

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
California Energy Commission
October 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by Chairman Karen Douglas. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Douglas.

Present:

Karen Douglas, Chairman

James D. Boyd, Vice Chair

Jeffrey D. Byron (by telephone)

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. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. Possible approval of a 12-month no-cost time extension for Work Authorization MR-048 under the UC Master Research Agreement with the Regents of the University of California, Berkeley. Additional time is needed to complete improvements to the Water-Energy Sustainability Tool (WEST), a decision support tool for local cities, counties and districts to quantify the life cycle costs, including energy demand and greenhouse gas emissions, of constructing and operating water supply and wastewater systems. Contact: Joe O'Hagan.
 - b. COMMERCE PRINTING SERVICES. Possible approval of Contract 400-09-007 for \$25,470 with Commerce Printing Services to print 2,500 copies of the *2008 Residential Compliance Manual* for the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. Copies will be distributed to county and municipal building standards officials and made available to the public. This agreement is consistent with Governor's Executive Order S-09-09. (ERPA funding.) Contact: Beverly Duffy.

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

2. ABENGOA MOJAVE SOLAR PROJECT (09-AFC-05). Contact: Eileen Allen. (10 minutes)
 - a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the Abengoa Mojave Solar Project. The proposed 250 MW solar project, using parabolic trough technology, would be located on approximately 1,765 acres of privately-owned land northwest of the Town of Hinkley in San Bernardino County.

Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the Executive Director's recommendation that the AFC be found data adequate. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

- b. Possible appointment of a siting committee for the Abengoa Mojave project.

Chairman Douglas appointed Commissioner Levin as presiding member and Vice Chair Boyd as second member of a siting committee for the Abengoa project. Commissioner Byron moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of the appointment. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

3. GENESIS SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT (09-AFC-8). Contact: Mike Monasmith. (10 minutes)
 - a. Possible approval of the Executive Director's data adequacy recommendation for the Genesis Solar Energy Project, a nominal 250 MW large solar electrical generating facility to be located 25 miles east of the city of Blythe in the Sonora Desert of Riverside County.
 - b. Possible appointment of a siting committee for the Genesis project.

Item 3 was moved to the November 4 Business Meeting agenda.

4. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL ENERGY CENTER (06-AFC-6). Possible adoption of the Committee Order Terminating Proceedings for the Southeast Regional Energy Center (formerly City of Vernon) Project. On September 29, 2009, applicant City of Vernon filed a notice withdrawing the Application for Certification for the project. Contact: Raoul Renaud. (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the committee order. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

5. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ENERGY OFFICIALS. Possible approval of Contract 400-09-006 for \$59,670 with National Association of State Energy Officials for renewal of the Energy Commission's membership at \$19,890 per year for three years. This agreement is consistent with Governor's Executive Order S-09-09. (ERPA funding.) Contact: Valerie Hall. (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract 400-09-006. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

6. US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. Possible approval of Contract 500-09-012 for \$449,684 with the US Geological Survey to determine greenhouse gas emissions released from soil due to intentional flooding of cornfields in the Sacramento Delta. This project will determine the effectiveness of farm-scale carbon sequestration projects. Modeling emissions will enable comparison of the experimental plots to nearby lands and support projections of regional conditions if larger-scale carbon farming is adopted. This agreement is consistent with Governor's Executive Order S-09-09. (PIER electricity funding.) Contact: Sarah Pittiglio. (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract 500-09-012. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

7. **Minutes.** Approval of the October 7, 2009, Business Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of the Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

8. **Commission Committee Presentations/Discussion:**
9. **Chief Counsel's Report:** Assistant Chief Counsel Jonathan Blee gave the report.
10. **Executive Director's Report:** None.
11. **Public Adviser's Report:** None.
12. **Public Comment:** None.

Appearances:

Mr. Scott Frier, Abengoa Solar

Ms. Shane E. Conway, Ellison, Schneider & Harris, LLP

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN
Secretary to the Commission