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AGENDA: 2/12/08

January 24, 2008

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the 2007 Annual Report of the Energy Commission. I recommend that the Board accept and file this final report.

Sincerely,

ELLEN PIRIE, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

EP:pmp
Attachment

cc: Energy Commission

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GERALD L. DUNBAR, DIRECTOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 24,2008

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nancy Gordon, Deputy Director

RE: 2007 Annual Report

In accordance with County procedures, I am submitting the former Energy Commission's annual report for 2007 as an information item. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the report.

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ENERGY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT - 2007

1. Role of the Energy Commission

The Energy Commission acts as an advisory body to, and resource for, the County Board of Supervisors. The Commission is charged with recommending policies and action programs designed to increase energy utilization efficiency through practices that are energy-conservative, economically equitable, and functionally compatible with other environmental goals.

The Commission exercises the following responsibilities in its efforts to provide policy recommendations and action programs:

Advises the Board of Supervisors on energy production, consumption, and distribution as related to Santa Cruz County and specifically advise the Board in establishing and supporting a comprehensive set of energy policies that reduce the rate of increase of energy consumption in Santa Cruz County while maintaining the quality of life.

Advises the Board of Supervisors in establishing a comprehensive set of energy policies to support and promote future non-traditional energy production and to plan for development of needed levels of traditional energy in Santa Cruz County while maintaining the quality of life.

Recommends work programs to the Board of Supervisors within the appropriate County departments and agencies that will maximize energy conservation.

Advises the Board as to support of federal and state legislation designed to reduce energy consumption and/or affect energy utilization in the County.

Provides information to the Board on energy programs beneficial to the County's residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation users.

Advises the Board on specific areas of cooperation with various public and private agencies and organizations to plan and implement effective energy conservation methods in this County.

2. Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Energy Commission meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room located at 701 Ocean Street, Third Floor, Santa Cruz, CA.

3. Commission Structure
The Commission is composed of five members who are residents of the County and who have been appointed by the Board of Supervisors. They are as follows:

District 1	Mr. Len Beyea, term expires April 1, 2009
District 2	Mr. Barry Hooper, left office in July 2007
	Ms. Sharon Sams, assumed office in August 2007, term expires April 1, 2009
District 3	Mr. Alan Schlenger (Vice-Chairperson), term expires April 1, 2011
District 4	Mr. Robert Stokes, term expires April 1, 2011
District 5	Ms. Virginia Johnson (Chairperson), term expires April 1, 2009

4. Commission Staff
The Energy Commission is staffed by the General Services Department.

5. Attendance
Commissioner attendance for 2007 is itemized on the attached roster.

6. Annual Goals and Accomplishments

As in previous years, the Santa Cruz County Energy Commission has provided the Board of Supervisors with recommendations for policies and action programs in the energy area. Specifically, the Commission has addressed the following in 2007:

- Prepared the Energy Commission's 2007 Annual Report.
- Continued monitoring and tracking of the progress of State and Federal energy related legislation including:
- Recommended that the Board of Supervisors support Senate Bills 70, 324, and 411 and Assembly Bills 35, 527, 609, 888, 1058, 1103, 1451, 1506, and 1560.
- Support of staff participation in the AMBAG Regional Task Group
- Continued monitoring of the County's participation in the Energy Watch program and associated activities
- Under the Board of Supervisors' direction, the Energy Commission made specific recommendations for the formation of the new Commission on the Environment, which replaced the Energy Commission as the Board's advisory group on matters related to not only energy but a broader range of environmental issues. As a result the Energy Commission formally ended as an advisory group in October 2007; members assumed their remaining terms of office with the new Commission on the Environment as part of the expanded membership roster.

7. Future Goals The Energy Commission was successful in addressing the goals for 2007 that were outlined in the 2006 Annual Report. Specific goals for 2008 related to energy will be developed under the new Commission on the Environment.

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ATTENDANCE BY COMMISSIONERS- *2007*

District 1	Len Beyea
District 2	Barry Hooper (resigned *712007)*
	Sharon Sarris (appointed *812007)*
District 3	Alan Schlenger
District 4	Robert Stokes
District 5	Virginia Johnson

DISTRICT	1	2	3	4	5
January	A	X	X	X	X
February	X	X	X	X	X
March	X	X	X	X	X
April	A	X	X	A	X
May	X	X	A	X	X
June	X	A	A	X	X
July	A	X	X	X	X
August	A	X	X	X	X
Sept	X	X	X	X	X
October	*Energy Commission repealed, transitioned to Commission on the Environment*				

X Present at the meeting
r Resigned
A Excused absence from the meeting
a Unexcused absence from the meeting
V Seat vacant