



Berkeley Energy Commission

## ENERGY COMMISSION FINAL MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27, 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 6:45 PM.

Present: Bell, Camacho, Murray, Myers, Jiang

Absent: Constantine, Bernhardt, Schlachter

Leave of Absence: James

Staff: Billi Romain, Timothy Burroughs

Guests: Byron Pakter, Ellie Firestein, Brooke Maushund

Public: Kelly Hamilton

### 2. Public Comments and Announcements

None.

### Action Items

#### 3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes were approved (MSC: AM, MM, 5-0-0)

### Information Items

#### 4. Presentation on the Resiliency Planning

Timothy Burroughs presented an overview of the Resiliency Strategy and distributed copies of the recently published report.

#### 5. Discussion of Draft Solar Plan

Commission discussed the Draft Solar Plan which analyzes the potential to meet 50% of Berkeley's electricity usage with locally produced solar energy presented by Byron Pakter. Staff will distribute the document for commissioners' comments by Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Commission will discuss feedback at 5/25/16 meeting and consider approval of Plan 6/22/16.

Public comment supported plan and goals.

Commission approved recommendation to support funding for further work on the solar plan by the Energy Climate Institute from the DOE. (MSC: MM, AM, 4-0-1 EC recuse)

6. Report on California Energy Commission Advanced Energy Communities Grant Proposed Award

Timothy Burroughs provided an overview of the \$1.5 million grant from the CEC to look at power sharing opportunities within a micro-grid across centrally-located City facilities. The grant will fund a team that includes URS, LBNL and Center for Sustainable Energy.

Public comment requested consideration of increasing generation potential of Center Street Garage solar PV installation.

7. Discussion of Proposed Minor Amendments to BESO

Staff provided overview of proposed amendment to BESO that would delay implementation of building phase in dates by 8 months due to delay in on-line software system.

8. Reports on Commissions

No reports.

9. Reports from Assigned Commissioners

- Community Choice Aggregation - Commissioner Camacho  
The agenda for the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting has been confirmed. The commission is planning on having a report completed for consideration in July.
- Carbon Fee and Dividend – Commissioner Camacho  
Staff is preparing a resolution for Council to support a national carbon tax advocated by the Citizens Climate Lobby.
- Solar Plan - Commissioner Jiang  
See Item #5.
- Electric Vehicles and Point-to-Point Car Sharing – Commissioner Schlachter  
No report.
- Industrial Efficiency – Commissioner James  
No report.
- BESO – Commissioner Constantine  
No report.
- Energy Efficiency in disadvantaged communities – Commissioner Camacho  
No report.

10. Support for SunShares East Bay Residential Group Purchasing Campaign

Staff provided update on the Sunshares group purchasing campaign designed increase solar installations to offset grid energy use by reducing costs. A letter of participation will be considered by City Council 5/31/16.

Action Items

11. Items for Next Month's Agenda

- Debrief CCA meeting with BECI Students
- Discussion of comments on Solar Plan

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM (MSC: EC, AM, 5-0).