



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2001

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bachrach at 5:40 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Deumling, Kurzweil, Ode, Williamson and Winkel
Absent: Siegel, Packard
Staff: Neal De Snoo, Alice LaPierre
2. Public Comments
No comments.
3. Report on Solid Waste Management Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)
Solid Waste: No report.
Public Works: No report.
CEAC: No report.
Transportation Commission: No report.
Council: Staff reported that Council approved the budget that was presented on November 27.
4. Report on Low Income Programs
Staff reported that the Cal LIHEAP program has been suspended due to State budget shortfalls but that Federal LIHEAP funding is up by about 30% and the City is providing General Fund assistance as well.
5. Report on CECO and RECO
Staff reported that the CECO enforcement process is going well. Several properties have started to comply in response to the letters. Violations are being processed for four properties.
6. Report on Educational Activities
Staff distributed a draft Council information report and class schedule. Staff will distribute electronic announcements. Commissioners are encouraged to circulate these. Instructors should bring overhead slides. Instructors should submit descriptions of their sessions to Commissioner Deumling. Energy staff will publicize the event. This item was moved to the Action agenda (MSC: SW, RD, 6-0). The Commission voted to submit the report to Council (MSC: JK, SO, 6-0).
7. Discussion of Community Energy Plan
 - a) Public Power Study
Staff reported that the EBMUD study has been delayed. The EBMUD Board is expected to hear the issue on February 13. The Council is expected to hear the issue in March
 - b) Alternative Resources Study
Staff reported that the study is proceeding on schedule.
8. Report on CESC By-Laws
Staff reported that the City Attorney's Association would consider taking the issue of the FPPC regulations up at their January meeting.
9. Report on Solar Permitting Process
Staff reported that single-family residential permits are being offered on a next-day basis but the funding for the fee waivers is not available at this time. The fee waiver issue will be considered in the alternative resources study.

10. Report on Small Commercial Energy Program

Staff reported that 5 pilots have been completed and others are pending. Staff reported that savings are higher than anticipated but that the installation process has been difficult.

ACTION ITEMS

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Energy Awards Program

The Commission discussed a draft Council report prepared by Commissioner Deumling. Energy Office Staff will handle outreach. The program will also be co-promoted with the BC&E program. The Commission approved a modified version of the report (MSC: SW, DW, 6-0).

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Blended Cement

Commissioner Ode will draft a report for consideration at the next meeting.

13. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2001.

The minutes were approved (MSC: DW, SW, 5-0-1, JK absent).

14. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Solar permitting was removed. A discussion of bonds for community solar projects was added. The next meeting will be on January 23. The regular meeting time was changed to 6:30 PM.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM (MSC: DW, RD, 5-0-1, JK absent).