

## Marin Conservation League

Climate Action Committee  
March 12, 2012, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Present: Chair pro tem: Bruce Fullerton, Roger Roberts, Joe Bunker, David Schnapf, Nona Dennis, Chris Yalonis, Bob Spofford, and Tim Rosenfeld.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Acting Chair Bruce Fullerton. During Open Time and Announcements, Roger Roberts asked about the status of PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) funding availability for retrofits. Sonoma County is self-financed, but otherwise this state program, whose purpose was to lower financing costs and make energy-related improvements affordable to homes and business owners, has not been funded.

It was suggested that the experience of owners who have installed residential solar projects (estimated at three to six new installations per month in Marin County, towns and cities) should be tracked and evaluated. Tim Rosenfeld reported that a half MW solar will be installed at the Buck Center, and a half MW elsewhere in the county. He also reported that EnXco has a 25-year contract to MCE to install 30 MW solar power mostly in Kern County, with one MW local. There was general conversation about solar opportunities.

### II. Informational/Discussion items

- a. Energy: Bob Spofford gave an update on the status of Marin Clean Energy, which is going to have its major “roll-out” to serve a potential customer base of 60,000 in July. His question was whether MCL should become involved in supporting/publicizing the upcoming roll-out by preparing a FAQ sheet and progress report to provide accurate information to new customers and dispel false rumors that have circulated. This article should also promote going “deep green,” which can be done by any customer with a simple phone call. It was agreed that Bob would draft an article for the May-June Newsletter, similar to one that he wrote for the West Marin Citizen recently.
- b. SB 375: Nona gave a brief update of the Jobs & Housing Scenario recently released March 9 by ABAG and MTC, pursuant to SB 375-mandated Sustainable Communities Strategy. The committee briefly reviewed the online commentary prompted by two articles posted in Mill Valley “Patch” and agreed that the articles contained inaccuracies, and did not give a comprehensive critique of the ABAG report warrant further discussion. The committee elected not to spend time discussing the ABAG report in the absence of Michelle Passero, but to convene on her return and review the report in the context of SB 375 objectives. The MCL Land Use Committee should take the lead in responding to the report, since it deals primarily

with numbers and distribution of jobs and housing in Marin, and receive input from Climate Action committee.

- c. Waste: Single use bag ordinances in Marin. Jon (and others) gave a brief update on the status of local debates about adoption of an ordinance similar to that enacted by the County. Roger suggested the main fear is that of being sued, and Jon countered that the problem is not the policy, which should not be controversial, but the political will of cities to act! The committee agreed that every council that is “sitting on the fence” needs to be educated to get over the fear of legal challenge. The committee agreed that MCL should take the lead in writing a letter to each city (including Fairfax, which should be congratulated on their early adoption). Jon offered to provide sufficient cloth bags to hand out at the Annual dinner.

- III. Next steps. The committee agreed that the CAC will continue to meet bi-monthly. Roger has agreed to take over as chair, in May. Further topics should include revisiting BERST. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Minutes by Nona Dennis