

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
California Energy Commission
February 17, 2010

Minutes of the February 17, 2010, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:04 by Chairman Karen Douglas. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Douglas.

Present:

Karen Douglas, Chairman

Robert B. Weisenmiller, Commissioner

Jeffrey D. Byron, Commissioner

Anthony Eggert, 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. PINCHOT INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION. Possible approval of Contract 500-09-028 for \$20,000 with the Pinchot Institute for Conservation to co-sponsor the Regional Biomass Stakeholder Workshop on forestry sustainability issues at the University of California, Davis, on February 24-25, 2010. (PIER electricity funding.) Contact: Ken Koyama.

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Eggert seconded approval of the Consent Calendar. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

2. GATEWAY GENERATING STATION (00-AFC-1C). Possible adoption of the Proposed Decision of the Siting Committee on the complaints against the Gateway Generating Station brought by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN), Local Clean Energy Alliance (LCEA), and Californians for Renewable Energy (CARE). Contact: Ken Celli. (10 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Eggert seconded adoption of the Proposed Decision. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

3. SONOMA VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT. Possible approval of a \$1,966,762 loan to the Sonoma Valley Health Care District to install high efficiency interior and exterior lighting, HVAC upgrades and desktop virtualization technologies at the Sonoma Valley Hospital. This loan is estimated to save the District 758,957 kilowatt hours and 86,062 therms annually, and reduce energy costs by \$174,610. The simple payback is 11.3 years based on the loan amount. (ARRA funding.) Contact: Haile Bucaneg. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Weisenmiller seconded approval of the loan to the Sonoma Valley Health Care District. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

4. CITY OF ALBANY. Possible approval of a \$290,805 loan to the City of Albany to replace 451 high pressure sodium vapor street lights with light-emitting diodes. The project is estimated to save the city 194,963 kilowatt hours of electricity annually and reduce annual energy cost by approximately \$23,874. The simple payback is 12.2 years based on the loan amount. (ARRA funding.) Contact: Amir Ehyai. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Eggert seconded approval of the loan to the City of Albany. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

5. DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY. Possible approval of Contract RMB 600-09-010 with the Department of Resources Recovery and Recycling to transfer \$300,000 to the Energy Commission over two fiscal years (\$150,000 each fiscal year 2009-10 and 2010-11). The funds will be used to conduct comprehensive tire tests to examine rolling resistance, fuel efficiency, tread life, and tire safety; determine what, if any, tradeoffs exist between rolling resistance and other tire qualities; and make recommendations for potential minimum efficiency standards for tires as required by Assembly Bill 844 (Nation, Chapter 645, Statutes of 2003.) (Reimbursement funding.) Contact: Ray Tuvell. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Eggert moved and Commissioner Byron seconded approval of Contract RMB 600-09-010. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

6. **Minutes:** Approval of the February 10, 2010, Business Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Byron moved and Commissioner Weisenmiller seconded approval of the February 10 Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

7. **Commission Committee Presentations and Discussion.**

Commissioner Eggert commented on the February 10 Notice of Proposed Awards under the State Energy Program and the potential energy efficiency benefits of projects funded by these awards and other Energy Commission programs.

Chairman Douglas reported that a potential settlement of litigation was discussed in closed session following the February 10 Business Meeting, and interviews were conducted for Chief Counsel and Chief Hearing Officer. A decision on hiring for those positions will be announced soon.

8. **Chief Counsel's Report:** None.
9. **Executive Director's Report:** Chief Deputy Director Claudia Chandler gave the report.
10. **Public Adviser's Report:** None.
11. **Public Comment:** None.
12. **Internal Organization and Policy.** No discussion.

Appearances:

Mr. Scott Galati, Galati Blek, LLP

Mr. Michael Boyd, Californians for Renewable Energy (CARE)

Mr. Rob Simpson, CARE

Mr. Robert Sarvey

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN
Secretary to the Commission