



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 24, 2000

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Siegel at 5:45 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Denver, Ode, Siegel, and Williamson

Absent: Cain

Staff: Neal De Snoo

Guest: Ruben Deumling

2. Public Comments

Commissioner Ode reported that she is a member of EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee and that she will be trying to focus EPA on energy issues, which are at the heart of the most significant environmental threats.

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

Solid Waste Management Commission: Commissioner Williamson reported that the Commission passed a comprehensive plastics policy.

Public Works Commission: No report.

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

Transportation Commission: Commissioner Bachrach reported that the Commission will be releasing a traffic calming proposal for public workshops.

City Council: No report.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that PG&E has terminated the low-income weatherization contract with SESCO. The City may be involved in the program as a subcontractor to the contractor for Alameda County.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that PG&E is considering the City's proposal to improve enforcement of CECO.

6. Report on Renewable Energy

This item was moved to the Action Agenda (MSC: AD, SO, 5-0).

Commissioner Bachrach presented a report on Green Power in California (attached). The report concluded with two possible initiatives for the Commission: 1) work on a process to procure renewable power for municipal loads; and 2)

educate the public to increase the market share of renewables in Berkeley.

The Commission decided to pursue both initiatives. Andrea Denver suggested conducting a class at the Berkeley Adult School (winter session). Commissioner's are to email her topics that they could cover in the course.

A Municipal Renewable Energy Committee was established (MSC:DW, SO, 4-0-1, AD absent). Commissioners Ode and Bachrach will be on the Committee.

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. Report on Residential Energy Consumption
No report.
8. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Policy Statement and Implementation Plans
Commissioner Williamson distributed a document with some suggestions for a policy statement (attached).
9. Discussion of Tritium Exit Signs
Staff reported that the meeting with the State and representatives of the CEAC and Energy Commission has not occurred. The State insists that the meeting happen in Sacramento and the Commissioners have been unable to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

10. Approval of Minutes of April 26
The minutes of April 26 were approved (MSC: DB, SO, 4-0-1, AD absent).
11. Items for Next Month's Agenda
The report on Policy was moved up on the agenda. A report on Educational Activities was added.
12. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM (MSC: DW, SO, 3-0-2, AD absent, DB abstained).