

MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 12:15 p.m.

MINUTES

*555 W. 5th Street, 35th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90013*

*Santa Monica City Hall – Room 201
1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401*

*Arcadia Public Works Service Center
11800 Goldring Rd., Arcadia, CA 90166*

*Thousand Oaks City Hall
Public Works Conference Room
2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand
Oaks, CA 91362*

*Oxnard City Hall Annex
4th Floor Conference Room
300 W. Third St., Oxnard, CA 93030*

I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Carmen Ramirez called the meeting to order. Interim Board Secretary Christian Cruz conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL			
Arcadia	Tom Tait	Committee Member	Remote
Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Member	Absent
Malibu	Skylar Peak	Committee Member	Absent
Oxnard	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Chair	Remote
Santa Monica	Kevin McKeown	Committee Member	Remote
Sierra Madre	John Harabedian	Committee Member	Present
Thousand Oaks	Helen Cox	Committee Member	Remote

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from March 27, 2019 Energy Planning & Resources Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Harabedian, Sierra Madre.

Second: Committee Member McKeown, Santa Monica.

Vote: Item 1 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Received Staff Update on Resource Adequacy (RA)

(Staff requested this item to be moved up in the Agenda, which the Committee allowed.)

Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on Resource Adequacy (RA). Mr. Langer highlighted that currently there has been activity surrounding issues in the RA market. Additionally, there are currently several bills in the legislature around central procurement.

Mr. Langer also updated the Committee on the closing of gas fired power plants, which means thousands of megawatts going away, thus increasing scarcity in the market. This can cause those generators who remain in the market to gain a large market share. Additionally, more CCAs are participating in the market creating challenges.

Also, there are two big changes being considered at the CPUC. First, a decision was made around local capacity whereby multi-year procurement is now required. Second, the CPUC is looking at a framework for a central buyer for local RA. CPA supports a residual framework, whereby Load Serving Entities (LSE) can still procure local RA and should there be an energy shortfall then the Central Buyer would step in to fill in the gaps. Mr. Bardacke indicated that a residual framework would allow CCAs to go out and get carbon free resources, which would provide value and then could be monetized to allow CCAs to pursue green projects in a financially viable way.

Committee Member McKeown suggested CPA advocate for a framework that doesn't involve a central buyer, since any framework with a central buyer would severely limit the ability of CPA to lead the transition to true renewable energy. Mr. Bardacke did mention that there is currently legislation that will speak directly to that issue.

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

This item was for informational purposes only.

2. Staff Update on Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Pilot Program

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning & Procurement, provided a presentation on the DER Pilot Program, which is expected to launch in January 2020. Staff is working with Olivine, which has extensive experience piloting these kinds of programs. This program will allow CPA staff to gather data and experience on how best to run these types of programs, which in turn will feed into the local program strategic planning process. It is important to CPA to understand how DER technologies will grow in order to understand how we can utilize them for the benefit of CPA customers. In addition, DERs have the ability to save CPA money from a reduction in the need to procure RA, help meet environmental requirements, and would help improve customer engagement. Once the DER programs have been vetted, staff will bring back those option to the Committee for guidance.

Committee Member McKeown requested that CPA be vigilant, so as to not inadvertently pilot a program that would be using non-renewable solutions for DERs, such as natural gas. Ms. Keefer clarified that the selection criteria does include categories for improvement of air quality, local health, and reduction in GHG emissions, which are also key policy objectives.

Committee Member Harabedian asked staff whether the pilot is prioritizing sustainable green energy careers or workforce building. Ms. Keefer stated that it is a consideration on how the projects will be scored. Committee Member Harabedian also suggested that multiple pilots be considered, so as to learn as much about potential programs as possible.

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4. Received update on April 2019 Risk Management Team report

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, noted that CPA is through its February residential enrollment month and CPA staff is shifting focus on the May commercial enrollment

while maintaining close tracking on opt-actions of customers. There were no other major RMT activities to report.

This item was for informational purposes only.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no additional Committee Member comments.

V. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting.