



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2007

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miller at 6:32 PM.
Present: Abrams, Bergen, Chamberlain, Grimes, Hansen, Lee, Miller, Murtishaw
Absent: Rezaee
Staff: Neal De Snoo
Presenters/Guests: Nancy Hoeffler
Public: none

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Commission Chamberlain introduced himself to the Commission.

3. Report on Zero Waste Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)

- Zero Waste (Miller): No report.
- Public Works (Abrams): No report.
- CEAC (Grimes): Same as last month.
- Transportation Commission (Lee/Murtishaw): No report.
- Council: Staff reported that Council passed a mid year appropriation of \$100,000 for implementation of Proposition G and authorized the LIHEAP contract.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

Staff reported that the 2007 funding is secure but the President's proposed budget drastically cuts low-income energy services.

5. Report on CECO

Staff reported that CECO appears to be enforced more regularly and that the IT Department is producing reports that will help staff assess which properties are compliant.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Staff reported that HDR/Brown Vence will be completing the technical analysis with PG&E funding through ABAG Watch and that a draft for discussion with the real estate community should be available in April.

Staff will include seismic or excess flow safety gas valve devices for consideration in the ordinance.

7. Report on Community Choice Aggregation and Discussion of Possible Process for the Commission to Use Guide and Public Input and Discussion

Staff reported that six firms responded to the request for information. Three provided detailed pricing information. Staff and consultants are now evaluating the information and will prepare proformas based on the results. Staff reported that the peer review of the initial draft is still not complete. Staff will deliver a written report to the Commission next month.

The Commission recessed at 6:10 PM to convene the meeting of the Community Energy Services Corporation Board Of Directors and reconvened at 7:15.

8. Discussion of Educational Programs

No report.

9. Report on the East Bay Energy Watch

Staff reported that the programs appear to be meeting their targets and PG&E should be releasing the balance

of the funding shortly.

10. Discussion of Sustainable Berkeley

This item was moved to the Action Agenda (MSC: RG, GA, 8-0).

Staff reported that Council will be considering a contract with Sustainable Berkeley for implementation of Proposition G. Staff reported that this will be a sole source agreement because the purpose is to create an organization that can not only develop the plan but also over the long term serve as an entity that can mobilize the community to implement the plan. No such organization currently exists.

Chair Miller designated Commissions Grimes and Chamberlain to the primary and alternate Energy Commission representatives on the Sustainable Berkeley Steering Committee.

The Commission passed a motion supporting Sustainable Berkeley:

The Energy Commission supports the rationale for creating an independent entity with representation from the City and the community whose mission is to develop a comprehensive greenhouse gas reduction plan and a culture and movement for sustainability. We believe that Sustainable Berkeley will serve this purpose. (MSC: TH, JB, 8-0).

11. Discussion of Peak Oil

No discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

12. Approval of Minutes of January 31

The minutes of January 31 were corrected to amend item 6 to read ABAG Energy Watch. The minutes were passed (MSC: RG, TH, 8-0).

13. Election of Officers

Commissioner Miller and Grimes were elected as chair and vice chair (MSC: RG, JB, 8-0).

14. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Add "Discussion of Use of Corn-Based Ethanol as a National Fuel Source."

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM (MSC: JB, RG, 8-0).

