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MEETING MINUTES

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

September 15, 2008
Monday, 3:00 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Jeff Leonard, Harmony Groves, Doug Strehl, John Woolley, Julie Fulkerson, Jay Parrish, Melissa Marks (for Bud Leonard), Barbara Hecathorn (arrived late)

Absent: Marvin Samuels

Staff: David Boyd, Dana Boudreau, Heidi Benzonelli, Eric Miller (VISTA)

Guests: Ian Caliendo-PG&E, Juliette Bohn-HWMA, Jim Test-HWMA, Karen Sherman-HWMA, Greg Lamberg-Radback Energy

II. REPORTS FROM MEMBER ENTITIES

Jeff Leonard reported that the City of Eureka joined ICLEI and is hoping to have assistance from RCEA in developing its Green House baseline inventory.

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 July 21, 2008 Board Meeting.

B. Approve attached Warrants.

Move – John Woolley; Second – Harmony Groves Approved 6-0, 1-Abstention

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 still on track for receiving an increased contract in the amount of about \$3,000,000. Although the IOUs have filed their proposed portfolios, the CPUC has indicated their review and approval process may be delayed into 2009. Due to this

delay it is almost certain that there will not be a seamless transition between program cycles. The IOUs and CPUC are exploring the possibility of “bridge funding” to allow for continued program delivery.

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

RCEW has been successful in accomplishing energy efficiency projects and distributing incentives and rebates to Humboldt residents and businesses. Projections showed that we would fully exhaust our incentive budget by the beginning of October, and we were successful in obtaining an additional \$140,000 from PG&E to allow continued delivery of services through the end of the year.

SBDI lighting assessments and retrofits, residential CFL sweeps, vending machine controller installations, LED open sign exchanges, and an LED holiday light exchange will continue through early December.

The Board requested that staff provide a “talking point” on the number of “Humboldt homes equivalent” represented RCEA’s energy savings to date.

John Woolley suggested that staff look into the extent to which “green jobs” may have been created locally by RCEA’s activities. (Lou Jacobson, RCEA Energy Specialist, is in fact working on a white paper regarding RCEA-inspired job creation.)

C. Staff update on RCEA efforts to assist with local ICLEI/AB32 planning and reporting activities.

RCEA has begun work to assist the County of Humboldt with its ICLEI GHG baseline inventory. The community-wide portion of the inventory is nearly complete, and work will begin soon on the government operations portion.

As a consequence of the format in which data is being received, follow-on inventories for other RCEA member agencies will be much quicker since much of the necessary information is already in hand. Each jurisdiction will need to have its own ICLEI membership in order to receive access to the CACP software necessary for tracking and reporting.

D. Staff update on RCEA efforts to assist with development of a county-wide Green Building Program.

David Boyd and Steve Salzman will make a Green Building Program presentation to the Eureka City Council on October 7, which will include the introduction of a draft resolution in support of a GBP for Council consideration. Building on this effort, future presentations to other member agencies will be scheduled.

E. Update on PG&E’s Humboldt Bay Power Plant Repowering Project (Greg Lamberg, Radback Energy).

All of the significant permitting tasks have been completed and the project is poised to move into the construction phase in the near future. Groundbreaking is scheduled to occur in early December.

F. Update on PG&E’s WaveConnect Project (Ian Caliendo, PG&E).

Because of issues related to the current interim process (e.g. costs and uncertainties), PG&E has decided to forego seeking a lease from MMS at this time. It is proceeding with tasks associated with its preliminary FERC permit.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation on Humboldt Waste Management Authority Food Waste Digester Project (Juliette Bohn, HWMA).

Juliette Bohn presented an excellent presentation on a proposed food waste digester that HWMA may build in collaboration with the City of Eureka. This project will divert food and related wastes from being sent to landfills or distant processing facilities, and instead will convert them to electricity and or heat energy, and beneficial soil amendments. It will reduce HWMA operational costs, provide electricity for City of Eureka operations, and significantly reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions. Funding is being sought for this project.

VIII. STAFF REPORT

A. David Boyd, Executive Director

- RCEA Staffing Update--Program Assistant Cheryl Clayton will return from extended leave on September 22.
- VISTA Update--VISTA Eric Miller started on August 25. He is assisting with education and outreach coordination and ICLEI GHG inventories.
- 2008 Humboldt Solar Neighbors Tour—Will occur on October 4. Look for details in Arcata Eye and North Coast Journal inserts the week before the Tour.
- Arcata Energy Awareness Month—RCEA will do CFL sweeps in October as part of this effort.
- Upcoming workshops—Commercial and Small Business Energy Management on November 12; Fundamentals of Compressed Air on November 19.
- CFL Recycling—RCEA is in discussion with HWMA and PG&E regarding expanding local Take-It-Back efforts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

***The next regular RCEA Board of Directors Business Meeting will be on
Monday, November 17,, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.***