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MEETING MINUTES

Redwood Coast Energy Resource Center
517 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501

July 21, 2008
Monday, 3:00 p.m.

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I. ROLL CALL

Present: Jeff Leonard, Harmony Groves, Doug Strehl, John Woolley, Julie Fulkerson, Randy Turner

Absent: Bud Leonard, Marvin Samuels, Jay Parrish

Staff: David Boyd, Dana Boudreau, Mike Kowalski, Lou Jacobson, Maureen Hart, Sondra Dager, Jason Bone

Guests: Ian Caliendo-PG&E

II. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

Harmony Groves reported that the city of Arcata has submitted a Climate Smart Program application to PG&E for carbon sequestration efforts in the Arcata community Forrest. Also, the City has opened its first electric vehicle charging station in the parking lot on F Street, between 8th and 9th Streets.

Randy Turner reported that he was stepping down from the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Board because he was moving out of the area. Barbara Hecathorn will replace Randy as HBMWD's representative on the RCEA Board.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

This time is provided for people to address the Board or submit written communications on matters not on the agenda. At the conclusion of all oral & written communications, the Board may respond to statements. Any request that requires Board action will be set by the Board for a future agenda or referred to staff.

None to Report

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Board 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 of May 19, 2008 Board Meeting.

B. Approve attached Warrants.

Move – Harmony Groves; Second – John Woolley

Approved 6-0

V. REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

None to Report

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Staff update on PG&E Redwood Coast Energy Watch Contract Development for the 2009-2011 Program Cycle:

Negotiations are continuing with PG&E for the 2009-11 program cycle. It looks like RCEA is on track for receiving an increased contract in the amount of about \$3,000,000. Because of technical changes to the DEER database, the CPUC has again delayed the overall IOU portfolio filing date. Due to this delay it is possible that there will not be a seamless transition between program cycles. PG&E is aware of the problems this may cause and is exploring the possibility of "bridge funding."

Because of cash-flow issues created by a reimbursement process, the Board requested staff to send a letter to PG&E requesting consideration of start-up funds in the next contract cycle.

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B. Staff update on 2006-08 Redwood Coast Energy Watch Partnership:

- General Overview

RCEA's current contract with PG&E ends December 31, 2008, and we are beginning to plan for a ramp-down phase. In general, things are going very well.

- Small Business Direct Install Program

The RCEW SBDI Program has been very well received, and we estimate that we will exhaust available incentive/rebate funds by October.

The Board directed staff to send a letter to the CPUC supporting PG&E's request to release PGC funds from prior funding cycles for use this year to augment available incentive/rebate funds.

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- Residential Neighborhood CFL Sweeps

RCEA has concluded its summer CFL sweeps, and more are planned for this Fall. There have been 34 sweep days to date, serving every city and many unincorporated communities in Humboldt County. 1,644 homes have been served, and 16,203 CFL's have been installed for free.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report on RCEA efforts to assist with local ICLEI/AB32 planning and reporting activities:

Because of AB32 and CEQUA requirements RCEA member agencies are encouraged to join ICLEI, and to begin developing GHG reduction plans. RCEA is available to assist with this.

RCEA received a \$2,000 grant from NCUAQMD to assist with climate change reporting activities. Jason Bone has been hired as an RCEA Intern to assist with data collection and reporting tasks. RCEA is assisting the County of Humboldt with developing a green house gas emissions baseline using the ICLEI CACP software.

Federal Block Grants may be available for cities to help with GHG reduction efforts.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. David Boyd, Executive Director:

- VISTA Update:
VISTA volunteer Eric Miller will arrive on August 25. He will serve for one year as RCEA's Public Education Coordinator.
- 2008 Humboldt Solar Neighbors Tour:
RCEA will again assist with the coordination of this year's solar tour which will be held on Saturday, October 4.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

***The next regular RCEA Board of Directors Business Meeting will be on
Monday, September 15, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.***