

REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, May 2, 2019 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Metro Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Plaza View Room  
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012

*Calabasas City Hall  
Council Conference Room  
100 Civic Center Way, Calabasas, CA 91301*

*Whittier City Hall – Admin Conference Room  
13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602*

*Ventura County Government Center  
Channel Islands Conference Room  
4th Floor Hall of Administration  
800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009*

*JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa  
Conference Room: Director's Suite A  
74-855 Country Club Dr.  
Palm Desert, CA 92260*

**I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Sheila Kuehl called the meeting to order. Interim Board Secretary Christian Cruz conducted roll call.

<b>Roll Call</b>				
1	<b>Agoura Hills</b>	Deborah Klein Lopez	Director	Remote
2	<b>Alhambra</b>	Adele Andrade Stadler	Director	In-Person
3	<b>Arcadia</b>	Sho Tay	Director	In-Person
4	<b>Beverly Hills</b>			Absent
5	<b>Calabasas</b>	John Bingham	Alternate	Remote
6	<b>Camarillo</b>	Tony Trembley	Director	Remote
7	<b>Carson</b>	Reata Kulcsar	Alternate	In-Person
8	<b>Claremont</b>	Corey Calaycay	Director	In-Person
9	<b>Culver City</b>	Meghan Sahli-Wells	Director	Remote
10	<b>Downey</b>	Sean Ashton	Director	Remote
11	<b>Hawaiian Gardens</b>	Raime L. Torres	Alternate	Remote

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12	<b>Hawthorne</b>	Alex Monteiro	Director	In-Person
13	<b>Los Angeles County</b>	Sheila Kuehl	<b>Vice Chair</b>	In-Person
14	<b>Malibu</b>	Skylar Peak	Director	In-Person
15	<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Nancy Hersman	Alternate	In-Person
16	<b>Moorpark</b>	Janice Parvin	Director	Remote
17	<b>Ojai</b>	Michelle Ellison	Alternate	In-Person
18	<b>Oxnard</b>	Carmen Ramirez	Director	Remote
19	<b>Paramount</b>	Laurie Guillen	Director	Remote
20	<b>Redondo Beach</b>	John Gran	Alternate	In-Person
21	<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Steve Zuckerman	Director	In-Person
22	<b>Santa Monica</b>	Kevin McKeown	Director	Remote
23	<b>Sierra Madre</b>	John Harabedian	Director	In-Person
24	<b>Simi Valley</b>	Ruth Luevanos	Director	Remote
25	<b>South Pasadena</b>	Diana Mahmud	<b>Chair</b>	Remote
26	<b>Temple City</b>			Absent
27	<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	Jay Spurgin	Alternate	Remote
28	<b>Ventura</b>	Christy Weir	Director	Remote
29	<b>Ventura County</b>	Linda Parks	<b>Vice Chair</b>	Remote
30	<b>West Hollywood</b>	Lindsey Horvath	Director	In-Person
31	<b>Whittier</b>	Henry Bouchot	Director	Remote

**II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals provided general public comments: Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition).

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Appointed Christian Cruz as the Interim Board Secretary for each Board meeting until such time a permanent Board Secretary is appointed by the Board or until such time another Interim Board Secretary needs to be appointed
2. Approved Minutes from April 4, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

3. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Professional Legal Services Agreement between CPA and Hall Energy Law, PC for a not-to-exceed amount of \$325,000
4. Approved and Adopted Resolution No. 19-05-009 Authorizing an Increase in the Executive Director's Expenditure Authority to \$125,000 and Affirming the Executive Director's Contracting Authority
5. Received and filed report from the Community Advisory Committee April 11, 2019 Meeting

Director Harabedian asked if staff has considered bringing legal services in-house, particularly for short-term power purchase agreements. Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, replied that it may be possible but the organization would have to be sure that it still received good value and needed expertise and that more in-house counsel did not lead to more outside legal expenditures.

**Motion:** Director Calaycay, Claremont

**Second:** Director Andrade-Stadler, Alhambra

**Vote:** Items 1 through 5 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### IV. REGULAR AGENDA

##### Action Items

6. Approve Voyager Scholarship Program as recommended by the Community Advisory Committee

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director provided a brief overview of the Scholarship Program and the work the Community Advisory Committee has done. Director Hersman asked staff whether we considered El Camino College. Mr. Bardacke clarified that the colleges were selected by program success rate, enrollment, and size of foundations. Director Klein Lopez, asked staff whether the San Fernando Valley Colleges were considered. Staff replied that the CAC did include one college, East LA Community College, within the Los Angeles Community College District but in the future there would be a possibility for other colleges to be considered.

The following individuals provided public comments on this item: Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition).

**Motion:** Director Monteiro, Hawthorne

**Second:** Director Hersman, Manhattan Beach

**Vote:** Item 6 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Approved the following positions on bills in the 2019/2020 legislative session and authorized staff to communicate those positions to State Legislators, the Governor, and other interested stakeholders:

AB 56 (Garcia) – Oppose  
SB 155 (Bradford) – Oppose unless amended  
SB 638 (Allen) – Support  
SB 774 (Stern) – Support, if amended  
AB 1144 (Friedman) – Support

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, introduced Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, to provide a brief presentation on each of the bills.

AB 56 (Garcia)

Ms. Goodhill provided a brief presentation on AB 56. Director Ramirez asked if there was any information on how AB 56 came about. Mr. Bardacke did clarify that this was the third year that Assembly Member Garcia proposed legislation around central procurement. Director Zuckerman asked about the agency mentioned in the bill, and Ms. Goodhill clarified that the agency listed is just a placeholder and it is anticipated that it will be changed. Chair Mahmud asked the present status on the bill. Ms. Goodhill stated it passed both the Utilities and Energy Committee and the Natural Resources Committee. The bill will now be considered in the Appropriations Committee. Chair Mahmud directed staff to follow up after the meeting with information on how each representative voted on bills CPA has taken a formal position on.

SB 155 (Bradford)

Ms. Goodhill provided a brief presentation on SB 155 and stated this bill has

also passed its committees and is headed to Senate Appropriations.

SB 638 (Allen)

Ms. Goodhill provided a brief presentation on SB 638. Director McKeown commented that this bill will make a big difference for renters looking to utilize EVs.

SB 774 (Stern)

Ms. Goodhill provided a brief presentation on SB 744. Both Director Mikos and Director Luevanos individually confirmed with Senator Stern that amended language to include CCAs will go into the bill.

AB 1144 (Friedman)

Ms. Goodhill provided a brief presentation on AB 1144. Chair Mahmud asked how the bill defines high fire threat districts, and Mr. Bardacke clarified that the bill reserves this designation for Category 3 zones, as defined by Cal Fire. However, Chair Mahmud asked that we advocate that a specific definition be included in the bill. Director Ashton asked, based on the rating, how many of the member agencies are within Category 3 zone. Mr. Bardacke notified the Board that it is a significant amount. Vice Chair Kuehl asked staff to provide the definition and map of the Category 3 zone and distribute the information to member agencies.

Ms. Goodhill provided an update on SB 355. It was heard at the Government and Finance Committee, where it passed 7-0 with by partisan support. It will be headed to the Senate Floor. The author accepted two amendments. First, this will only apply to JPAs in Ventura and LA County, and secondly it will sunset it 2025.

The following individuals provided public comments on this item: Craig Lewis, Jan Detrick, and Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition).

**Motion:** Director Calaycay, Claremont

**Second:** Director Harabedian, Sierra Madre

**Vote:** Item 7 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **Information Items**

#### 8. Staff Presentation on Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget Priorities

Mr. Bardacke provided a brief presentation on the budget goals and priorities. Mr. Bardacke highlighted the need for CPA to begin to develop an institutional foundation to meet CPA strategic objectives. In the 2019/20 FY, staff is focusing on meeting these objectives in four major categories: Programs, People, Place and Systems. Mr. Bardacke also highlighted the organization chart. It is anticipated that CPA will not need as many expensive consultants, as we expand our staff and bring some of the core functions in house. This will help mitigate risk and maximize value. Mr. Bardacke clarified that the outstanding positions will be filled over the course of the year. In addition, Mr. Bardacke indicated that CPA will be actively seeking a permanent office space to accommodate staff and Board/Committee meetings.

Director Ramirez requested that ensure there is public transit access for any new location. Director Calaycay asked, whether staff has looked into purchasing a location versus leasing a location. Mr. Bardacke did say that the two more mature CCAs do own their own facilities and is not beyond what CPA could do in the future. Vice Chair Kuehl, as it pertained to the expansion of staff, commented that as CPA staff expands good on-boarding policies need to be established to ensure their success at CPA, and agreed with Director Ramirez's comments.

### **V. MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Bardacke provided a brief update. He provided an update on the SCE billing issues and indicated that some of the initial problems have been resolved. However, there remains an issue, where 66,000 CPA residential accounts on time of use bill

protection program did not receive their credits from this program from SCE or did not receive the entire credit. This was a system wide issue and if affected both SCE and CPA customers. However, in May those residents will receive their credit which will range between \$1- \$40. Director McKeown asked staff to provide feedback on the application, by IOUs, to increase their guaranteed return on equity on their transmission and distribution, and the impact that could have on the financial incentives for electrification. Mr. Bardacke indicated that this can raise the overall price point for electricity making the cost competitiveness of electricity will see a negative impact. There, however, will be opportunity for CPA to participate in future discussions with other coalitions on these issues. Chair Mahmud also asked staff, if CalCCA has filed any motions to intervene in the two IOU transmission rate cases. Mr. Bardacke did say there was a discussion at CalCCA, and at this time CalCCA in coalition with other groups may is looking into how best intervene.

**VI. GENERAL COUNSEL UPDATE**

Nancy Whang, General Counsel provided brief remarks on the draft vendor communication policy and requested any Director with questions or comments to contact her. Director Sahli-Wells asked if it would be possible to provide the Board with a vendor list. To which, staff did say a list can be provided. In addition, under the policy an in-kind donation does still count as a contribution. These campaign contributions and requirements would only apply to vendors who have contracts that will be decided or approved by the Board.

**VII. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Director Zuckerman, Finance Committee Member, reported that there was extensive discussion on the upcoming budget, and the Committee will have further discussions prior to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Director Ramirez, Energy Committee Chair, provided an update on the changing markets, as they relate to resource adequacy. In addition, the Committee also reviewed the Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Pilot Program.

Director Sahli-Wells reported on communications. Specifically, she provided an update on CPA's launch of its Green Leader Program to recognize 100% Green Power customers.

**VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Parks announced, that during the SCAG General Assembly a resolution was passed, 102-2, to endorse CCAs.

Chair Mahmud also highlighted the importance, for members to participate in the Board retreat on June 28.

Director Monteiro thanked staff for attending the City of Hawthorne Earth Day event. Vice Chair Kuehl announced that CPA received the Los Angeles County Green Leadership Award.

Director Zuckerman also encouraged those who can to attend the May 14 County Sustainability Retreat.

**IX. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

No report given.

**X. ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Kuehl adjourned the meeting.