

MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 12:15 p.m.

MINUTES

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

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

*Carson City Hall
Executive Conference Room
701 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745*

*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*

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	Remote
Malibu	Skylar Peak	Committee Member	Present
Oxnard	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Chair	Remote
Santa Monica	Kevin McKeown	Committee Member	Remote
Sierra Madre			Absent
Thousand Oaks	Helen Cox	Committee Member	Remote

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no general public comments.

III. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from April 24, 2019 Energy Planning & Resources Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Tait, Arcadia.

Second: Committee Member McKeown, Santa Monica.

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

2. Received Staff Recommendations for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Pilot Program

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided a brief presentation on the DER pilot program CPA is currently developing. Mr. Bardacke highlighted the feedback provided to staff to date, including looking at programs that can be implemented across the CPA service territory. CPA is in phase 2 of planning and would like to receive additional feedback from the Energy Committee. Mr. Bardacke also highlighted the need for this project to achieve benefits for both CPA, as an organization, but also for customers.

Committee Member Kulcsar asked about the budget and if customers receive a bill credit will that credit come from this pilot project budget. Mr. Bardacke clarified that all program incentives are included within this DER pilot budget. Committee Member Kulcsar also asked about the Calpine and Olivine contract and whether they will be getting additional funds. Mr. Bardacke stated that planning for the pilot is included in the contract, however, when we move to implementation there will be a separate DER services agreement for that.

Mr. Bardacke reviewed the four proposed pillars of the project. Mr. Bardacke indicated there will be funds from cap and trade dollars to fund community solar for DACs for both installation and bill discounts and that it will be administered separately.

Committee Member McKeown asked why staff landed on the reduced EV charging load of 10%. Committee Member McKeown also asked if we could raise the percentage to 20%. Staff indicated that this was a number provided by the project consultant and would staff would ask if the percentage can be raised. Committee Member Peak asked that staff continue to look at the cost of battery storage for homes.

Mr. Bardacke highlighted that there are 10,000 customers that have smart thermostats installed, and with marketing CPA is looking to get 10% of these customers to participate in the program. Committee Member Peak asked staff to consider focusing their efforts on large homes that might yield better data.

Committee Member McKeown asked if programs such as this have been implemented by any other utility, as it pertains to curtailment and home load controls, and if so, what reaction customers had to home load controls. Mr. Bardacke clarified that SCE has a similar program where 50,000 customers are allowing SCE to control their air conditioners, but does not have the opt-out numbers for that program.

Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, commented, in reference to community solar, if CPA is unable to build community solar in a particular area then CPA would be able to provide an offering of green energy at a discounted rate, to those communities instead. Committee Member McKeown asked about the land where community solar would be built. Mr. Langer clarified that we would work with the member agencies to locate available land within disadvantaged communities in CPA territory.

3. Received update on Long-Term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

Mr. Langer provided a brief update on the PPA negotiations. Mr. Langer stated that staff plans to bring three PPAs for approval at the Board retreat. Two of these PPAs came from the long term RFO that was launched in October. The first is Arlington Solar and would be expected to come on-line on October 1, 2022. The second is known as Golden Field Solar and is expected to come on-line on March 31, 2021. The third project known as Isabella Hydro came out of the short-term renewable solicitation. Mr. Langer also highlighted that staff is in negotiations with two additional projects and staff plans bring those to the Board at a future meeting.

This item was for informational purposes only.

4. Received update on June 2019 Risk Management Team Report

Mr. Langer provided a brief update on the Risk Management Team (RMT) monthly activities. Mr. Langer noted that staff is monitoring opt-outs, as CPA has entered the post 60-day enrollment period for non-residential enrollment. The RMT also approved transactions for 2019-2021 energy hedges, which are consistent with the hedging strategy in the Energy Risk Management Policy (ERMP). Mr. Langer indicated that staff will be bringing proposed amendments to the ERMP to the Board.

Additionally, as a result of the last load forecast CPA does have excess resources in the PCC-1 energy category, and staff is taking action to sell the excess amount.

This item was for informational purposes only.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member Cox asked if staff will be sharing the impact of the SCE rate changes on opt-out rates. Mr. Bardacke indicated that in mid-July staff will have a better handle and at that point an update will be provided.

V. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting.