



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 23, 2004

1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gillen at 6:33 PM.  
Present: Abrams, Gillen, Miller, Packard, Rezaee  
Absent: Deumling, Dickinson  
Staff: Neal De Snoo, Alice LaPierre  
Guests: Nancy Hoeffler, Maria Sanders, Thomas Judt, Tom Guarino, Yolanda Huang
  2. Public Comments and Announcements  
Yolanda Huang stated her interest in setting up a biomass generator using organic wastes from the schools.
  3. Report on Solid Waste Management Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)
    - Solid Waste (Miller): No report.
    - Public Works (Packard): No report.
    - CEAC (Gillen): No report
    - Transportation Commission (Rezaee): No report.
    - Council: Staff reported that Council passed the budget last night which restored some of the cuts that were proposed for energy programs (the green building program). Council also restored funding for some community agencies with a windfall resulting the City's participation in the ABAG Power program.
  4. Report on Low-Income Programs  
No report.
  5. Report on CECO  
No report.
  6. Discussion of RECO Study  
Staff reported the technical analysis of new RECO measures might be done by the Fall.
- The Commission recessed at 7:05 for a meeting of the CESC Board of Directors and reconvened at 7:50.
7. Discussion of Public Power Study  
Staff reported that Navigant Consulting has completed an initial analysis of the feasibility of community aggregation and invited Commissioners to participate in a presentation of the analysis in mid July.
  8. Report on the Landfill Gas Project  
Staff reported that testing of the specific wells that were thought to have the quantity and quality of gas necessary for a project was negative. It appears that the landfill is not producing enough gas for a project. Based on this report the project will be terminated.

9. Green Neighbors – Energy Conservation Marketing Program  
Commissioner Gillen reported that problems with the phone system still need to be resolved. The next step will be to further develop the website.
10. Discussion of Educational Activities
- a) Green Home Exposition and Symposium  
Staff reported that since the Bay Festival has been cut from the budget, the Green Home Expo could be merged with this event next year.
  - b) Berkeley Unplugged and High/Low User Study  
Staff will be meeting with PG&E next week to discuss this proposal.
11. Report on PUC Programs  
Staff reported that the East Bay Energy Partnership is progressing very slowly and PG&E has not yet offered a contract for the program.
- Staff reported that the CYES program is progressing well and PG&E has been responsive.
12. Discussion of Climate Change Plan and Sustainable Business Working Group  
Staff reported that it has not sent to other commissions for updates because a) it should be updated by staff first and b) most staff efforts in this area are now focused on the Sustainable Business Working Group. The Climate Change plan will be reviewed by staff in the future.
- Staff reported that the Mayor would be releasing a draft Action Plan of the Sustainable Business Working Group on July 1.

#### ACTION ITEMS

13. Approval of Minutes of April 28 and May 26  
A typographical error was corrected on item 6 of the April 28 minutes. The corrected minutes were approved (MSC: JM, RG, 2-0-3, GA, FP, AR abstained).
- The May 26 minutes were approved (MSC: FP, AR, 3-0-2, GA, RG abstained).
14. Items for Next Month's Agenda  
Landfill gas and Berkeley Unplugged were removed from the agenda.
15. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM (MSC: JM, AR, 5-0).