



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 27, 2006

1. Call to Order and Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miller at 6:40 PM.  
Present: Abrams, Bergen, Grimes, Hansen, Miller, Murtishaw, Owyang Lee  
Absent: Rezaee, Paolini  
Staff: Neal De Snoo  
Guests: Greg San Martin, Nancy Hoeffler  
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2. Public Comments and Announcements  
None.
3. Report on Zero Waste Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)
  - Zero Waste (Miller): Has included the ICLEI GHG report on their agenda and requested a liaison from the Energy Commission.
  - Public Works (Abrams): Has included a discussion of biodiesel on its agenda.
  - CEAC (Grimes): No report.
  - Transportation Commission (Lee/Murtishaw): No report.
  - Council: No report.

The Commission asked staff to forward agendas from these commissions if they contain items of relevance to the Energy Commission.

4. Discussion of AB 32 - California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006  
Staff summarized AB 32 and stated that its impacts on PG&E's GHG emissions are unknown at this time and that this will present an uncertainty in the benefits analysis of CCA.
5. Discussion of PG&E's Climate Neutral Tariff  
Greg San Martin, PG&E's Climate Protection Program Manager, reported on PG&E's GHG emissions related to Berkeley's energy use and PG&E's proposed Climate Neutral Tariff.

Greg noted that between 2003 and 2005 Berkeley's GHG emissions have declined very slightly due to variations in the generation mix. PG&E's average GHG coefficient in .49 lbs/kwh (2005 uncertified). The State's is .806 (2004) and the US' is 1.342 (2004).

He reported that PG&E has proposed a voluntary Climate Neutral Tariff. For approximately 3% more (\$9.71/ton of CO<sub>2</sub>), customers would fund carbon reduction programs, initially in the form of forest sequestration and later including local renewables, fuel switching, etc once protocols are available. The projects would be identified through a competitive bid process. The customer would have claim to the reduction credits (not the projects) and the credits would be permanently retired.

Greg also spoke to AB 32, which caps GHGs at 1990 levels. He stated that it is not clear how the State will apply this to the utilities. He noted that PG&E's emissions have been relatively flat since 1990 due to efficiency and renewables.

There followed a discussion by the Commission. It was noted that although the potential for forest sequestration in California is very large, there is a general concern about accountability.

6. Report on Low-Income Programs  
No report.
7. Report on CECO  
Staff reported that it is meeting with staff from the Planning Department to improve the CECO process.
8. Discussion of RECO Study  
Staff reported that it is working with San Francisco to refine the ordinance but still needs to prepare a process plan for systems improvements in the City's automation system. Nancy Hoeffler offered to assist.
9. Report of the Community Choice Aggregation Governance Subcommittee Meeting of August 14 (enclosure)  
The Commission discussed the minutes of the Subcommittee.
10. Report on Community Choice Aggregation and Discussion of Possible Process for the Commission to Use Guide and Public Input and Discussion  
Staff reported that Navigant will be requesting power prices from vendors after the Emeryville Council reviews the documents.  
  
Staff reported that Oakland has budgeted resources for legal counsel and the Emeryville Council is considering the issue on October 17.  
  
Staff will arrange for Navigant to provide a briefing on preliminary findings as soon as they are available.
11. Discussion of Educational Programs  
No report.
12. Report on PUC Programs  
Staff reported that the East Bay Energy Watch has begun, including CYES, Smart Lights and the Sustainable Berkeley Green Restaurant and Large Commercial programs.
13. Discussion of Sustainable Berkeley  
No report.
14. Discussion of Proposition G: Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
The Commission briefly discussed Proposition G.

#### ACTION ITEMS

15. Approval of Minutes of July 26  
The spelling of Commissioner Bergen was corrected and the Solid Waste Commission was corrected to the Zero Waste Commission. The corrected minutes were adopted (MSC: JB, SM, 6-0-1, TH abstained).
16. Items for Next Month's Agenda  
ICLEI report was added. Items 5, 9 and 14 were deleted.
17. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM (MSC: RG, JB, 7-0).

