



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 23, 2007

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miller at 6:36 PM.

Present: Abrams, Chamberlain, Grimes, Lee, Hansen, Miller, Murtishaw, Rezaee

Absent: Bergen (authorized leave of absence)

Staff: Neal De Snoo, Timothy Burroughs

Presenters/Guests: Cisco Devries

Public: none

2. Public Comments and Announcements

Commissioner Miller announced that due to other commitments, this will be his last meeting.

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): Commissioner Abrams reported that a discussion of sustainability is on the agenda.
- CEAC (Grimes): Commissioner Grimes reported that the CEAC agenda includes environmental health issues, nanotechnology, the plastic bag ban and Measure G.
- Transportation Commission (Lee/Murtishaw): Commissioner Lee reported there will be a joint Transportation and Planning Commission meeting on bus rapid transit.
- Council: Staff reported that it will be delivering a Council workshop on sustainability on June 19. Staff also reported that the Parks and Waterfront Commission is considering a recommendation to eliminate the existing ban on leaf blowers.

4. Report on Low-Income Programs

No report.

5. Report on CECO

No report.

6. Discussion of RECO Study

Staff reported that it made a presentation to the Build It Green Real Estate Council and members of the Berkeley Association of Realtors were present. The report was generally well-received. Staff will be meeting with the Association for a more detailed discussion.

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 Oakland's participation in CCA is unclear at this time. Staff distributed a set of notes that Commissioners Abrams and Grimes prepared articulating the potential benefits of CCA.

Commissioners Abrams, Lee and Hansen will attend a meeting of CCA advocates on May 24.

8. Discussion of Educational Programs

Staff reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> Green Home Expo will be held on August 5 at the Berkeley Marina.

9. Report on the East Bay Energy Watch

Staff reported that the CPUC is considering "Big, Bold Strategies" for its 2009-2011 efficiency programs. The strategies include higher energy standards for residential construction, zero net commercial new construction by 2030 and comprehensive industrial efficiency.

10. Discussion of Measure G

Timothy Burroughs presented an overview of Measure G activities, including protocol issues, opportunities for public input and a draft agenda for the Energy Commission workshop on June 27. The Commission recommended broadening the agenda.

11. Discussion of Peak Oil

Moved to Action

Commissioner's Murtishaw presented a revised draft resolution. Commissioner Miller recommended some edits. The Commission passed a motion recommending that the City Council adopt the resolution and authorizing staff and the chair to prepare a Council report on the subject (MSC: SM, RG, 7-0-1, GA abstained). The resolution is attached.

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

Held over.

ACTION ITEMS

13. Approval of Minutes of April 25

The minutes were approved (MSC: RG, GA 7-0-1, BL abstained).

14. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Measure G Workshop was added. Items 1,2,3, 7 and 12 will be on the agenda as well.

15. Adjournment

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

