

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)
DRAFT Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting
May 21, 2008

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met at the California Energy Commission in Sacramento on May 21, 2008, 1:30-4:50 PM, following a Plenary Stakeholder Group meeting that morning. The meeting was accessible to observers via WebEx. Attendees are listed below. Minutes were compiled by Dave Olsen of CEERT.

The committee took the following actions:

1. **Approved minutes.** Minutes of the April 16, 2008 SSC meeting were approved.
2. **Directed meetings to be conducted using WebEx.** The SSC will continue to meet in person, as face-to-face communication remains most effective. When committee members cannot attend in person, WebEx technology is preferable to videoconference. Work groups will meet via WebEx. WebEx allows observers and the public to see presentations, hear discussion, and in PSG meetings, ask questions and comment. The committee noted the need for more pre-meeting planning to use the technology effectively. CEC staff were requested to find ways to improve the process of connecting to WebEx.
3. **Identified members to serve as spokespeople.** Rainer Aringhoff, Mike DeAngelis, Andy Horne, Robert Jenkins and Dariush Shirmohammadi volunteered to explain RETI goals and provide status reports on its work, on an as-available basis, in response to requests for information from government agencies, universities, industry conferences and the media.
4. **Accepted Phase 1A Final Report.** The SSC unanimously approved the resolution proposed by Robert Jenkins, Kevin Dasso and Steven Kelly accepting this report, revised as of May 16, 2008, for purposes of moving forward with Phase 1B work. This resolution, modified as specified by the committee during the meeting, is attached to these minutes. Black & Veatch will insert the phrase, "Accepted by the RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee, May 21, 2008" on the cover page of the report.
5. **Agreed to explore use of Facet Decision Systems.** Following presentations on the CEC Planning Alternative Corridors for Transmission (PACT) program and on the Facet decision support tool being used in PACT, the committee unanimously requested CEC staff and RETI coordinators to explore possible use of the Facet tool in ranking CREZ and transmission options, and by the Environmental Work Group. There was agreement that use of such tool should not be allowed to delay the RETI schedule.
6. **Formed a Phase 1B work group.** This work group will provide input to Black & Veatch, help resolve analytical and modeling issues, and recommend solutions for adoption by the SSC. Specific issues referred to the work group include development of criteria for application of the Phase 1A methodology for dealing with the uncertainty of some economic input assumptions; for determining the MW quantity of renewable generation to be brought into Phase 2 conceptual transmission planning; and for definition of reference and alternative modeling cases and selection of related energy price forecasts. Work Group members include: Gary Allen, Carl Zichella (or Johanna

Wald), Anne Gillette, Arthur Haubenstock, Robert Jenkins, John McCaull, Gregg Morris and Dariush Shirmohammadi.

7. **Deferred action on a proposal by the Environmental Work Group** to identify lands to be excluded from consideration as locations for project or CREZ generation. The committee decided this issue should not be resolved via e-mail. Instead, it will be considered at the next SSC meeting. Maps showing the areas proposed to be excluded will be circulated before that meeting.
8. **Appointed Carl Zichella to chair the next PSG meeting.** The date of this meeting will be set at the next SSC meeting. The committee thanked Robert Jenkins for chairing the May 21 PSG meeting.
9. **Confirmed June 18 as the date of next SSC meeting,** at the CPUC in San Francisco.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

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Resolution Accepting Phase 1A Report
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WHEREAS, California has adopted energy policies that require substantial increases in the generation of electricity from renewable energy resources;

WHEREAS, implementation of these policies will require extensive improvements to California's electric transmission infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the California Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) is a statewide planning process that will supplement efforts to identify the transmission projects needed to accommodate these renewable energy goals;

WHEREAS, the RETI process includes a formal Stakeholder Steering Committee (SSC) with responsibilities outlined in the RETI Mission Statement which include, among other things, to provide comment and recommendations regarding general work product(s) developed within RETI;

WHEREAS, the initial step in the RETI process is to identify competitive renewable energy zones (CREZs) in California and neighboring areas that can provide significant electricity to California consumers by the year 2020.

THEREFORE the SSC accepts the RETI Phase IA Report, finalized by Black and Veatch on May 16, 2008 as a reasonable basis for proceeding with additional study work to help achieve RETI objectives, recognizing that the RETI Phase IA Report as presented represents a high level assessment of renewable resources in California and neighboring areas to be used, along with the evaluation methodology as may be modified as additional information becomes available, in support of the more detailed Phase 1B assessments.

May 21 SSC meeting attendees

SSC members:

PG&E	Robert Jenkins
SDG&E	Jan Strack (for Linda Brown)
SCE	Jorge Chacon (for Gary Tarplee)
SMUD	Mike DeAngelis
IID	Juan Carlos Sandoval (via WebEx)
SCPPA	David Kolk (via WebEx)
Biomass	Gregg Morris
Geothermal	John McCaull
Solar	Rainer Aringhoff
Wind	Darius Shirmohammadi
BLM	Duane Marti
Military	Mike Hamilton (for Tony Parisi)
Counties	Joe Bertotti
Counties	Andy Horne
Sierra Club	Carl Zichella
Farm Bureau	Karen Mills
DRA	David Peck
CPUC	Anne Gillette
CEC	Jim Bartridge (for Clare Laufenberg Gallardo)

Not Present:

PG&E	Kevin Dasso
SDG&E	Laura Manz
SCE	Gary Allen
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir
CAISO	Gary DeShazo
IEP	Steven Kelly
NRDC	Johanna Wald
USFS	Mike Chapel
NCPA	Jim Pope

Coordinating Committee members attending:

CPUC	Traci Bone
CAISO	Robin Smutny-Jones
CEC	Laurie ten Hope, Chuck Najarian

B&V	Tim Mason, Ric O'Connell, Scott Olson
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Observers:

CEERT	V. John White, Merrisa Moore
CIEE	Lloyd Cibulka
CEC	Linda Spiegel, Paul Richins; Chris Wong (IT staff)
CPUC	Cheryl Lee; Tom Flynn
BLM	Bob Doyel

SMUD Elaine Sison-Lebrilla
BrightSource Arthur Haubenstock
CalWEA Nancy Rader
enXco Greg Blue
Horizon Wind Brenda LeMay
LS Power Ali Amirali
Terra Gen Ellen Allman
NRDC Dai Owen
Aspen Environmental
Group Susan Lee
Facet Decision
Systems David Hawkins, Susan Munroe
Interested citizen: John Moore

Coordinators:
Rich Ferguson, Dave Olsen