

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Minutes of the November 5, 2008, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by Chairman Jackalyne Pfannenstiel. The Pledge of Allegiance was led 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. 2009 BUSINESS MEETING SCHEDULE. Possible approval of the Energy Commission's 2009 Business Meeting Schedule. Contact: Harriet Kallemeyn.
 - b. RAND CORPORATION. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 400-07-022 with Rand Corporation for a no-cost time extension. The project seeks to demonstrate computer-assisted techniques that can more completely evaluate the effects of uncertainties on policy outcomes which may then lead to more robust and adaptive combinations of policies and to better cross-functional collaboration and communication. Contact: Ross Miller.

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

2. SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT. Possible approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that Sacramento Utility District's contract with Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. (formerly PPM, Inc.) be found compliant with the Emission Performance Standard for Local Publicly-Owned Electric Utilities pursuant to SB 1368 (California Code of Regulations, Title 20, Sections 2900-2913). Contact: Marc Pryor.

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

3. CITY OF SANTA ROSA: Possible approval of a \$776,000 loan to the City of Santa Rosa, located in Sonoma County, to implement energy efficiency projects at the City's Meadowlane and Rohnert Park Pumping Stations. These efficiency projects include modifying pump stations, installing variable speed pumps and improving controls and instrumentation. These projects will save an estimated 973,000 kWh annually or \$107,800 with a simple payback period of 7.2 years. In addition, these projects will reduce approximately 396 tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. (ECAA and/or bond funded). Contact: Shahid Chaudhry. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Douglas seconded approval of the loan to the City of Santa Rosa. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

4. CITY OF PALO ALTO. Possible approval of City of Palo Alto Locally Adopted Energy Standards for residential and nonresidential newly constructed buildings requiring greater energy efficiency than the 2005 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. The proposed ordinance would become effective November 15, 2008. Contact: Devorah Eden. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the City of Palo Alto's local energy standards. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

5. LOOMIS UNION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. Possible approval of a \$651,370 loan to the Loomis Union Unified School District to install several energy efficiency projects, including lighting, equipment controls, and heating, ventilation, & air conditioning (HVAC) upgrades/replacements. These projects will affect several school district facilities and will save the district approximately 398,813 kWh and 3,593 gallons of propane (359.3 MBtu) or about \$65,137 per year. Based on the loan amount, the simple payback is approximately 10 years. (LJAC and/or ECAA funded). Contact Jane Heinz (5 minutes)

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Boyd seconded approval of the loan to the Loomis Union Unified School District. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

6. GILBERT ASSOCIATES, INC. Possible approval of Contract 400-08-002 for \$132,100 with Gilbert Associates, Inc. to provide independent accounting and compliance auditing services for the Energy Efficiency Master Trust Revenue Bond Program. (Bond Admin. funding.) Contact: Jane Heinz. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of Contract 400-08-002. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

7. ASPEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP. Possible approval of Amendment 2 to Contract 700-05-002 with Aspen Environmental Group for a no-cost time extension of one year and changes to the scope of work, including assistance in: (1) developing a Natural Communities Conservation Plan for selected areas in California; (2) identifying sites for renewable power plant development in the state; (3) developing a Solar Power Plant Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; and (4) developing Best Management Practices to facilitate the development of renewable resources while minimizing environmental impacts. Contact: Joseph Merrill. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Douglas seconded approval of Amendment 2 to Contract 700-05-002. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

8. CALIFORNIA UTILITY ALLOWANCE CALCULATOR. Possible approval of the California Utility Allowance Calculator (CUAC). The CUAC, developed by the Energy Commission, is designed to create project-specific utility allowance estimates for affordable multifamily housing projects. If approved by the Energy Commission, the CUAC will be the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee's approved method of calculating tax credits for qualified low-income housing projects. Contact: Sandy Miller. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Rosenfeld moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the California Utility Allowance Calculator. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

9. UC DAVIS CENTER FOR WATERSHED SCIENCES. Possible approval of Interagency Agreement 500-08-018 for \$285,650 with the Regents of the University of California, Davis, Center for Watershed Sciences for research on amphibian and related species that are affected by hydropower operations. This research is to provide data that will inform the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydropower relicensing process. Contact: Joe O'Hagan. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of Interagency Agreement 500-08-018. The vote was unanimous. (5-0)

10. **Minutes**

- a. Approval of the October 8, 2008, Business Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the October 8 Minutes. The vote was 4-0-1. Commissioner Boyd abstained.

- b. Approval of the October 22, 2008, Business Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Boyd moved and Commissioner Rosenfeld seconded approval of the October 22 Minutes. The vote was 3-0-2. Chairman Pfannenstiel and Commissioner Byron abstained.

11. **Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion**

Chairman Pfannenstiel announced that the Business Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2008, will be held on Thursday, November 20; and that the Business Meeting scheduled December 31, 2008, has been canceled.

12. **Chief Counsel's Report** – Chief Counsel Bill Chamberlain gave the report.
13. **Executive Director's Report** – None.
14. **Legislative Director's Report** – Legislative Manager Marni Weber gave the report.
15. **Public Adviser's Report** – Public Adviser Elena Miller gave the report.
16. **Public Comment** – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN
Secretary to the Commission