

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 27, 2008, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Pfannenstiel.

Present:

Jackalyne Pfannenstiel, Chairman  
James D. Boyd, Vice Chair  
Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Commissioner  
Jeffrey D. Byron, Commissioner  
Karen Douglas, Commissioner

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. COLLABORATIVE FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOOLS. Possible approval of \$4,999 to co-sponsor the 2nd Annual Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) Greentools for Healthy Schools Conference September 11-12, 2008 in Sacramento, CA. (ECAA funding.) Contact: Elizabeth Shirakh.
  - b. YOUTH ENERGY SUMMIT. Possible approval of co-sponsorship, staff time and use of the Energy Commission's name for the inaugural Youth Energy Summit, January 23-24, 2009, at Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) headquarters. The event is co-sponsored by SMUD, Lodi Electric, and Roseville Electric Utility. Contact: Chris Graillat.

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

2. GWF TRACY COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT (08-AFC-7). Contact: Christopher Meyer. (10 minutes)
  - a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for GWF Energy, LLC's Application for Certification of the GWF Tracy Combined Cycle Power Plant Project. The existing 169-megawatt (MW) peaking power facility will be converted into a combined-cycle power plant with a new nominal generating capacity of 314 MW), in San Joaquin County, California.
  - b. Possible appointment of a siting committee for the GWF Tracy Combined Cycle Power Plant Project.

*Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Douglas seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC be found data inadequate at this time. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

3. SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 160-06-002 for a 9.5-month time extension; budget revision to correct hours and dollars allocated to each staff category; a revision to the scope of work to add more

detail and definitions; and, a revision to the terms of the contract to allow the Contractor to engage the services of subcontractors. Contact: Joanne Vinton. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 160-06-002. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

4. SANTA MARIA-BONITA SCHOOL DISTRICT. Possible approval of a \$366,081 loan to the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to install several energy efficiency projects, including lighting, equipment controls and refrigeration improvements. These projects will affect several school district facilities and will annually save the district approximately 818,466 kWh or about \$120,237. Based on the loan amount, the simple payback is approximately 3 years. (ECAA and/or bond funded). Contact Jim Holland. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the loan to the Santa Maria-Bonita School District. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

5. ENERGY AND AIR QUALITY RESEARCH CONFERENCE. Possible approval of up to \$30,000 allocated under Work Authorization MR-026, Contract 500-02-004, for the Energy Commission's Energy and Air Quality Research Conference, October 29 and 30, 2008 at the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Co-sponsors are the California Air Resources Board, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and South Coast Air Quality Management District. (PIER electricity funding.) Contact: Marla Mueller. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the allocation under Work Authorization MR-026. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

6. UC ENERGY INSTITUTE. Possible approval of Contract 500-08-006 for \$2,394,375 with the Regents of the University of California, Office of the President to fund the Center for the Study of Energy Markets (CSEM) at the UC Energy Institute. CSEM will conduct research in market design and operation for 42 months, beginning October 1, 2008. (PIER electricity and natural gas funding.) Contact: Mike Gravely. (10 minutes)

*Item 6 was held over to a future Business Meeting.*

7. UC DAVIS. Possible approval of Contract 500-08-005 for \$300,000 with the Regents of the University of California, Davis to expand and enhance CALVIN, a water resources management tool. The project will include a module to track the energy implications of measures the state may implement in the water sector to cope with climate change. (PIER electricity funding.) Contact: Guido Franco. (5 minutes)

*Item 7 was held over to a future Business Meeting.*

8. UC SANTA BARBARA, BREN SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & MANAGEMENT. Possible approval of Work Authorization MRA-02-078 for \$397,000 under Contract 500-02-004 with The Regents of the University of California – Office of the President/CIEE. Researchers at UC Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science & Management will provide a statewide overview of potential effects on California's

wildlife species and water use due to changes in crops and farming practices to generate renewable biofuel feedstocks. (PIER electricity funding.) Contact: Joe O'Hagan.  
(5 minutes)

*Item 8 was held over to a future Business Meeting.*

9. **Minutes**

- a. Possible approval of the May 21, 2008, Business Meeting Minutes.

*Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the May 21, 2008, Minutes. The vote was 3-0-2. Commissioners Byron and Douglas abstained.*

- b. Possible approval of the August 13, 2008, Business Meeting Minutes.

*Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the August 13, 2008 Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)*

10. **Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion** – Commissioner Byron discussed the Energy Commission's August 20 letter to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the Tesla Generating Station.

**Chief Counsel's Report** – None

11. **Executive Director's Report** – Chief Deputy Director Claudia Chandler requested a closed session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to Government Code, Section 11126(a).
12. **Legislative Director's Report** – Legislative Director Chris Marxen gave the report.
13. **Public Adviser's Report** – Public Adviser Elena Miller gave the report.
14. **Public Comment** – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN  
Secretary to the Commission