



# Redwood Coast Energy Authority

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## MEETING MINUTES

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

May 15, 2006  
Monday, 3:00 p.m.

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### I. ROLL CALL – 3:05

**Members:** City Council Member Jeff Leonard (Chair), City of Eureka; City Council Member Doug Strehl, City of Fortuna; City Council Member Dean Heyenga, City of Trinidad; City Council Member Bud Leonard, City of Rio Dell; City Council Member Dave Meserve, City of Arcata; City Manager Michael Powers, City of Ferndale; Supervisor John Woolley, County of Humboldt.

**Absent:** City Manager Wiley Buck, City of Blue Lake.

**Staff:** David Boyd, Executive Director; Matthew Marshall, Program Assistant; Kevin Jensen, Intern; Cory O'Connor, Intern.

**Guests:** City Manager Duane Rigge, City of Fortuna; Robert Cherry, PG&E; Roy Willis, PG&E; Greg Lamberg, PG&E; John Newman, PG&E; Larry Golderberg, Sequoia Technical Services; Michael Winkler, Schatz Energy Research Center; Rudy Ramp.

### II. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

- A. Dean Heyenga reported that he is investigating ways to encourage solar energy projects in Trinidad.
- B. The Board welcomed new members Bud Leonard for the City of Rio Dell and Doug Strehl for the City of Fortuna.

### 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 April 17, 2006 Board Meeting.
- B. Approve attached Warrants.
- C. Approve contract with the Community Energy Services Corporation (Smartlights) for an amount not to exceed \$38,000 for licensing, program development and technical support for the Redwood Coast Energy Watch Program, contingent on the availability of funds.

**Motion – John Woolley; Second – Dean Heyenga; 7-0 Vote**

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

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

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## VI. OLD BUSINESS

- C. Update on the RCEA-PG&E Local Government Partnership process: *David Boyd reported on the continuing efforts to finalize RCEA's contract with PG&E. The final scope of work and contract should be ready for the Board's review in June.*
- D. Update on RCEA financial status: *PG&E approved the administration expenses budget adjustment to the 2004-05 contract. PG&E is also looking into the possibility of providing additional funding to allow RCEA to remain at its current location during the next contract period.*

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appointment of RCEA Board officers.
    - 1. Nominate and appoint RCEA Board Chair.
    - 2. Nominate and appoint RCEA Board Vice-Chair.  
*John Woolley nominated Dave Meserve Chair and Jeff Leonard Vice-Chair.*
- Motion to appoint Dave Meserve Chair and Jeff Leonard Vice-Chair – Dean Heyenga; Second – John Woolley; 7-0 Vote**
- B. Presentation on PG&E's Humboldt Bay Power Plant Re-Powering Plans: *Greg Lamberg, Project Development Manager for repowering PG&E's Humboldt Bay Power Plant, presented PG&E's plans for upgrading the power plant to a new, more efficient natural gas fired facility.*
  - C. RCEA Solar PV Permit Study: *Kevin Jensen, RCEA Intern, gave a presentation to the Board on RCEA's study of the solar PV permit processes of all the RCEA member entities. The Board discussed ways to streamline the permitting process and encourage solar PV installations.*
  - D. Telecommuting and Ridesharing Proposal: *Larry Goldberg provided a presentation to the Board on the energy saving potential of telecommuting and proposed working with RCEA to research the potential developing a local program to encourage and support telecommuting. The Board directed David Boyd to work with Larry Goldberg look into funding possibilities.*

## VIII. STAFF REPORT

- A. David Boyd, Executive Director

*RCEA Intern Cory O'Connor, who is moving out of the area, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding service to RCEA. Other Staff Report items were postponed until the next meeting.*

## IX. ADJOURNMENT - 5:10

***The next regular RCEA Board of Directors Business Meeting will be on  
June 19, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.***