



CITY OF RIDGECREST
100 West California Avenue
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
MINUTES

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST PLANNING COMMISSION
City Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Commissioners: Chairman Craig Porter, Vice Chair Lois Beres,
Commissioners Chris LeCornu, Carter Pope and James Sanders

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:05pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Beres, Commissioners LeCornu,
Sanders & Pope

Absent: None

Staff Present: Matthew Alexander, Loren Culp, Jim McRae, Ricca Charlon

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move item 8.b.4 to 8.b.1 due to its impact on the other items under 8.b. Motion as amended
by Vice Chair Beres, second by C. LeCornu. None opposed – **APPROVED** as amended.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by J. Sanders, second by C. Pope. None opposed – **APPROVED**.
April 26, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS OF ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA - None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Preliminary proposal to articulate Maturango Museum Wall

Staff report given by Matthew Alexander. Members of Maturango Museum Board talked
about current building plan and how it will be implemented.

**b. Opportunities and Constraints to Commercial Solar Development in Ridgecrest
and the Indian Wells Valley**

1) Preliminary proposal for photovoltaic field at Lumill and Ridgecrest Blvd. by AMG

2) Thinking out of the Box; Larry Board, K&L Construction

3) Cerro Coso CC Renewable Energy Program, Morgan Whiteley

4) SCE presentation of Transmission Planning, (Pat Arons), and Grid Interconnection,
(Drew Brabb) for the greater Ridgecrest area, and Dan Brady, SCE Regional Mgr.

Council member J. Patin gave brief synopsis of meeting held earlier with members of community
interested in solar and the representatives of SCE. June 2 potential next meeting with community
members/County/NAWS.

Patricia Arons from SCE gave presentation of processes to get connected to the grid. Project
time lime can be anywhere from 1-5 years till completion. Interconnection agreements are
specific and detailed. Developer pays for costs associated with their project with possibility of
getting reimbursed from SCE. Several websites given as resources to get more information.
ISO - transmission voltage regulator; planning authority; how to get connected. Scope of work
required.

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) – regulator of rates. Roll is they approve power purchase agreements. Permits and issues a certificate of Given permission to start building/construction.

FIRC - Government agency that dictates requirements; establishes the rates, terms and conditions for services.

Sachy (from SCE) – spoke of R/C area and explained how very rich in solar resources.

Kevin Richardson - SCE Transmission Planning Process – spoke of ‘North of Kramer Electrical Area’ – all the power in this system eventually get to Kramer substation.

3 constraints for this area: 1) net export area – excess generation. 2) System capacity is full. 3) System has stability issues.

8. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

a. Report from Committees

City Org – Beres - not met – cancelled for May

CD – LeCornu – discussed housing projects

Infrastructure – Sanders – got draft PMS for review – meet June 9th 5pm

QOL – Porter – P&R plan and use of TAB funds – meet June 2nd noon

b. Commissioner Contacts - None

c. Additional Commissioner Items

d. OTAPC update – Alan Alpers discussed business plan for Balsam Street Mkt.

- next OTAPC meeting – June 2, 2011

9. STAFF ITEMS

a. Video of Kern COG Award of Merit for City of Ridgecrest General Plan 2030

10. ADJOURN – 7:53 pm