



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2001

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Bachrach, Deumling, Ode, Siegel and Williamson

Absent: Packard

Staff: Neal De Snoo

2. Public Comments

A citizen (Lisa) urged the Commission to examine alternative energy sources, including solar. She suggested that the City should issue a bond and hire staff to have solar systems installed on all roofs in Berkeley. She also suggested that the City collaborate with San Francisco's solar initiative.

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

Commissioner Bachrach reported that the Transportation Commission will be meeting on May 17 to discuss a draft MTC plan.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported the State has appropriated additional finding for LIHEAP and a contract is expected shortly.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that the CECO enforcement notice was sent out and enforcement will begin after the grace period and after data is available.

6. Report on Educational Activities

No report.

7. Discussion of Community Energy Plan

Staff reported that the proposed plan would consist of three main components: demand side resources (conservation and efficiency), alternative supply -side resources (renewables and distributed generation) and public power. Staff distributed a draft scope of work for a consulting study on demand and supply -side resources. Staff noted that the studies will provide an assessment of available resources, budgets and guidelines for implementation of programs. It was noted that several programs are already underway and the studies would focus on expanding these and adding additional programs.

The Commission suggested that the scope should welcome subcontractors and encourage bidders to submit joint proposals for the resource planning and public power planning projects.

Commissioner Ode reported that Hal Aronson of the Berkeley Ecohouse is seeking additional funds for a school program. Staff noted that the FY 01 budget has \$20,000 available for this purpose and also noted that the Governor's proposed Kids Count program may be a potential resource.

Staff reported that Philips Lighting is planning to retrofit all the buildings on a block of Telegraph. The Commissioner's will be invited to the event.

Recess: The Commission recessed at 6:30 for a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Community Energy Services Corporation. The Commission reconvened at 8:05.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Modification of CESC By Laws

Commissioner Siegel presented two drafts of proposed changes to the CESC by-laws. One draft had a minimal number of changes the other had changes recommended by the Executive Director. The Commission favored the draft with the Executive Director's comments. The Commission passed a motion: "The Berkeley Energy Commission recommends that Council adopt the changes to the CESC by laws as specified or as modified by the City Attorney insofar as the changes are substantially similar to the Commission's intent." (MSC: RD, SO, 5-0-0).

Commissioner Siegel will transmit the document to the City Attorney for review.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Public Power RFQ

The Commission recommended that the scope be more explicit about the public process, that PG&E receive a copy of the scope to minimize potential overreaction, that subcontracts be encouraged and that joint proposals with the resource scope be encouraged.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Office of Commissioner Advocate Proposal

No action

11. Approval of Minutes of May 16

The minutes of March 21 were corrected to note that Commissioner Deumling made the motion to adjourn. The corrected minutes were passed (MSC: JS, SO, 4-0-1 DW abstained).

12. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Add: Report on CESC By-Laws, Report on Public Power Meeting with EBMUD, Discussion of Energy Awards Program, Discussion and Possible Action Cool Communities Initiative.

Remove: Discussion and Possible Action on Modification of CESC By Laws, Discussion and Possible Action on Public Power RFQ, Discussion and Possible Action on Office of Commissioner Advocate Proposal

Discussion of Community Energy Plan, Discussion and Possible Action on Modification of CESC By Laws, Discussion and Possible Action on Public Power RFQ and Discussion and Possible Action on Office of Commissioner Advocate Proposal were added to the agenda.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM (JS, RD, 5-0).