

State of California
California Energy Commission

Minutes of the August 6, 2010, Energy Commission Business Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by Chairman Karen Douglas. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Douglas.

Present:

Karen Douglas, Chairman

James D. Boyd, Vice Chair

Robert B. Weisenmiller, Commissioner

1. REVISION OF STATE ENERGY PROGRAM GUIDELINES. Possible adoption of a resolution to revise the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Energy Program Guidelines (Publication CEC-150-2009-004-CMF-REV1) to expand the types of energy efficiency retrofit financing programs to be included in addition to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs. This resolution responds to the Federal Housing Finance Agency's July 6, 2010 determination, and similar advice from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, that first-priority liens violate regulatory prohibitions against senior liens. Based on guidance by the United States Department of Energy to consider alternatives to PACE programs in light of those regulatory determinations, staff recommends adoption of the proposed Third Edition of the State Energy Program Guidelines to ensure that the Energy Commission can direct State Energy Program funding into sustainable energy efficient retrofit programs, within all deadlines and milestones of the federal grant. Contact: Betty LaFranchi. (10 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Weisenmiller seconded adoption of the resolution to revise the State Energy Program Guidelines. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

2. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES. Possible adoption of changes to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) to expand the types of energy efficiency retrofit financing programs to be included in addition to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs. The proposed changes respond to the Federal Housing Finance Agency's July 6, 2010 determination, and similar advice from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, that first-priority liens violate regulatory prohibitions against senior liens. Based on guidance by the United States Department of Energy to consider alternatives to PACE programs in light of those regulatory determinations, staff recommends adoption of the proposed changes. Contact: John Sugar. (10 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Weisenmiller seconded approval of the proposed changes to the Block Grant Program Guidelines. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

3. ICF CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC. Possible approval of Contract 500-10-018 with ICF Consulting Services, L.L.C. for \$197,224 to provide support for the planning and management of the legislatively directed Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program Advisory Board meetings, and make recommendations on methodologies that

can be used to evaluate research and development projects and programs. (PIER Support funding.) Contact: Mike Gravely. (5 minutes)

Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Weisenmiller seconded approval of Contract 500-10-018. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

4. **Chief Counsel's Report:** Assistant Chief Counsel Jonathan Blee requested a closed session to discuss litigation matters pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e).
5. **Executive Director's Report:** None.
6. **Public Adviser's Report:** None.
7. **Public Comment:** None.

Appearances:

Mr. John Haig, Sonoma County

Ms. Liz Yager, Sonoma County

Mr. Nehemiah Stone, Benningfield Group

Mr. Ethan Sprague, Sun Run, Inc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to a closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN
Secretary to the Commission