



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2005

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gillen at 6:31 PM.

Present: Abrams, Bergen, Gillen, Miller, Rezaee, Grimes

Absent: none

Staff: Neal De Snoo

Guests: Elizabeth Mattiutz

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Commissioner Grimes introduced herself, noting that she is a former Secretary to the Commission.

Anna Oursler announced that Councilmember Spring intends to appoint her to the Commission and that she is affiliated with the Sierra Club.

Commissioner Abrams announced that Councilmember Wozniak convened all of his Commission appointments.

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 (Abrams): No report.
- CEAC (Gillen): No report.
- Transportation Commission (Rezaee): No report.
- Council: Staff announced that Council made \$100,000 available for the development of a Community Choice Aggregation Implementation plan.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

Staff announced that the City received an additional \$20,000 from the State for low-income services.

5. Report on CECO

No report.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Staff reported that research on a RECO amendment is underway and a draft should be available this Spring.

7. Discussion of Community Choice Aggregation

Staff distributed a draft feasibility study and a set of cost estimates for the development of the implementation plan. Staff reviewed the findings of the feasibility study. Staff welcomed written comments on the plan by close of business March 29.

8. Green Neighbors – Energy Conservation Marketing Program
Commissioner Gillen reported that the next meeting of the Green Neighbors group would be on April 1.
9. Discussion of Educational Activities
 - a) Green Home Exposition and Symposium
Staff distributed flyers for the event, to be held on April 30.
 - b) Berkeley Unplugged and High/Low User Study
PG&E regarding this proposal has declined to fund this study.
10. Report on PUC Programs
Staff reported that it active in the CPUC process and plans to submit proposals for 2006-2008 programs through a PG&E partnership.
11. Discussion of Climate Change Plan and Sustainable Business Working Group (SBWG)
Staff reported that the City is considering joining the Chicago Climate Exchange, which would establish an annual reduction of 1% in emissions that would need to be met either through actual reductions or purchase of credits.
12. 2004 Statements Of Economic Interests - Form 700
Staff reminded Commissioners that statements are due on April 1.

ACTION ITEMS

13. Approval of Minutes of February 23
The minutes were approved (MSC: AR, JM, 5-0-1, RG abstained).
14. Items for Next Month's Agenda
The next meeting will be held on April 27. Items 9 b and 12 were removed. Item 7 was moved to action.
15. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM (MSC: JM, JB, 6-0).