



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 25, 2007

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miller at 6:32 PM.  
Present: Abrams, Chamberlain Grimes, Hansen, Miller, Murtishaw, Rezaee  
Absent: Lee, Bergen (authorized leave of absence)  
Staff: Neal De Snoo  
Presenters/Guests: Cisco Devries  
Public: Elizabeth McCarthy

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Staff distributed a flyer for the May 19, Measure G kick off event.

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

- Zero Waste (Miller): Commissioner Miller reported that the ZWC would consider the proposed ban on plastic shopping bags.
- Public Works (Abrams): Commissioner Abrams reported that alternative fuels are on the agenda. Staff will notify the PWC that the EC would like to review any recommendations the PWC makes regarding this subject.
- CEAC (Grimes): No report.
- Transportation Commission (Lee/Murtishaw): No report.
- Council: Staff distributed Council reports on Measure G.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

No report.

5. Report on CECO

No report.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Staff reported that it would be presenting proposals for a RECO amendment at the Build It Green Real Estate Council on May 9.

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

Staff reported on a meeting of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Commissioner Hansen plans to contact advocacy groups in Oakland. Commissioner Abrams will draft a vision statement.

Staff will consider Dan Weiss of Marin as a panelist for the Fall workshops.

8. Discussion of Educational Programs

No report.

9. Report on the East Bay Energy Watch

No report.

10. Discussion of Measure G

Cisco Devries presented on Measure G. He invited the Commissioners to attend the May 19 kick off meeting

and distributed trend data on local emissions. He informed that Commission that they should hold at least one workshop by July and that they will have an opportunity to review the draft in the fall. He encouraged the Commission to be more active if they wished.

Staff will prepare a plan for a June workshop for discussion next month.

Staff distributed Council reports on Measure G.

11. Discussion of Peak Oil

Commissioner's Murtishaw presented a revised draft resolution. The Commissioners offered suggestions and Commissioner Murtishaw will return with a final draft at the next meeting.

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

Held over.

**ACTION ITEMS**

13. Approval of Minutes of March 28

The minutes of March 28 were approved (MSC: RG, BC 6-0-1, AR abstained).

14. Items for Next Month's Agenda

No changes.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM (MSC: TH, GA, 7-0).

