



# 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 19, 2008  
Monday, 3:00 p.m.

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### I. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Jeff Leonard, Harmony Groves, Bud Leonard, Doug Strehl, John Woolley

**Absent:** Julie Fulkerson, Marvin Samuels, Jay Parrish

**Staff:** David Boyd, Cheryl Clayton, Dana Boudreau, Lou Jacobson

**Guests:** Joan Barminski-MMS/DOI, Andy Krueger-MMS/DOI, Greg Lamberg-Radback Energy, Ian Caliendo-PG&E, Beckie Menten-City of Arcata, Steve Salzman-Plan It Green, Elaine Weinreb-McKinleyville Press, Kika Tarsi-Plan It Green.

### II. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

Harmony Groves attended a meeting in Ft. Bragg with members of the League of California Cities which included discussion of a proposed wave energy project off the Mendocino Coast.

### 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.

### 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 March 17, 2008 Board Meeting.

B. Approve attached Warrants.

**Move - Bud Leonard; Second - Harmony Groves**

**Approved 5-0**

### V. REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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

None

### VI. OLD BUSINESS

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

David Boyd reported that PG&E is pleased with progress made by the RCEA Energy Watch program. The next contract will increase to \$3,000,000, plus a possible \$375,000 in additional funding from a separate PG&E filing, which will be used for a number of "program integration" activities, including coordination of a county-wide Green Building Program. Key points of the new contract will include:

- return to full-time staffing
- 100% program funding
- 1 or 2 additional staff persons (depending on integration funding)
- continuation of SBDI program
- program expansion to include pump testing and refrigeration programs
- continuation of neighborhood CFL sweeps
- launch time-of-sale home energy inspections
- continuation of workshops

As the end of the 2006-2008 contract period nears, bridge funding may be required if the new contract is not in place by January 2009.

With program expansion in the next contract cycle, a larger facility could become necessary.

Our energy savings goals are expected to grow approximately proportionally to our increased budget under the new contract.

RCEA has offered to provide peer-to-peer mentoring to assist with the new Mendocino Energy Watch program (and other new rural programs).

**B. Update on PG&E's proposed Humboldt Bay Power Plant Repowering project.  
(Greg Lamberg, PG&E consultant)**

Greg Lamberg presented information on current project status and proposed time lines. Air quality issues have been resolved and the permitting process is moving forward.

## **VII. New Business**

**A. Staff report on proposed Humboldt wave energy projects.**

David Boyd provided a brief history of the role RCEA has had with respect to growing interest in this emerging technology. He noted that there are three entities with proposed projects currently under development locally:

- PGE Wave Connect Project
- Finavera
- California Wave Energy Partners

- B.** Presentation on the role of the Minerals Management Service in the development of offshore alternative energy projects. (Joan Barminski, Deputy Regional Manager, MMS, Pacific Region)

This presentation included background information on the MMS involvement in policy making for alternative energy programs. It was noted that a workshop co-sponsored by MMS, DOE and FERC will be held in Portland, Oregon in September 2008.

- C.** Report on development of Humboldt Green Building Program. (Steve Salzman, Winzler & Kelly/Plan It Green)

Steve Salzman presented a first draft of the Green Building Program and asked for suggestions from the panel on possible improvements. Steve is working under contract for RCEA, with funding from PG&E.

## **VIII. Staff Report**

- A.** David Boyd, Executive Director

- RCEA Staffing Update

Budd Dickinson will be leaving RCEA at the end of June and Lou Jacobson will be assuming his duties as energy auditor.

- Non-Profit Grant Program

The McLean Foundation and the PG&E Foundation have awarded grant funding to assist non-profit agencies who would otherwise be unable to participate in the program, with an anticipated energy savings of 98 kW. A reception and media event to honor this partnership will be held on July 21 at RCERC.

- VISTA Update

Two VISTA volunteers will be placed to work on special projects. The cost to the program will be a one-time sponsor contribution of \$2,000 and a \$100 monthly housing stipend (per VISTA).

- Residential Sweeps Update

Residential sweeps will be continuing in Eureka this summer.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

***The next regular RCEA Board of Directors Business Meeting will be on  
Monday, July 21, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.***