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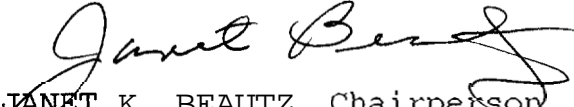
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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RE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENERGY COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Attached is the Annual Report of the Energy Commission for calendar year 2001. I recommend that the Board accept and file this report and direct the Chairperson to thank the members of the Commission for their efforts on the County's behalf.

Sincerely,

  
JANET K. BEAUTZ, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

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cc: Energy Commission

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## ENERGY COMMISSION

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January 23, 2002

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Dear Members of the Board:

At its meeting of January 16, 2002, the Energy Commission approved the attached Annual Report for 2001. The Annual Report is provided to your Board per the provisions of County Code 2.38.170.

It has been a pleasure serving your Board and the citizens of Santa Cruz County and the Energy Commission looks forward to continuing to fulfill its role in 2002.

Very truly yours,

Hank Pielage  
Chairperson, Santa Cruz County Energy Commission



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### ENERGY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT - 2001

#### 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 planning and building and development practices which 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 which 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 third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Conference Room located at 701 Ocean Street, Third Floor, Santa Cruz, CA.

## **2001 Energy Commission Annual Report (cont.)**

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### **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. Hank Pielage (Chairperson), term expires April 1, 2005
District 2	Mr. Leo Ruth, term expires April 1, 2005
District 3	Mr. Jesse Bregman, term expires April 1, 2003
District 4	Mr. Dennis Osmer, (Vice-Chairperson) term expires April 1, 2003
District 5	Ms. Virginia Johnson, term expires April 1, 2005

### **4. Commission Staff**

The Energy Commission is staffed by the General Services Department.

### **5. Attendance**

Commissioner attendance for 2001 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 2001:

- Continued to review, update and provide recommendations regarding deregulation, including recommendations that the Board of Supervisors support AB5, continue to support energy conservation measures, and that PG&E implement a "shut-off moratorium" for low income residents.
- Prepared a report to the Board of Supervisors on California's Hydroelectric Generating Facilities.
- Provided recommendations for updating the Commission's By-Laws and the County ordinance section pertaining to the Energy Commission which were approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Monitored the rolling blackouts situation and other aspects of the energy crisis.
- Monitored the development of an Energy Emergency/Local Gasoline Rationing Plan by the Office of Emergency Services and Disaster Council
- Continued monitoring and tracking of the progress of State energy related legislation.
- Discussed the formation of public utility districts and monitored the City of Santa Cruz' discussions on this issue.
- Discussed ways to increase outreach to the public regarding energy issues, conservation, and available energy programs. Monitored the development of the Energy Information webpage on the County of Santa Cruz website.
- Tracked and reviewed the progress of the Moss Landing and Moro Bay Power Plant upgrade projects.

**7. Future Goals**

The Energy Commission plans to continue to follow energy deregulation issues, energy legislation and will provide the Board with recommendations as appropriate. Other energy related matters will be discussed by the Commission and recommendations made as these matters arise. Other potential areas to be explored in 2001 include the following:

- Increasing ways to provide outreach to the public on energy issues.
- Monitoring of PG&E's Reorganization Plan and potential effects on the County of Santa Cruz.
- Continuing monitoring of all aspects of deregulation, especially pending legislation.
- Revisiting the alternate fuels technology area for current status of electric/hybrid powered automobile and progress on fuel cell development.

**8. Recommendations**

- The PG&E restructuring plan has the potential for major impact on the County and its residents, including rates and potential affects on the environment as related to PG&E's hydroelectric facilities and other holdings. The Energy Commission recommends that County Counsel and other appropriate County staff review the plan to determine appropriate County response.
- Since deregulation was the responsibility of the State Legislature, the Energy Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors continues to review pending legislation to address the problems caused by deregulation.



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### ATTENDANCE BY COMMISSIONERS - 2001

District 1	Mr. Hank Pielage
District 2	Mr. Leo Ruth (Appointed April, 2001)
District 3	Mr. Jesse Bregman
District 4	Mr. Dennis Osmer
District 5	Mr. Michael Lussier (Resigned March, 2001)
	Ms. Virginia Johnson (Appointed August, 2001)

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January	x	V	x	x	x
February	Meeting cancelled - lack of quorum				
March	x	V	a	x	x
April	Meeting cancelled - lack of quorum				
May	Meeting cancelled - lack of quorum				
June	Meeting cancelled - lack of quorum				
July	x	x	x	A	V
August	x	x	a	x	x
Sept	Meeting cancelled - lack of quorum				
October	x	x	a	x	x
November	Meeting cancelled by vote of the Commission due to Thanksgiving holiday.				
December	Meeting cancelled - lack of quorum				

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