



MEETING of the Legislative & Regulatory Committee of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

10:00 a.m.

555 W. 5th Street, 35th Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90013

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30001 Ladyface Court,
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701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745

Redondo Beach City Hall
West Wing Conference Room
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

III. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from May 22, 2019 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting
2. Discuss and Provide Direction on Procurement of State Lobbying Services for CPA
3. Review Current CPA Positions on Bills in 2019/2020 Legislative Session

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

V. ADJOURN

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701 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745*

*West Hollywood City Hall
3rd Floor, City Manager’s Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Blvd,
West Hollywood, CA 90069*

I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL

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

Roll Call				
1	Agoura Hills	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
2	Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Member	Remote
3	Redondo Beach	Christian Horvath	Committee Member	Remote
4	Santa Monica			Absent
5	West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Committee Chair	Remote

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

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

III. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from April 24, 2019 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach

Second: Committee Member Reata Kulcsar, Carson

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

2. Received Update on Bills in 2019/2020 Legislative Session and Review Current CPA Positions

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, provided a brief update on this item. Ms. Goodhill indicated that three of CPA's priority bills have not been significantly amended, including SB 638 (Allen), AB 1144 (Friedman), and SB 355 (Portantino).

However, the three remaining CPA priority bills have had some movement. AB 56 (Garcia) was amended to clarify that the central entity to be created would be for back stop procurement only, but the term back stop is not defined and therefore open to interpretation about when and how this entity would step in. Ms. Goodhill reported that this bill is expected to pass out of the Assembly and CPA will continue to oppose it. SB 155 (Bradford) was amended to remove most of the language that would have allowed the CPUC to enforce the IRP. However, there remained some problematic language, so CPA and other agencies have suggested an amendment to further modify the language in the bill. CPA will continue to oppose this bill, unless the language is further modified. Regarding SB 774 (Stern), CPA would support this bill if it removes language that specifies that electric corporations have the exclusive responsibility to all aspects of microgrids. At this time, this language has not been removed.

Ms. Goodhill requested feedback from the Committee on building

legislative relationships in Sacramento and how best to utilize the summer recess to build on those working relationships. The Committee thought that having an event to acknowledge the launch of CPA service to 1 million customers that included legislators would be a good approach.

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

This item was for discussion purposes only.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Committee Member comments.

V. ADJOURN

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting.



Staff Report – Agenda Item 2

To: Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Legislative & Regulatory Committee

From: Gina Goodhill, Policy Director

Approved By: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director

Subject: Discuss and Provide Direction on Procurement of State Lobbying Services for CPA

Date: July 24, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide direction to staff on the procurement of State lobbying services for CPA.

SUMMARY

With a Policy Director now on staff, CPA has been more actively engaged in advancing legislative priorities in Sacramento. Staff worked closely with the lobbying team at CalCCA in the 2019 legislative session, and successfully advocated for a variety of key legislative issues important to CPA's future. However, given CPA's size and unique Southern California territory, it could be beneficial to retain a separate lobbying service. There are currently 18 operational CCAs, nine of which retain lobbying services that are separate from CalCCA. Staff is seeking direction on what criteria to include and prioritize if CPA were to procure a State lobbying service.



Staff Report – Agenda Item 3

To: Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Legislative & Regulatory Committee
From: Gina Goodhill, Policy Director
Approved By: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director
Subject: Review Current CPA Positions on Bills in 2019/2020 Legislative Session
Date: July 24, 2019

RECOMMENDATION

Review and recommend an updated CPA position on SB 155.

SB 155 UPDATE

SB 155 (Bradford) would allow the CPUC to review the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from each load-serving entity (LSE), and enforce the requirement that the IRP of each LSE shall contribute to a diverse and balanced portfolio. Due to significant effort on the part of CPA, East Bay Community Energy, and CalCCA, SB 155 was amended to include language clarifying that the bill does not authorize the commission to require any load serving entity to procure a specific resource or technology type. The bill will be heard next in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

CPA originally took an “Oppose Unless Amended” position on SB 155. The most recent amendments effectively removed the language to which CPA was opposed. Staff is seeking direction on changing the current position from “Oppose Unless Amended” to “Neutral.”

UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL BILLS

CPA staff provided an update at the July 18 Board meeting on the status of the bills that the Board approved taking positions on at the May 2019 Board meeting.

Below is a summary of the update that was provided at the July 18 Board meeting. The Legislature begins summer recess July 12 and will reconvene August 12.

- **SB 355 (Portantino):** CPA sponsored bill that would allow non-elected alternate members of CPA's Board of Directors to participate in a closed session discussion. This bill was amended to: 1) Pertain only to CPA; 2) Sunset in 2025; 3) Authorize CPA to adopt a specific policy, bylaw, or provision that authorizes a non-elected alternate directors to attend closed sessions and to share any information obtained in that closed session with the local agency member or its legal counsel; 4) Require CPA to establish a policy addressing conflicts of interest and breaches of confidentiality for these alternate directors.

CPA position: Sponsor and support.

Bill Status: Assembly Floor

- **AB 56 (E. Garcia):** Attempted to create a statewide central buyer model for renewable energy to address perceived gaps in renewables procurement. This is in contrast to a central buyer for residual resource adequacy, which under the right conditions may be of benefit to CCAs and the state's broader policy goals. The bill was amended several times however the amendments did not address CPA's core concerns. The bill narrowly made it off the Assembly Floor, and ultimately failed to advance out of the Senate Energy, Utility and Communications Committee.

CPA position: Oppose.

Bill Status: Bill failed 5-3-5

- **SB 638 (Allen):** Removes the requirement that a renter must maintain a \$1 million general liability insurance policy in order to install an electric vehicle charging station at their allotted parking space. It was amended to instead require a lessee

to obtain a personal liability coverage, in an amount not to exceed 10 times the annual rent charged for the dwelling.

CPA position: Support.

Bill Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

- **SB 774 (Stern):** This bill sought to promote investment in and deployment of microgrids to increase resiliency but needed to be amended to appropriately enable CCAs to be active in this space. CPA has worked extensively with the author's office on the details of this bill.

CPA position: Support, if amended.

Bill Status: Held in Assembly Committee Utilities and Energy Committee.

- **AB 1144 (Friedman):** Would require the CPUC to reserve 10% of funds collected for the self-generation incentive program (SGIP) to be allocated to pilot projects for the installation of community energy storage systems in communities within high fire threat districts to support resiliency during a de-energization event.

CPA position: Support.

Bill Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

As the Legislature comes back into session in August and then begins to consider two-year bills in 2020, staff expects central procurement and State oversight, wildfires and resiliency, the PG&E bankruptcy, and electric vehicle promotion and grid integration to continue to be prominent topics.

WILDFIRE BILLS

Wildfire prevention and mitigation was one of highest profile topics in the legislature this year with both Governor Newsom releasing a 60 Day Strike Force report and the Commission on Catastrophic Wildfire Cost and Recovery releasing a separate report. On July 12, Governor Newsom signed three bills on wildfire safety and accountability that came directly from these recommendations:

- AB 110 by Assemblymember Philip Ting (D-San Francisco) – Budget Act of 2019.

- AB 111 by the Committee on Budget – Wildfire agencies: public utilities: safety and insurance.
- AB 1054 by Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena) – Public utilities: wildfires and employee protection.

While these bills are meant to work in conjunction, AB 1054 (Holden) has received the most attention. AB 1054 offers two models for utilities to access wildfire funds – utilities are expected to choose the second option. This option creates a \$21 billion liquidity fund that investor owned utilities (IOUs) could access if a fire caused by their equipment results in more than \$1 billion in property damage. Ratepayers would pay \$10.5 billion, which will be collected by extending a state Department of Water Resources (DWR) non-bypassable charge for 15 more years, which was originally expected to expire in 2021. This charge is currently listed on CPA customer utility bills as “DWR bond charge.” The exact amount varies based on electricity consumption but is approximately a half cent per kw hour or \$2.50 per bill. The CPUC has opened a rulemaking to determine whether to collect any additional funds from ratepayers. CPA will remain engaged and keep the Committee apprised of new information as the program is implemented.

Utilities would contribute a combined \$10.5 billion to match the ratepayer money. Southern California Edison would be responsible for 31.5% of this \$10.5 billion and will have to decide if they plan to contribute by July 26. PG&E would only be fully reimbursed from the fund after exiting bankruptcy. The bill also creates a new California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board, which would make recommendations to a new division within the CPUC that focuses specifically on wildfires.