

Business Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Desmond at 10:01 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Desmond.

Joseph Desmond	Present
Jackalyne Pfannenstiel	Present
Arthur Rosenfeld	Present
James D. Boyd	Absent
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. CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION REGISTRY ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Possible approval to co-sponsor the California Climate Action Registry Annual Conference, April 20-21, 2006 at Dana Point, California. The Energy Commission will provide \$4,500, staff time, travel expenses and name use. (PIER funded) Contact: Pierre duVair
 - b. BUILDING MEDIA, INC. Possible approval of a no-cost, one-year time extension with Building Media, Inc (Contract 400-04-008) to March 31, 2007. This contract will produce training videos supporting the Building Standards. Contact: Elaine Hebert
 - c. HYDROLOGIC RESEARCH CENTER (HRC). Possible approval of a no-cost, six-month time extension to December 31, 2006, with HRC (Contract 500-02-008) to allow the spring 2006 snow melt data to be incorporated into the integrated forecast and management demonstration project. Contact: Joe O'Hagan
 - d. UTILITY ENERGY FORUM. Possible approval to co-sponsor the 2006 Utility Energy Forum, May 3-5, 2006, at Tahoe City, California (Contract 500-05-031). The Energy Commission will provide \$6,000 and a leadership role in the Forum including Steering Committee and discussion panels. (PIER funded.) Contact: Steve Williams

Chairman Desmond corrected the funding source on item 1(a) from PIER to ERPA. Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Pfannenstiel seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

2. PALOMAR ENERGY PROJECT. Possible approval of a petition to transfer ownership and operational control of the 546 MW Palomar Energy Project in Escondido, California, from Palomar Energy LLC to San Diego Gas and Electric;

and to change the name of the facility from Palomar Energy Project to the Palomar Energy Center. (Docket No. 01-AFC-24C) Contact: Connie Bruins. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Pfannenstiel seconded approval of petition to transfer ownership and name change of the Palomar Energy project. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

3. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR). Possible approval of Contract 200-05-002 for \$45,000 with OPR to provide writing and research services for planning and policy documents regarding California's future energy-related issues. (ERPA funded) Contact: Justin Oakley. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Pfannenstiel seconded approval of Contract 200-05-002. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

4. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS (UCD). Possible approval of Contract 600-05-007 for \$99,426 to UCD to study and evaluate the willingness of consumers to purchase more fuel efficient but more expensive light-duty vehicles. (SEP funded) Contact: Gerry Bemis. (10 minutes)

This item was moved to a future Business Meeting.

5. CITY OF MILL VALLEY. Possible approval of the City of Mill Valley's adoption and enforcement of a local ordinance requiring single-family dwellings be more energy efficient than the 2005 Building Efficiency Standards. Contact: Rob Hudler. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Geesman moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of City of Mill Valley's local ordinance. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

6. ENERGY COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC) PROCUREMENT PROCEEDING. Consideration whether and how the Energy Commission should participate in the CPUC's 2006 Long-Term Procurement Proceeding (R.06-02-013) and possible assignment of the Electricity Committee to oversee this participation. Contact: Caryn Holmes. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Pfannenstiel moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of the Energy Commission participating in the CPUC's process and assignment of the Electricity Committee. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

7. 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*. 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 by March 15, 2006. The *Natural Gas Research Plan* is not part of the legislative requirement but is included because of the synergies with electricity planning. Contact: Martha Krebs (20 minutes)

The Commissioners considered only the PIER Electricity Investment Plan. Dave Modisette (California Electric Transportation Coalition), John Shears (CEERT) and Manuel Alvarez (SCE) spoke on this item. Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of 2007-2011 PIER Electricity Investment Plan. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

8. Minutes

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Geesman seconded approval of March 1, 2006 Business Meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

9. Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion

No report was given.

10. Chief Counsel's Report

No report was given.

11. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director B.B. Blevins noted that the availability of Energy Commission staff resources for responding to Item 6 depends on the CPUC's interpretation of the ex-parte contact rules.

12. Legislative Director's Report

No report was given.

13. Public Adviser's Report

No report was given.

14. Public Comment

Brent Schoradt (California Wilderness Coalition) thanked the Energy Commission for its work in the federal energy corridor process that has allowed more public comment and reiterated that some of the designated federal energy corridors have possible serious adverse environmental impacts. He urged the Commission to oppose the designation of federal energy corridors in wilderness and road-less areas. The California Wilderness Coalition will continue to participate in this process.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

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