



# Redwood Coast Energy Authority

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## MEETING MINUTES

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

**November 17, 2008  
Monday, 3:00 p.m.**

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### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Doug Strehl, Barbara Hecathorn, Harmony Groves, Jay Parrish, Jeff Leonard, John Woolley

Absent: Marvin Samuels, Julie Fulkerson, Bud Leonard

Staff: David Boyd, Dana Boudreau

Guests: Ian Caliendo-PG&E, Michael Winkler-SERC

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. The Chair offered congratulations to Michael Winkler of Schatz Energy Lab, Barbara Hecathorn of HBMWD, and Doug Strehl of Fortuna City Council, and thanked departing members John Woolley, Harmony Groves and Bud Leonard for their service to the RCEA board. David Boyd presented service awards to the retiring members, and Jay Parrish expressed his appreciation to John and Harmony for their time and dedication to the RCEA Board (and offered to deliver the service award to Bud Leonard).

### II. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

Jeff Leonard reported that the City of Eureka is forming a Eureka Energy Commission and will be accepting applications from Eureka residents and business owners. Also, City staff met with Steve Salzman and David Boyd, who presented an overview of the developing Green Building Program. Mr. Leonard asked RCEA to provide input regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy design considerations for the recently approved Fisherman's Terminal building.

### 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

### 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 September 15, 2008 Board Meeting.**

**B. Approve attached Warrants.**

Move – John Woolley; Second – Harmony Groves

Approved 6-0

## 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 2006-08 Redwood Coast Energy Watch Partnership.

- Accomplishments
- Ramp-Down Plans

Dana Boudreau presented a summary and status update on the 2006-2008 Energy Watch program cycle.

John Woolley suggested sending a letter of thanks to the Local Government Commission.

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

1. Authorize Staff to execute one-year "bridge funding" contract extension.
2. Approve proposed spending plan and staffing changes for calendar year 2009.

David Boyd summarized the history of funds administration during the first RCEW program cycle. He reported that the PUC has delayed contract approvals for the next program cycle, possibly as long as one year out. He described the bridge funding that will be available. He requested the Board authorize staff to

- execute a one-year bridge funding contract with PG&E
- based on available funding, restore staff hours to 100%
- defer cost of living increase for now
- restore the time-base threshold for benefits to 75%
- upgrade program manager to operations manager
- create new energy tech position
- provide an approximately 40% increase in available incentives and rebates

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Approved 6-0

### C. Staff update on RCEA efforts to assist with local ICLEI/AB32 Green House Gas reduction planning and reporting activities.

David Boyd outlined steps for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHG) program planning. He described the GHG baseline development support RCEA is providing to the County and the City of Eureka, and encouraged other RCEA members to join ICLEI and use the currently available intern and VISTA resources.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Staff Report on recent energy-related legislation.

- Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008
  - Extension and enhancement of ITC for solar energy
  - Reauthorization of CREBS
- SB 2466 – Aggregation of Municipal Net metering Accounts
- AB 811 – Municipal Tax Assessment financing for Solar (aka “Berkeley model”)
- AB 1451 – Solar Exclusion from Property Tax

David Boyd updated the board on the Energy Improvement and Extension Act (EIE) and outlined the enhancements, as well as providing an explanation of the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBS) program. He noted that AB1451 has been reauthorized.

### B. Set date for Special RCEA Board Meeting in January.

The next regular RCEA Board of Directors Business Meeting, which would normally be held on Monday January 19, is cancelled due to conflict with MLK Day. A special meeting of the RCEA Board will convene on January 12, 2009.

## VIII. STAFF REPORT

### A. David Boyd, Executive Director

- CFL Recycling Partnership (HWMA & PG&E): RCEA is partnering with PG&E and HWMA to implement a 6-month CFL recycling pilot program which should begin around February 2, 2009.
- RESCO Grant Opportunity: RCEA and Schatz Energy Research Center are preparing a proposal to the CEC for RESCO for grant funding to be used for community-based renewable energy project planning.
- Mendocino Energy Watch Support: Mendocino County has implemented their Energy Watch Program and met with RCEA last week to begin their mentoring partnership.
- Humboldt Bay Sustainable Living Center: The Humboldt Bay Sustainable Living Center (HBSLC) is now holding workshops at RCEA.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.