

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Business Meeting Minutes

of

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Desmond at 10:03 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Desmond.

Joseph Desmond	Present
Jackalyne Pfannenstiel	Present
Arthur Rosenfeld	Present
James D. Boyd	Present
John L. Geesman	Present

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting).
 - a. PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY. Possible approval of an amendment to Work Authorization MR-014, with Pennsylvania State University under Energy Commission/UC Research Agreement 500-02-004, for a no-cost, time-only extension of two years to December 31, 2007. The research will evaluate the effectiveness of specific coatings on heat exchanger surfaces to reduce fouling of food processing.
 - b. SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (SMUD). Possible approval of an amendment to Contract 500-00-034 with SMUD for a no-cost, two-year time extension to March 2008. The goals of this contract are to reduce cost of PV installations and develop performance-based incentives, perform biomass combustion technology assessment, promote landfill gas use for greater power production, and support development of next generation of wind turbine technologies.

Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

2. PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER. Possible approval of a petition to correct noise level limits specified in the existing Condition of Certification Noise-6. An error in the calculation used by staff during the licensing process must be corrected to accurately reflect background and permitted noise levels. (Docket N. 01-AFC-24C).

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of a petition to correct noise level limits specified in Condition of Certification Noise-6. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

3. WALNUT ENERGY CENTER. Possible consideration and approval of a petition to correct transcription errors in the Certification of Condition Air Quality-71. The emission day rates for SO_x and PM₁₀ were unintentionally reversed in the original condition of certification. (Docket No. 02-AFC-4C)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of a petition to correct transcription errors in the Certification of Condition Air Quality-71. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

4. COUNTY OF ALAMEDA. Possible approval of a \$3,000,000 loan to the County of Alameda to install an 850 kW solar photovoltaic power system and energy efficiency measures at the new Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center. This facility is designed to exceed the 2001 building energy efficiency standards by 36 percent. The project is estimated to save the County approximately \$351,100 annually with a simple payback of 8.5 years. (ECAA and/or Bond Funded).

Commissioner Pfannenstiel moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of a loan to the county of Alameda. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

5. PUBLIC INTEREST ENERGY RESEARCH (PIER) PROGRAM 2007-2011
ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS RESEARCH INVESTMENT PLANS. Possible approval of both the 2007-2011 *Electricity and Natural Gas Research Investment Plans*. By March 15, 2006, the *Electricity Investment Plan*, which provides long-term electricity research priorities for the PIER program, must be submitted to the appropriate Legislative policy and fiscal committees. The *Natural Gas Research Plan* is not part of the legislative requirement but is included because of the synergies with electricity planning.

This item has been moved to the March 15, 2006 Business Meeting.

6. ASPEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP. Possible approval of Contract 700-05-002 with Aspen Environmental Group for \$18,636,000 providing engineering and environmental technical assistance in power plant licensing. Contractor will help staff evaluate power plants proposals and provide technical support in electricity, transmission system engineering, natural gas, siting trends and policy planning. (ERPA funded)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of Contract 700-05-002. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

7. APPLIANCE EFFICIENCY REGULATIONS. Report of the Efficiency Committee's plans to continue to a later business meeting the adoption of the proposed amendments to the appliance regulations for lighting equipment. This item is informational only. No action will be taken by the Commission at this meeting. (Docket No. 05-AAER-2)

This item was informational only, no action was taken.

8. CALIFORNIA BUILDING PERFORMANCE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (CBPCA). Possible approval of CBPCA as a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) provider for training, certification and oversight of HERS raters who perform field verification services. Approval of this item also constitutes the Commission's agreement for CBPCA to use the *Home Enalaysys* computerized Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning performance analysis system as the Third Party Quality Control Program for data collection, checking and contractor feedback.

Commissioner Pfannenstiel moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of CBPCA as a HERS training, certification and oversight of HERS raters who perform field verification services. CBPCA will also use the Home Enalaysys system as a third party quality control for data collection, checking and contractor feedback. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

9. ENERGYPRO 4.1. Possible approval to decertify the software program ENERGYPRO version 4.0 and replace with ENERGYPRO version 4.1 to use for complying with the 2005 Residential Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

Commissioner Pfannenstiel moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval to decertify Energypro version 4.0 and replace it with Energypro 4.1. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

10. POTRERO UNIT 7 PROJECT. Possible consideration and approval of the Committee Order denying request for continued suspension and Order terminating the Potrero Unit 7 Project. (Docket No. 00-AFC-04)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval to deny the request for continued suspension and the Order terminating the Potrero Unit 7 Project. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

11. NET METERING RESOLUTION. Possible approval of the Renewables Committee's resolution encouraging Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to draft and support legislation to raise the net metering cap for customers in the PG&E service territory.

With modifications, Commissioner Pfannenstiel moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the Renewables Committee resolution Encouraging PG&E to draft and support legislation to raise the net metering cap for customers in their service territory. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

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Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the February 15, 2006, Business Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

13. Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion

Chairman Desmond gave an update on the Electricity Committee activities.

14. Chief Counsel's Report

Chief Counsel Bill Chamberlain informed the Commission that the CPUC held a pre-hearing conference on February 28th in its Long Term Procurement Proceeding . The ALJ in the preceding expressed appreciation to the Energy Commission for the fact that the Commission's IEPR information was public information which relieved the CPUC of the need to make extraordinary efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

15. Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Scott Matthews informed the Commission of the upcoming budget hearings which start next week in the Senate. He also informed the Commissioners of the planting of new trees in front of the Energy Commission on Ninth Street.

16. Legislative Director's Report

No report was given.

17. Public Adviser's Report

No report was given.

18. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

BETTY A. McCANN
Secretariat to the Commission