

MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, July 11, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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Los Angeles, CA 90013*

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

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

**I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Angus Simmons called the meeting to order and Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, conducted roll call.

<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Angus Simmons (Vice Chair)	Present
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Laura Brown	Absent
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Rocio Gonzalez	Absent
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Richard Tom	Absent
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Robert Parkhurst (Vice Chair)	Present
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Lucas Zucker	Remote
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Steven Nash	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	Vacant	
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<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Jaime Abrego	Remote

<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Jordan Salcido	Absent
<b>Westside</b>	Cris Gutierrez	Present
<b>Westside</b>	David Haake (Chair)	Absent
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Neil Fromer	Present
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Kristie Hernandez	Absent

## II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no general public comments.

## III. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from June 13, 2019 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

**Motion:** Cris Gutierrez, Westside

**Second:** Neil Fromer, Unincorporated Los Angeles County

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

2. Received staff update on bills in 2019/2020 Legislative Session

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, provided a brief update on the 2019/20 legislative session. Ms. Goodhill highlighted SB 355 by Senator Portantino, which is a CPA-sponsored bill that would allow non-elected alternate members on CPA's Board of Directors to participate in closed sessions. This bill does have support from the statewide association of Joint Powers Authorities (JPA), as this bill has the potential to benefit other JPAs. Ms. Goodhill also highlighted SB 155 by Senator Bradford, which gives the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) new power to enforce the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) process for CCAs. CPA had adopted an "Oppose, unless amended" position on SB 155, and the bill was recently amended. With the amendments, SB 155 now clarifies that the CPUC will not have the previously stated enforceable powers over the IRP process

and CCAs will still make their own procurement decisions. As such, staff will be going to the Board to amend CPA's position to "Neutral." Additionally, Ms. Goodhill discussed AB 1144 by Assembly Member Friedman, which requires the CPUC to reserve 10% of funds collected from the self-generation incentive program (SGIP) for pilot projects to create community storage within fire prone communities.

Committee member Gutierrez asked if CPA would participate in the pilot and find partners to jointly apply for funds. Ms. Goodhill did state that the details of this pilot program have not been clarified, but CPA could potentially leverage these funds. Committee member Zucker asked if CPA will be involved on the implementation side of AB 1054 by Assembly Member Holden, which is a \$21 billion liquidity fund. Ms. Goodhill did say there is no role for CPA at this point, but staff would look into what type of role CPA would take, if any. Vice Chair Parkhurst asked about current electric vehicle (EV) bills. Ms. Goodhill mentioned SB 676 by Senator Bradford, which would require CCAs and utilities to ensure that vehicle to grid integration is a more robust part of our plans and portfolio. Originally, this bill would have given the CPUC authority over rates, because that is the main way to do vehicle to grid integration. This bill was amended and only requires CCAs to look at vehicle to grid integration through their boards and not the CPUC.

3. Provide Input on Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Pilot Program

Tyler Aguirre, Account Services Manager, provided a brief presentation/update on the DER Pilot Program. For this pilot program, staff is looking at many factors including making sure future DER programs offered to CPA customers during the pilot are scalable in the future. Ms. Aguirre highlighted the four pillars of the program: EV Charging, Solar Storage, Smart Home, and Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Community Solar. Additionally, Ms. Aguirre indicated that staff is currently working with its program consultant, Olivine, to do a deeper dive on the financials of each

of the proposed programs within the DER pilot, to ensure these programs are fiscally responsible.

Committee member Fromer asked whether a customer who has rooftop solar but no storage, if they would be able to participate in this program. Ms. Aguirre stated that this program would target approximately 1,000 residential customers with the analysis focusing on customers with both solar and storage. Committee member Nash asked how CPA arrived at the participation number for this program. Ms. Aguirre clarified that its based on the allocated budget and proportional load.

For the Smart Home program, Ms. Aguirre indicated that a \$50 incentive would be provided for customers to participate and \$75 enrollment incentive for additional smart home controls. Vice Chair Parkhurst asked how the smart plug incentive will work for optional controls. However, staff indicated that at this time the details are still being worked out.

Committee member Fromer requested that CPA think about and consider how these programs will be implemented throughout CPA territory and ensure that they are not just accessible to one geographic subregion, but to the entire service territory, which would help avoid any equity concerns. Committee member Gutierrez also pointed that as we roll out this pilot project, we consider equity, as we reach out to potential participants in the program. In addition, working or partnering with community groups to help engage with the various communities.

4. Received staff update on CPA's Residential (Phase 3) and Non-Residential (Phase 1, 2, and 4) Rollout, Financial Dashboard, Recent Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), and Other Activities

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided an update on current opt-out

rates overall and opt-outs with the 1,800 subset of commercial customers that were impacted by rates outside of the Board-approved rate comparison ranges. Currently, the overall opt-out rate for all CPA customers is at 4.26%. On a load basis it is 9.5%, which is still below the 10% planning criteria for opt-outs. Vice Chair Parkhurst asked what the financial impact is if CPA exceeds the 10% threshold. Mr. Bardacke indicated that during the enrollment period CPA is 100% hedged to ensure there is no significant fiscal impact, should that happen. For the 1,800 subset customers who's cost for power will be out of the rate ranges, it is expected that 40-50% of those customers will opt-out. Additionally, CPA's member jurisdictions took various actions on their municipal accounts that were affected by the subset issue. Jurisdictions fell into four categories in terms of their actions to the subset issue, as follows: some did not opt-out any of their accounts, some opted out all affected subset accounts, some opted out only their streetlight accounts, and some did a combination of the previously mentioned actions.

Committee member Nash asked about when the PCIA sunsets and if there will be a reduction in customer bills. Mr. Bardacke indicated that there will be a reduction, and the one-time PCIA, which began in April 2019 and will sunset in March 2020. However, there is a long-term PCIA in addition to the one-time PCIA, which will continue for significant amount of time. Staff does expect there will be a rate reduction once the one-time PCIA sunsets.

Mr. Bardacke also provided an update on the SCE billing issue that has affected CPA customers. SCE had billing system malfunctions that affected all CCAs in Southern California. The customer impact includes either not receiving one or more bills or getting partial charges. Mr. Bardacke the state that this has caused some opt-outs by customers. Mr. Bardacke highlight that here will be joint communications on SCE and CPA websites and talking points at each call center to inform and assist customers. Vice Chair Parkhurst asked if the CPUC can help with holding SCE responsible. Mr.

Bardacke clarified that the CPUC process would take a significant amount of time and attorneys fees would be more than what the financial impact is because of the billing issue.

**IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Committee member Steven Nash requested that the CAC continue to be informed about the local programs process. Vice Chair Parkhurst also announced he was just appointed to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for the City of Sierra Madre.

**V. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There was no discussion on future agenda items.

**VI. ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Angus Simmons adjourned the meeting.