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Minutes

Opening Remarks

Lee Arnold addressed the group and reiterated that all grant related documents and follow-up material to RIEDC had been delivered on time and that notification of grant award would be middle to late June.

Update on draft Request for Qualifications document

Diane Williamson, Walter Burke, Philip Hervey, Caroline Wells and Wayne Barnes had met earlier to work on refining the RFQ.

A presentation was made to the group on the draft RFQ followed by discussion and modifications to the draft document.

Update on Technical Issues Committee and Legal Issues Committee.

The idea of the two Committees is to give the East Bay Energy Consortium the advantage of having people who have been with this process from the outset to be able to interact with the consultants and provide real time feedback to the larger group. This also gives the Consortium the advantage of accruing institutional knowledge surrounding the legal and technical issues. This could help in shaping ordinances as well as better prepare officials for public meetings.

Discussion regarding Committee membership ensued asking members to select their Committee if they had not already done so. Membership was also asked to consider who would chair each Committee. June Speakman volunteered to convene a Legal Committee meeting and Joe Depasquale volunteered to chair one of the groups.

Review of draft statement for East Bay leaders

A statement was drafted regarding the origination of the East Bay Energy Consortium and its grant application description for a pre-feasibility study dealing with on-shore wind energy generation. The intent of the statement to be delivered to East Bay leaders is to have them become fully knowledgeable of the grant and have them be aware of a future press release from the Consortium regarding the EBEC application. The statement is attached.

Other Discussion and Adjournment

A draft press release from Peter Wilbur's office at Roger Williams University will be developed and circulated for comments. It was decided to wait for the June grant announcement before having another EBEC meeting. Meeting was therefore adjourned.

