

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**California Energy Commission**

Minutes of the August 24, 2011, Energy Commission Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chairman Weisenmiller.

Present:

Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair  
James D. Boyd, Vice Chair

Karen Douglas, Commissioner  
Carla J. Peterman, 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. DIGITAL ENERGY, INC. Possible approval of Amendment 3 to Contract 400-07-026 with Digital Energy, Inc., for a one year no-cost time extension to March 31, 2013. The contract provides technical assistance and support to the Energy Commission's Bright Schools, Energy Partnership, and Energy Efficiency Financing programs. Contact: Joji Castillo.
  - b. CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 500-07-037 with the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the California Institute for Energy and Environment for a three-month no-cost time extension to allow completion of three of the seven projects. Contact: Jamie Patterson.
  - c. CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Agreement CBG-09-167 with the City of South El Monte to change the parking lot light retrofits to an induction technology, reduce the number of HVAC retrofits, and include additional interior and exterior lighting projects. The amendment includes a budget reallocation of \$13,322 from the Non-Labor Contract Expenses category to the Contract Labor category and an increase of \$5,665 in cost share from the City. Contact: Haile Bucaneg.
  - d. CITY OF CALABASAS. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Agreement CBG-09-162 with the City of Calabasas, which provided funding for interior and exterior lighting upgrades at City facilities. The amendment revises the scope of work to reduce the number of retrofit projects from three to one, due to budgetary restrictions. The City will proceed with the Calabasas Tennis Center retrofit project. The total grant amount of \$85,972 is unchanged. Contact: Christopher Scott.
  - e. CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Agreement CBG-09-183 with the City of South Pasadena to change the scope of work. The original project scope included traffic signal upgrades and HVAC replacements. The revised scope of work has been changed to upgrades to City Hall to include: a cool roof system, wall insulation, HVAC equipment, ducting modifications, temperature sensors and controls and the retrofit of incandescent pedestrian signals to LED pedestrian signals. The revised project scope meets all EECBG program requirements and the grant total amount of \$136,878 remains unchanged. Contact: Christopher Scott.

*Item 1e was removed from the agenda.*

*Commissioner Peterman recused herself from consideration of Item 1b due to a past employment relationship with CIEE. Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Peterman seconded approval of the remaining Consent Calendar items. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

*Commissioner Peterman left the room. Commissioner Douglas moved and Vice Chair Boyd seconded approval of Item 1b. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)*

2. ENERGY COMMISSION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. Possible approval of appointments to the Energy Commission's Standing Committees and Siting Case Committees. Contact: Kevin Barker. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Peterman returned to the dais.*

*Item 2 was moved to the September 7 agenda.*

3. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS. Possible approval of allowing changes to the budget reallocation term in individual block grants to be made through the letter of agreement process in the terms and conditions. This change to the budget reallocation term will be made to individual block grants on an as needed basis. When utilized, the new budget reallocation term will allow all future budget reallocations under the block grant to be made through the letter of agreement process. Contact: Allan Ward. (5 minutes).

*Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Douglas seconded approval of the proposed change. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

4. CRHMFA HOMEBUYERS FUND. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 400-09-016 with CRHMFA Homebuyers Fund (CHF) to add \$6 million in funding to the contract and make budget adjustments to further implement CHF's Moderate Income Sustainable Technology (MIST) Program. Of the \$6 million in funding, \$3.5 million is available immediately and \$2.5 million is contingent upon funding availability and program performance. This American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Residential State Energy Program contract provides grants and low interest whole home energy efficiency and renewable generation retrofit loans with 15 year terms available to moderate income homeowners in CHF Member and Associate Member jurisdictions. (ARRA funding.) Contact: Adrian Ownby. (5 minutes)

*Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Peterman seconded approval of the amendment. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

5. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE. Possible approval of Contract 500-11-004 for \$649,214 with the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the Riverside Campus. The project is to investigate production of substituted natural gas from wet organic waste using the process development unit-scale steam hydrogasification process. (PIER natural gas funding.) Contact: David Effross. (5 minutes)

*Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Peterman seconded approval of the contract. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

6. ICF CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC. Possible approval of Contract 500-11-055 for \$194,621 with ICF Consulting Services, LLC to develop and publish a strategic plan for

the Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) program. (PIER electricity funding.)  
Contact: Leah Mohny. (5 minutes)

*Item 6 was removed from the agenda.*

7. BLYTHE SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-6C). Possible approval of a Petition to Amend the Blythe Solar Power Project. Palo Verde Solar I, LLC has submitted a petition to modify the facility design and to modify the location of its transmission line to reflect the new proposed location of the Colorado River Substation. Contact: Mary Dyas. (10 minutes)

*Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Peterman seconded approval of the petition. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

8. RIDGECREST SOLAR POWER PROJECT (09-AFC-09). Consideration of the Committee Order After Hearing on Applicant's Motion for Order Affirming Application of Jurisdictional Waiver and possible action to withdraw this matter from the Committee pursuant to Section 1204(c) of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations. Contact: Kourtney Vaccaro. (15 minutes)

*Vice Chair Boyd moved to accept the pleading of the siting committee that the full Commission take up the matter. Commissioner Douglas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. (4-0) Thereupon Chair Weisenmiller recessed the meeting to Executive Session for 30 minutes to discuss process.*

*Chair Weisenmiller reconvened the meeting at 11:15. Vice Chair Boyd moved to adopt the recommendation of Counsel for the wording of the proposed order. Commissioner Peterman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

9. **Minutes:** Possible approval of the August 10, 2011, Business Meeting Minutes.

*Vice Chair Boyd moved and Commissioner Peterman seconded approval of the Minutes. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)*

10. **Commission Committee Presentations and Discussion:**

*Chair Weisenmiller commented on the celebration of Vice Chair Boyd's 50 years of service to the State, held earlier this week.*

*Commissioner Peterman reported on the upcoming Staff Workshop on the Use of Biomethane Delivered via the Natural Gas Pipeline System for California's Renewable Portfolio Standard.*

*Vice Chair Boyd reported on the Clean Vehicle Fuel Coordination Working Group.*

11. **Chief Counsel's Report:**

Chief Counsel Michael Levy requested a closed session to discuss *BNSF Railway Company v. US Department of Interior, California Energy Commission* (U.S. District Court Central District of California-Riverside, CV 10-10057 SVW (PJWx)); and to consider facts and circumstances that constitute a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission.

12. **Executive Director's Report.** None.

13. **Public Adviser's Report.** None.
14. **Public Comment:** None.
15. **Internal Organization and Policy.** None.

Appearances:

Mr. Scott Galati, Galati Blek LLP

Ms. Alice Harron, Solar Millennium

Ms. Lorelei Oviatt, Kern County Planning Department (by telephone)

Ms. Lisa Belenky, Center for Biological Diversity (by telephone)

Mr. Don Decker (by telephone)

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

Respectfully submitted

HARRIET KALLEMEYN  
Secretary to the Commission