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Item Description: Joint Workshop with Berkeley and Oakland City Councils on Community Choice Energy

The Berkeley Energy Commission passed a motion on this issue at its December 3 meeting.

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Berkeley Energy Commission

ACTION CALENDAR

December 8, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Berkeley Energy Commission
Submitted by: Neal De Snoo, Secretary, Berkeley Energy Commission
Subject: Joint Workshop with Berkeley and Oakland City Councils on Community Choice Energy

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council ask the City Manager to schedule a joint Council workshop on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) with Oakland in early 2009, or, if infeasible, schedule a Berkeley City Council workshop and coordinate with Oakland to encourage an Oakland workshop with a similar agenda.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

There are no direct cost impacts, however some staff time will be required to coordinate the event with Oakland.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On December 9, 2008 the Oakland City Council is scheduled to consider an item requesting a joint Council meeting with Berkeley to consider CCA. Councilmember Worthington introduced a similar item to the Berkeley City Council. The Emeryville City Council decided not to pursue CCA.

BACKGROUND

A business plan for a CCA for Berkeley, Oakland and Emeryville was released earlier this year and staff reports have been issued to the Berkeley Energy Commission, Oakland Public Works Committee and the Emeryville City Council. All staff reports recommend not proceeding with CCA.

The Energy Commission has not yet made a recommendation on CCA. However, at its December 3, 2008 meeting it did consider Councilmember Worthington's item and considered a motion with the recommendation above. The motion passed (Ayes: Abrams, Bergen, Hansen, Kornbluth, Lee, Murtishaw and Schwind. Nays: none. Abstentions: Grimes and Chamberlain).

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Commission believes that since the City is considering a CCA partnership with Oakland, it would be useful to conduct a joint workshop.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

If it is infeasible to conduct a joint workshop, the Commission recommends that Berkeley and Oakland hold separate but similar workshops.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager recommends that the City Council schedule a Berkeley work session on CCA in February after the Council has heard a recommendation on the matter from the Energy Commission. Once the Council has heard the Commission's recommendation and held its work session, the Council should then consider whether to conduct a joint workshop with Oakland at a later date.

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