

State of California
California Energy Commission
Minutes of the July 30, 2015, Energy Commission Business Meeting

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

Present:

Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair
Karen Douglas, Commissioner

David Hochschild, Commissioner
Janea A. Scott, 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.)

No action was taken on Item 1.

2. ~~ENERGY COMMISSION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. Possible approval of appointments to the Energy Commission's Siting Case Committees. Contact: Paul Kramer/Eric Veerkamp/Mary Dyas (5 minutes)~~
 - a. ~~Sun Valley Energy Project (05-AFC-03)~~
 - b. ~~San Gabriel Generating Station (07-AFC-02)~~
 - c. ~~Willow Pass Generating Station (08-AFC-06)~~
 - d. ~~Palmdale Hybrid Power Project (08-AFC-9C)~~
 - e. ~~Blythe Energy Project, Phase II (02-AFC-1C)~~

Item 2 was removed from the agenda.

3. GWF TRACY COMBINED CYCLE POWER PROJECT (08-AFC-7C). Possible approval of an order granting the Petition for Alternative Water Supplies. Staff has reviewed the petition and recommends approval with the adoption of changes to Condition of Certification SOIL&WATER-4 to allow use of four different alternative water supplies as a back-up supply. This revised condition will assure compliance with laws, ordinances, regulations and standards and reduce potential environmental impacts to a less than significant level. The proposed modifications will not increase the amount of water used by GWF Tracy to levels above that analyzed in the Final Decision. Contact: Joseph Douglas. (Staff presentation: 10 minutes)

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Scott seconded approval of Item 3. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

4. MARIPOSA ENERGY PROJECT (09-AFC-3C). Possible approval of an order granting the Petition to Install Supplemental Temporary Water Storage Tanks at the Mariposa Energy Project (MEP). Staff has reviewed the petition and recommends approval. The proposed modifications will not increase the amount of water used by the MEP to levels above that analyzed in the Final Decision and no changes to the Conditions of Certification in the project license are proposed. Contact: Joseph Douglas. (Staff presentation: 10 minutes)

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Scott seconded approval of Item 4. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

5. CARLSBAD ENERGY CENTER PROJECT AMENDMENTS (07-AFC-06C).
 - a. Possible approval of an order approving the Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) and Errata on the Carlsbad Energy Center Amendments. The Committee issued the PMPD on June 9, 2015. The amendments would change the approved project from a 540 megawatt (MW) combined-cycle to a 632 MW simple-cycle power generation facility. The proposed amended project would be located on the eastern portion of the existing Encina Power Station between Carlsbad Boulevard and Interstate-5, east of the railroad corridor and south of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon, in Carlsbad. Contact: Paul Kramer. (Staff presentation: 10 minutes)
 - b. Possible closed session deliberation on the above described PMPD. [Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)].

The Commissioners deliberated in closed session, after which, Chair Weisenmiller reported that no decision was made and no action was taken during the closed session.

Commissioner Douglas moved to deny Mr. Simpson's Request for full Intervenor status and motion to reopen the record to include additional information and Commissioner Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Scott seconded approval of Item 5. The vote was 3-1, with Commissioner Hochschild voting against Item 5.

- ~~6. HEARING AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE SITING AND PROCESS AND PROCEDURE REGULATIONS (15 OIR 01). Proposed updates to the Commission's siting and process and procedure regulations, located primarily in the 1000, 1100, 1200, and 1700 sections of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations. The updates cover the Commission's internal process document processing, hearing procedures and other areas of administrative function. The proposed language changes resulted from a multifaceted effort by staff to ensure efficient process and effective public engagement. This adoption hearing comes after a 64-day comment period on the original proposed language and 19-day public comment period on the additional proposed changes. Contact: Jared Babula. (Staff presentation: 15 minutes)~~
 - ~~a. NOTICE OF EXEMPTION. Proposed resolution adopting the Notice of Exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15060(e)(3)).~~
 - ~~b. AMENDMENTS TO THE SITING AND PROCESS AND PROCEDURE REGULATIONS (15 OIR 01). Proposed resolution adopting amendments to the siting and process and procedure regulations in Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations.~~

Item 6 was removed from the agenda.

7. **Minutes:** Possible approval of the July 8, 2015, Business Meeting Minutes. *Commissioner Scott moved and Commissioner Douglas seconded approval of Item 7. The vote was unanimous (4-0).*
8. **Lead Commissioner or Presiding Member Reports.** The commissioners reported on their recent activities and site visits.

9. **Chief Counsel's Report:** None.
10. **Executive Director's Report.** The Executive Director gave his report.
11. **Public Adviser's Report.** None.
12. **Public Comment:** None.

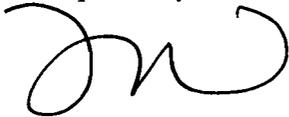
Appearances:

(*by telephone)

Michael J. Carroll, Latham & Watkins
Tina Lee, Star West Generation
Taku Futamura, Diamond Generating Corp.
Jeffery Harris, Ellison, Schneider & Harris
*Rob Simpson, Intervenor
George Piantka, NRG Energy, Inc.
John McKinsey, Locke Lord
Gary Barberio, City of Carlsbad
Tamara Zakim, Sierra Club
Sierra Martinez, NRDC
*Kerry Siekmann, Intervenor
Sean Beatty, NRG Energy

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



TIFFANI WINTER
Secretariat

