



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2000

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Siegel at 5:38 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Cain, Denver, Siegel, Trowbridge and Williamson

Absent: Ode

Staff: Neal De Snoo

Guest: Hannah Freedman, George Nesbit

2. Public Comments

Staff distributed the *Berkeley Without Wires* plan for discussion at the next meeting.

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

Commissioner Siegel reported that the Public Works Commission has been working on the Berkeley Without Wires plan.

Staff reported that the Community Environmental Advisory Commission passed a ban on fireplaces in new construction.

Commissioner Bachrach reported that the Transportation Commission will be meeting on December 14 to discuss traffic calming, bus shelters and the San Pablo Corridor.

Staff reported that Council has expressed interest in submitted a bid to host the North American Preparatory Meeting for the Rio+10 Conference on climate change.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that PG&E has issued RFPs for administration and implementation of the Energy Partners program. The City may not be able to contract directly on the program but may be able to participate as a subcontractor.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that it is meeting with Planning to plan Title 24 and CECO training.

Staff reported that staff have been assigned to enforce CECO.

6. Report on Renewable Energy

Staff reported that the City Manager's Office is interested in preparing a joint resolution to Council regarding a request for qualifications (RFQ) for a long-term power contract, including the option for renewables. The item will need to address the value of renewables and the premium cost associated with renewables.

7. Report on Residential Energy Consumption
Commissioner Siegel reported that a session has been scheduled for February 15 at LBNL. LBNL staff will discuss energy issues with the Commission and the Commission will discuss Commission activities with LBNL.
8. Report on Educational Activities
Commissioner Denver will pursue having the Commission teach a course at the Berkeley Adult School.
9. Discussion of Community Choice (community aggregation of electricity customers)
No report.
10. Recruitment of Commissioners to Fill Vacancies
No report.

ACTION ITEMS

11. Discussion of Expiration of the Electricity Ratecap
Staff presented a revised draft report regarding electric rates. The Commission recommended highlighting load profiling, energy efficiency and renewables. The Commission discussed the need to have accountability regarding the new ratecap and suggested that language be included in the item such that consumer, efficiency and renewables stakeholders and advocates be represented in the process to determine the proposed post-2001 rate freeze level.

The Commission authorized the Secretary to draft these and other editorial changes for review and approval by the chair (MSC: JC, AD, 5-0-1, DW abstaining). Commissioner Williamson abstained on the grounds that he would prefer a regulated environment. The balance of the Commission did not believe that this was practical. Commissioner Williamson's concerns will be added to the Council report.
12. Approval of Minutes of November 15
The minutes of November 15 were passed (MSC: JC, AD, 5-0-1, MT abstained).
13. Items for Next Month's Agenda
Berkeley Without Wires and Separation from CESC were added to the Action Agenda.
14. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM (MSC: AD, DB, 5-0-1, AD absent).