



Berkeley Energy Commission

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Miller at 6:36 PM.
Present: Abrams, Bergen Chamberlain, Grimes, Lee, Hansen, Kornbluth
Absent: Murtishaw
Staff: Neal De Snoo, Alice La Pierre
Presenters/Guests: Maria Sanders
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2. Public Comments and Announcements

Harvey Sherback reviewed recent findings about climate change, including impacts on water, noting that water use for electrical generation was substantial. He encouraged the Commission to promote solar as an alternative.

3. Workshop on Measure G

This item was mistakenly left on the agenda from the last meeting.

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

- Zero Waste (Kornbluth): Commissioner Kornbluth reported that the ZWC held a workshop on Measure G. The presenters stated that the reconstruction of the transfer station was a critical element for the success of waste reduction strategies. He also reported that members of the public took issue with the rezoning of segments of West Berkeley for auto lots on the grounds that it could displace reuse facilities such as Urban Ore.
- Public Works (Abrams): No report.
- CEAC (Grimes): No report.
- Transportation Commission (Lee/Murtishaw): Commissioner Lee reported that the Commission met to discuss bus rapid transit.
- Council: No report.

5. Report on Low-Income Programs

Staff reported that because grant funds have been flat and personnel costs have been finding, these programs might be operating in a deficit in FY 10.

6. Report on CECO

No report.

7. Discussion of RECO Study

Staff reported that there have been some concerns in the real estate community over changes in personnel doing RECO inspections. Staff made a presentation to the association of realtors to address these concerns.

Staff reported that it met to discuss the RECO amendment with Oakland and San Francisco.

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 executive management from Oakland, Emeryville and Berkeley met to discuss CCA. Based on this meeting, it appears that a CCA report may be available in November.

Staff will provide a detailed report of CCA at the next meeting and will invite Navigant Consulting to answer questions.

An ad hoc subcommittee of Commissioners Bergen, Abrams and Kornbluth will discuss options for community outreach.

9. Discussion of Educational Programs

Alice La Pierre reported on the 4th annual Green Home Expo on August 5 at the Berkeley Marina. She welcomed volunteers.

The Commission recessed from 7:55 to 8:16.

10. Report on the East Bay Energy Watch

Staff reported that the City was awarded a grant to promote solar power within the community and that this program will be integrated into the partnership.

11. Discussion of Measure G

Staff reported that it expect to launch an interactive website on Measure G shortly, that the green house gas inventory is being reviewed in terms of PG&E emissions and landfill emissions and that workshops are being held with other commissions.

12. Discussion of Peak Oil

Staff reported that this was referred to the Measure G process.

ACTION ITEMS

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

This item was moved to Action (MSC: GA, BC, 7-0). The commission referred this to the measure G process (MSC: GA, BC, 7-0).

14. Approval of Minutes of June 27

The minutes were corrected (third full paragraph of the Measure G workshop approved revised to read ...” energy monitoring report **that may be** available...” The corrected minutes were approved (MSC: GA, JB, 6-0-1, TH absent).

15. Items for Next Month's Agenda

Items 3, 12 and 13 were deleted.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM (MSC: JB, JK, 6-0-1, TH absent).

