



Berkeley Energy Commission

ENERGY COMMISSION FINAL MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 North Berkeley Senior  
Center 1901 Hearst Street  
6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Camacho at 6:40 PM.

Present: Bell, Bernhardt, Camacho, Constantine, Murray, Myers, Schlachter, Jiang

Absent: James

Leave of Absence: None

Staff: Neal De Snoo, Billi Romain

Guests: Byron Pakter, Optony

Public: Milt Latta, Harry Chomsky (Citizens' Climate Lobby, [CCL])

2. Public Comments and Announcements

The Commissioners welcomed Kelly Jiang to the Commission.

Action Items

3. Review and Approval of 2016 Priorities

- Community Choice Aggregation - Assigned Commissioner Camacho
- Solar Plan - Commissioner Jiang appointed as Assigned Commissioner (MSC: EC, SC, 8-0)
- Electric Vehicles and Point-to-Point Car Sharing – Lead Commissioner Schlachter
- Industrial Efficiency – Assigned Commissioner James
- BESO – Commissioner Constantine appointed as Assigned Commissioner (MSC: FS, AM, 8-0)
- Energy Efficiency in disadvantaged communities – Assigned Commissioner Camacho

Commissioner Constantine suggestion of consideration of resiliency in future was discussed and will be added to next agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes were approved (MSC: MM, AB, 5-0-3, SC abstained, JJ and AM absent).

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy

Harry Chomsky, Milt Latta and Byron Pakter spoke in favor of the commission endorsing CCL's Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy.

The Commission approved a recommendation that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting CCL's Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy, specifying that the policy not preempt cap and trade policies and that the tax amount be adequate and specific and escalate annually (MSC: EC, MM, 6-2, AB and FS opposed).

6. Approval to Authorize Commissioner Camacho to Author a Commission Report on Community Choice Aggregation

The Commission approved authorization for Commissioner Camacho to commission a report on Community Choice Aggregation with graduate students from UC Berkeley assessing potential impacts to jobs, rates, carbon emissions, green options and financing. (MSC: SC, AB 8-0)

Information Items

7. Report Back from Commissioner's Meetings with their Council Members

No reports.

8. Presentation on the Solar Plan Subcommittee

Byron Pakter presented preliminary work and an outline of solar plan analyzing the potential to meet 50% of Berkeley's electricity usage with locally produced solar energy.

9. Reports from Assigned Commissioners

- Camacho - Community Choice Aggregation and Carbon Fee and Dividend
- Jiang – Solar Plan
- Schlachter – Electric Vehicles and Point-to-Point Car Sharing
- James - Industrial Efficiency

No additional reports, other than what was covered under other agenda items.

10. Report on California Energy Commission Advanced Energy Communities Grant Application

Staff is expected a response on the grant award in two weeks.

11. Report on Community Choice Aggregation

Discussion of Community choice workshop and panel May 14, 2016 facilitated by Commission Camacho. Staff will recruit a representative with different perspective than panel as proposed.

12. Report on Building Energy Saving Ordinance (BESO)

Billi Romain provided an overview of proposed amendment to BESO to delay compliance date for largest buildings to June 2017.

Action Items

13. Items for Next Month's Agenda  
Resiliency

14. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM (MSC: EC, FS, 8-0).