



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2006

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Present: Abrams, Bergen, Grimes, Hansen, Miller, Paolini, Rezaee

Absent: Owyang

Staff: Neal De Snoo

Guests: Scott Mertishaw

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Commissioner Miller requested that the City do a better job of promoting LED holiday lights next year.

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 (unassigned): No report.
- Transportation Commission (Rezaee): No report.
- Council: No report.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

Staff reported that part of the LIHEAP grant has been released. The balance is pending Federal authorization.

5. Report on CECO

No report.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Commissioner Hansen recommended that a provision be made for resource efficient appliances that have not received certifications.

Staff reported that it is working on internal administrative procedures and that it expects to meet with the real estate community shortly.

7. Green Neighbors – Energy Conservation Marketing Program

Staff reported that Alice La Pierre has found a low-cost mailing that will be conducted in February and paid for by the Ecology Center.

8. Report on Community Choice Aggregation

This item was moved to action (MSC: AR, GA, 7-0). Staff reported that the Commission's report, approved on December 7 has been delayed. The normal process is for the Commission report to accompany the City Manager report. However, the City Manager's report has been delayed by the City Attorney's Office. The original date was January 17; the projected date is now February 21.

The Commission passed the following motion: If the City Manager's report is not on the February 21 Council agenda, the Commission's report shall be revised to note that the report has been delayed while waiting for the City Manager's report and to urge the City Manager to submit his report as soon as possible (MSC: AR, JB, 7-0).

Staff also reported on PG&E's proposed carbon neutral tariff. This voluntary tariff would offset carbon emissions from natural gas and electrical generation through reforestation (carbon sequestration). PG&E

estimates the tariff to be 3% greater than current bills. CCA needs to be considered in the context of this tariff, which at least partially addresses one the objectives of CCA. Staff will investigate the tariff.

9. Report from Sustainability Report from UCB City and Regional Planning Class
Held over until February.
10. Discussion of Educational Activities
Staff reported that Alice La Pierre worked with Public Works to broker a deal with the Alameda County Computer Recycling Center to provide services for the City and City sponsored educational events.
11. Report on PUC Programs
The partnership submitted revised and lower budgets to PG&E. A decision from PG&E is now pending.
12. Discussion of Climate Change Plan, Chicago Climate Exchange and Mayor's Sustainable Business Working Group
Staff reported that it has almost completed the inventory for the Chicago Climate Exchange.

ACTION ITEMS

13. Approval of Minutes of December 7
The minutes were approved (MSC: TH, RG, 4-0-3, JM, JP and JB abstained).
14. Items for Next Month's Agenda
Elections and a discussion of net metering tariffs will be added to the agenda.
15. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM (MSC: GA, JP, 7-0).