



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
March 21, 2001

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bachrach at 5:35 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Deumling, Ode, Packard, Siegel and Williamson

Absent: Cain and Denver

Staff: Neal De Snoo

2. Public Comments

Introductions included Wendy Carson, who is being recommended by Andrea Denver as her replacement.

Commissioner Deumling offered to pursue getting high efficiency appliances in the Gaia building.

Commissioner Williamson reported that the Ecology Center is now operating on 100% biodeisel.

Staff distributed flyers for nominations for outstanding Berkeley women.

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

Commissioner Siegel reported that PG&E has suspended all undergrounding work.

Staff and Commissioner Siegel summarized Council's decision on the Community Energy Plan. In the near term, Commission attention will need to focus on the solar workshop, bulk purchasing and public power consulting contract. Commissioners Ode, Bachrach and Siegel offered to assist with the development of a scope for the bulk-purchasing program.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that additional funding may be available this year.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that a CECO notice of new enforcement procedures has been prepared and will be sent out soon.

6. Report on Educational Activities

Commissioner Packard offered to work with Wendy Carson to obtain Andrea's work on this topic.

7. Discussion of Changes to CESC Board

Commissioner Siegel discussed the Fair Political Practices Commission's letter regarding the proposed split. He will organize a meeting of an ad hoc subcommittee with the City Attorney's office to discuss it in more detail. The group will include Commissioners Siegel and Williamson, Neal De Snoo, Nancy Hoeffler and Kevin Kulick.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion and Possible Action on a Community Energy Plan

Discussed under report on City Council meeting.

9. Discussion and Possible Action of Office of Commissioner Advocate proposal

No action.

10. Approval of Minutes of February 28

The minutes of February 28 were amended to correct the title of the approval of minutes item. The corrected minutes were passed (MSC: JS, FP, 5-0-1, SO abstained).

11. Items for Next Month's Agenda

The solar workshop, bulk purchasing program and public power scope were added to the agenda.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM (MSC: DW, JS, 6-0).