



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 24, 2002

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ode at 6:35 PM.

Present: Deumling, Hopper, Ode, Packard, Winkel

Absent: Hultman, Kurzweil

Staff: Neal De Snoo, Alice LaPierre

Guests: Tom Guarino

2. Public Comments

Alice LaPierre announced that the Sol Fest will be held in Hopland on August 24-25.

Commissioner Deumling inquired about landfill gas being flared at Cesar Chavez Park. Staff responded that combined heat and energy project is being considered at the site. This item will be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Deumling suggested that the City may want to create a 50/50 program, which, like the Governor's 20/20 program, would lower electricity rates by 50% for those residential customers who cut consumption by 50% (from 2000). This item will be added to the agenda.

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

- Solid Waste (Hultman): No report.
- Public Works (SO): No report.
- CEAC (JK): No report.
- Transportation Commission (RD): Commissioner Deumling reported that the Transportation Commission heard presentations on biodeisel and City Car Share.
- Council: Staff reported that the budget was passed and that the Energy Office budget is about the same as last year's actual budget.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that the State's monitoring visit went well and that the State had no findings.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that the City is considering providing multi-family RECO inspections with City staff and the Green Resource Center is considering providing single-family RECO inspections.

6. Discussion of Community Energy Plan

a) Public Power Study

Staff reported that the City and PG&E have agreed to language for the Community Choice bill (AB117) that would provide for the installation of interval meters at the City gate. This would enable a City aggregation to purchase power on the actual load profile, rather than the deemed load profile.

Staff reported that the EBMUD Board has voted to proceed with a business plan for renewable energy development and to conduct additional outreach regarding the purchase of PG&E's distribution system.

Staff reported that EMBUD is still conducting outreach on its public power study. Staff reported that AB 117 (Community Choice) is proceeding in the legislature but that it does not appear that municipal utility districts will be eligible.

b) Alternative Resources Study

Staff reported that a draft of the portfolios would be available at the next Commission meeting.

7. Report on CESC By-Laws

Staff reported that the Fair Political Practices Commission has agreed to consider the issue. No date has been set.

8. Report on Small Commercial Energy Program

Staff reported that the program is achieving expected kW savings per client, although it is still behind in total number of clients.

9. Discussion of Ordinance Exceeding State Energy Standards for Multi-Family Construction

Staff reported that the CA Energy Commission is considering changing the regulations to eliminate the loophole that allows for electric resistance heating.

Staff sought opinions on the idea of requiring an alternate set of plans for all municipally-assisted projects that would beat Title 24 by 15%. There was concern that any such initiatives done at a local level will place the jurisdiction at a disadvantage for new housing development.

10. Discussion of Strategic Planning for CESC

No report.

ACTION ITEMS

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Blended Cement

This item was deferred.

12. Approval of Minutes of May 22 and June 26

The minutes for May 22 were approved (MSC: RD, SW, 3-0-2, FP and N. Hopper abstained).

The minutes of June 26 were approved (MSC: SW, FP, 2-0-3, N. Hopper, SO, RD abstained).

13. Items for Next Month's Agenda

The next meeting will be on September 25. There will be no August meeting. The landfill gas project and the Berkeley 50/50 program were added to the agenda.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM (MSC: RD, SW 5-0).