



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 26, 2000

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Cain, Bachrach, Bryson-Alderman, Denver, Ode, Siegel, and Williamson

Absent: none

Staff: Neal De Snoo

Guest: Ruben Deumling

2. Public Comments

Staff distributed a flyer about a meeting entitled *Truce on the War on Drugs*.

Staff reported on EarthDay activities.

Commissioner Williamson reported that the Ecology Center and City attended a demonstration of biodeisel.

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

Solid Waste Commission: No report.

Public Works Commission: No report.

Community Environmental Advisory Commission: Tritium exit sign issue discussed under item 7.

City Council: Staff reported that Council adopted resolutions on a policy to use any savings from electric rate reductions for high-quality renewable resources and authorizing the City to purchase renewable power through the ABAG Power Pool.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that the DOE contract has been received and is in process. Staff reported that the weatherization crew are now insulating the attic of the Veteran's Building.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that it has prepared a proposal to PG&E to improve the application of energy standards in Berkeley. The proposal will include training for Planning staff, design assistance from the Green Resource Center and an enforcement program for CECO title transfers.

6. Discussion of Potential Policy Initiatives

Several options were discussed including the following: revising the scope of CECO and RECO; high-quality renewable power for municipal loads; improvements to make lightweight and alternatively fueled vehicles more viable; increasing use of renewable resources in the community; increasing efficiency of residential stock in Berkeley through education/demonstration programs; and other education programs using channels and methods such as BUSD

K-12, BUSD Adult School, neighborhood meetings and community targets.

At the next meeting Commissioner Bachrach will report on the status of green power providers. Commissioner Siegel will report on energy consumption in the residential sector. Commissioner Williamson will present a draft energy policy statement for discussion.

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

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Transmittal to Community Environmental Advisory Commission Regarding Tritium Exit Signs
Commissioner Cain reported on a meeting with the Secretary of the CEAC who reported that the initial findings about the risks of tritium exit signs appeared to be significantly overstated. He said the State has found much lower risk levels. A meeting with the State and representatives from the CEAC and Energy Commission is being planned.
8. Approval of Minutes of February 23
The minutes of March 22 were approved (MSC: DW, JC, 5-0-2, DB abstained, JBA absent).
9. Items for Next Month's Agenda
Reports on green power, residential energy consumption and policy statement were added.
10. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM (MSC: JC, DB, 6-0-1, JBA absent).