



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 28, 2006

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Grimes at 6:33 PM.
Present: Abrams, Bergan, Grimes, Hansen, Miller, Murtishaw, Owyang, Paolini
Absent: Rezaee
Staff: Neal De Snoo
2. Public Comments and Announcements
None.
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 (Grimes): No report.
 - Transportation Commission (Rezaee): No report.
 - Council: Staff reported that the Mayor is considering an advisory ballot initiative for November 2006 stating the seriousness the threat and directing the City to respond by developing a plan to reduce emissions by 80% by 2050. Commissioner Abrams noted that the Energy Commission has not yet considered what kinds of substantial measures will be needed in order to achieve reductions of that scale, e.g., massive renewables, massive reductions/lifestyle changes, clean coal, nuclear, etc.
4. Report on Low-Income Programs
Staff reported that the one of the weatherization workers is out on extended disability due to a work related injury and that a temporary employee has been brought in.
5. Report on CECO
No report.
6. Discussion of RECO Study
Staff reported that it has not had a chance to do any work on RECO recently. Prior to going public, there are some technical issues that need to be resolved and the City needs to develop systems to administer the program. Nancy Hoeffler offered to assist.
7. Green Neighbors – Energy Conservation Marketing Program
There has been no activity on Green Neighbor recently. This program may be subsumed under Sustainable Berkeley.
8. Report on Community Choice Aggregation and Discussion of Possible Process for the Commission to Use Guide and Public Input and Discussion
Staff reported that the City is not prepared to hold a public workshop on governance issues because the City has not yet contracted with legal counsel. Staff reported that A. Robin Orden of Finance will be preparing an outreach plan. The Commission discussed various outreach and education options including kitchendemocracy.com and BTV. It discussed the need to build general awareness on CCA as well as the need to obtain substantive feedback on issues such as goals and governance.

Commissioner Abrams reported on the June 1 stakeholders group. He reported that the meeting was well attended but lacked certain representation, including advocates. He expressed concern about next steps.

The Commission decided to devote most of its next meeting to a discussion of governance issues. Staff will send a draft document on governance issues for discussion.

9. Discussion of Educational Activities
No report.

10. Report on PUC Programs
Staff reported that PG&E has just signed the contract for the East Bay Energy Watch.

11. Discussion of Climate Change Plan and Mayor's Sustainable Business Working Group
Staff reported that these items are being consolidated under the Sustainable Berkeley program. Commission Owyang reported that the proposed UC Sustainability Summit that the City was considering partnering with in the spring is uncertain and funding authorization is needed through the UC.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on AB 32 - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
The Commission moved this item to the Action Agenda (MSC: SM, BO, 8-0). The Commission passed the following motion (MSC: SM, BO, 8-0):

The Berkeley Energy Commission recommends that Council adopt a resolution supporting AB 32 – the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 -- in principle as presented in the April 18, 2006 draft, encouraging the State Legislature to amend Section 2, Chapter 7.42876.e such that to the extent feasible, the State Board shall, for the purpose of monitoring and reporting emissions of greenhouse gases, accept the underlying data supporting emissions from entities which have voluntarily participated in the Chicago Climate Exchange prior to December 31, 2006, and have a fully developed reporting program, with the understanding that such entities may still be required to provide certified data from sources not included in the Chicago Climate Exchange. Further, the Commission recommends that Section 2, Chapter 42877.f be clarified.

13. Discussion of PG&E's Climate Neutral Tariff
No report.

ACTION ITEMS

14. Approval of Minutes of May 24
The minutes were corrected to note that Commissioners Bergan and Miller had excused absences. The corrected minutes were adopted (MSC: RM, JP, 6-0-2, RB, JM abstained).

15. Items for Next Month's Agenda
The Commission decided to limit the next agenda to essential items and a discussion of CCA governance issues.

16. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM (MSC: JB, RG, 8-0).

