than PG&E's request.

8. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that the Bay Area Escrow Association has provided a mailing list for local escrow companies and that staff will begin a targeted education program to improve compliance

9. Discussion of Policy Options to Improve the Safety and Infrastructure for Light-Weight and Clean Fuel Vehicles in

Berkeley

A variety of topics were discussed for possible policy initiatives, including restrictions on non-commercial heavy vehicles, improvements to RECO and CECO, advice to Council on tritium exit signs and green power procurement. Commissioners Cain and Siegel will prepare an item on exist signs for the next meeting. Commissioner Bachrach will prepare a summary of her recommendation on green power procurement.

10. Discussion of Earth Day Activities

Staff reported that the pledge card is being printed and will be distributed by the Ecology Center. Staff welcomed commissioners to staff the Energy Office booth on April 22.

The Commission recessed at 6:45 for the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Community Energy Services Corporation. The Commission reconvened at 7:30.

ACTION ITEMS

11. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Held over.

12. Approval of Minutes from January 26

Held over.

13. Items for Next Month's Agenda

CEAC and Council were added to item 4. An item on tritium exit signs was added to the Action agenda.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM (MSC: DB, JS, 1-0-2, DB abstained, JC absent).

Attachments

Memorandum on PG&E outages  
Memorandum from the City Attorney Regarding On-Line Forum  
CECO and RECO Ordinances  
Commissioner Bachrach's Summary on Green Power Procurement  
Earth Day Pledge Card  
Memorandum on ABAG Power Pool