



# Redwood Coast Energy Authority

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## MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Coast Energy Resource Center  
517 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Eureka, CA 95501

June 19, 2006  
Monday, 3:00 p.m.

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### I. ROLL CALL – 3:00

**Members:** City Council Member Dave Meserve (Chair), City of Arcata; City Council Member Doug Strehl, City of Fortuna; City Manager Wiley Buck, City of Blue Lake; City Council Member Bud Leonard, City of Rio Dell; City Manager Michael Powers, City of Ferndale; Supervisor John Woolley, County of Humboldt.

**Absent:** City Council Member Jeff Leonard (Vice-Chair), City of Eureka; City Council Member Dean Heyenga, City of Trinidad.

**Staff:** David Boyd, Executive Director; Maureen Hart, Program Manager; Matthew Marshall, Program Assistant; Budd Dickinson, AARP employee.

**Guests:** Larry Goldberg, Sequoia Technical Services; Michael Winkler, Schatz Energy Research Center.

### II. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES - None

### III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

### IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Board of Directors and are enacted on one motion. There is no separate discussion of any of these items. If discussion is required, that item is removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately. At the end of the reading of the Consent Calendar, Board members or members of the public can request that an item be removed for separate discussion.

A. Approve Minutes from May 15, 2006 Board meeting.

B. Approve attached Warrants.

C. Approve extension of current lease of the Redwood Coast Energy Resource Center for a period of 33 months at a monthly rent of \$3,400.

**Motion – Bud Leonard; Second – Michael Powers; 6-0 Vote**

### V. REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be heard under this section.

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on the RCEA-PG&E Local Government Partnership process: *David Boyd reported that all content issues had been resolved and are reflected in the draft contract provided to the Board. There will not be any significant changes in the final draft, but maybe some non-substantive word changes. The final draft will be approved by Nancy Diamond.*

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1. Approve and authorize signature of Redwood Energy Watch Partnership contract with PG&E: *The Board discussed some concerns about wording in the contract that gives PG&E authority to dictate how funds are used, particularly regarding restrictions on RCEA activities that conflict with PG&E's business interests. John Woolley felt that it is inappropriate that a PG&E is able to dictate to local governments how to spend public funds.*

**Motion to approve content of contract with Pacific Gas & Electric for the Redwood Energy Watch Partnership and to authorize David Boyd to sign the final contract once the final wording is approved by Nancy Diamond, and that David Boyd also write a letter to accompany the contract regarding the concerns the Board discussed regarding PG&E controlling the use of public funds- John Woolley; Second – Bud Leonard; 6-0 Vote.**

- B. Update on Redwood Energy Watch Partnership implementation plans: *David Boyd and Maureen Hart reported on the next steps of implementing the new program and outlined the plan for outreach activities. Board members will help gather contact information for any businesses that might be interested in the program.*
- C. Update on Telework and Distance Learning Proposal: *Larry Goldberg provided a draft of a grant application to the Headwaters Fund for funding for a feasibility pilot study. He also provided a draft Resolution to submit the grant application.*

1. Authorize submittal of grant proposal to Headwaters Fund: *The Board discussed the grant application and requested some minor modifications.*

**Motion to approve the scope of work, to be revised as discussed by the board, of a grant to investigate the feasibility of telework and distance learning centers in Humboldt County, and that the Board pass the resolution to submit a grant application to the Headwaters Fund – Michael Powers; Bud Leonard – Second; 6-0 vote.** *John Woolley, who also sits on the Headwaters Fund Board, stated that his vote reflects his support of the concept of the proposed telework project as a good project for RCEA, but does not reflect any pre-decision of how he will vote on the Headwaters Board.*

- D. Update on Peak Oil Action Group: *Maureen Hart reported on the work of the Peak Oil Action Group and Michael Winkler presented background information on peak oil concepts and issues.*

## VII. STAFF REPORT

- A. David Boyd, Executive Director
  1. Fairhaven Energy Project Advisory Committee: *The committee has been formed from a diverse group of local citizens and will meet as needed.*
  2. Staff hiring update: *Hiring of new staff will take place as soon as the new contract with PG&E is finalized.*

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT - 4:42

***The next regular RCEA Board of Directors Business Meeting will be on July 17, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.***