

REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, January 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

*The L.A. Grand Hotel Downtown  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Pacific Ballroom 3, 333 South Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90071*

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

*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**

Chair Diana Mahmud called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.  
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>	Jeff Maloney	Alternate	Present
3	<b>Arcadia</b>	Sho Tay	Director	Present
4	<b>Beverly Hills</b>			Absent
5	<b>Calabasas</b>	John Bingham	Alternate	Remote
6	<b>Camarillo</b>	Susan Santangelo	Director	Remote
7	<b>Carson</b>	Reata Kulcsar	Alternate	Present
8	<b>Claremont</b>	Corey Calaycay	Director	Present
9	<b>Culver City</b>	Meghan Sahli-Wells	Director	Present
10	<b>Downey</b>	Sean Ashton	Director	Present
11	<b>Hawaiian Gardens</b>	Ramie Torres	Alternate	Remote
12	<b>Hawthorne</b>	Alex Monteiro	Director	Present
13	<b>Los Angeles County</b>	Sheila Kuehl	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Present
14	<b>Malibu</b>			Absent
15	<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Nancy Hersman	Director	Present

16	<b>Moorpark</b>	Janice Parvin	Director	Remote
17	<b>Ojai</b>	Michelle Ellison	Alternate	Remote
18	<b>Oxnard</b>	Carmen Ramirez	Director	Remote
19	<b>Paramount</b>			Absent
20	<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Christian Horvath	Director	Present
21	<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Jeannie Naughton	Alternate	Present
22	<b>Santa Monica</b>	Kevin McKeown	Director	Present
23	<b>Sierra Madre</b>	John Capoccia	Director	Present
24	<b>Simi Valley</b>	Samantha Argabrite	Alternate	Remote
25	<b>South Pasadena</b>	Diana Mahmud	<b>Chair</b>	Present
26	<b>Temple City</b>			Absent
27	<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	Helen Cox	Alternate	Remote
28	<b>Ventura City</b>	Joe Yahner	Alternate	Remote
29	<b>Ventura County</b>	Linda Parks	<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Remote
30	<b>West Hollywood</b>	Robyn Eason	Alternate	Present
31	<b>Westlake Village</b>	Kelly Honig	Director	Remote
32	<b>Whittier</b>	Vicki Smith	Alternate	Remote

**II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

One general public comment was submitted via email prior to the meeting by Mr. Mark Galanty and distributed to the Board of Directors. There were no general public comments made during the meeting.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from December 5, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting
2. Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Golden Fields Solar III LLC and execute a Consent and Agreement for collateral assignment
3. Approve Submittal of Letter of Intent for CPA to participate in and contribute funding to the California Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (CALeVIP)

**Motion:** Director Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica  
**Second:** Director Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne  
**Vote:** Items 1 through 3 were approved by roll call vote, with Director Santangelo and Director Naughton abstaining from Item 1.

#### IV. REGULAR AGENDA

4. Adopt Resolution 20-01-001 to Approve CPA's Approach to the Default of Residential Customers to Time-of-Use (TOU) Rates

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, introduced this item and Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, provided a presentation, highlighting that IOUs will begin residential TOU in October 2020 and CPA customers will transition to TOU for the SCE delivery portion of the bill beginning in late 2021. Currently, most residential customers are on a tiered flat rate, where customers pay a specific amount regardless of when energy is used during the day. Mr. Langer reviewed the four staff recommendations, as follows.

First, CPA will default its residential customers to TOU for the generation portion of their bill and for that transition to take place concurrently with the SCE shift to TOU for the distribution portion of the bill. TOU is intended to help customers use energy when it is most cost effective during the day. Additionally, Mr. Langer pointed out, that it is important to transition concurrently to TOU with SCE because there are state funds for education, outreach, and marketing available to inform customers of the shift to TOU. This would also help in abating customer confusion.

Second, CPA would offer TOU generation rates with the same TOU periods as SCE delivery rates. This would help avoid customer confusion that would be caused by mismatching TOU periods.

Third, CPA would offer 12 months of bill protection, for the generation part of the bill, to protect customers financially following the default TOU transition. IOUs are required to offer this kind of bill protection and 12 months is the industry standard. Customers who end up with a higher bill will receive a refund for the difference between the old tier and the new TOU rate. However, the financial impact to CPA could be anywhere between \$75,000 and \$1.2 million. It is a wide range because it is hard to anticipate how customers will adjust their energy use.

Fourth, CPA would allow customers to opt-out of CPAs default TOU generation rate and remain on tiered flat rates.

Vice Chair Kuehl asked if customers are allowed to opt-out from generation and delivery TOU rates and would this mean a customer would have to opt-out twice. Mr. Langer stated that could be the case, but staff would look into this and provide further clarification. Vice Chair Kuehl also asked about the bill protection and if staff can better clarify for customers that once the 12-month bill protection expires the customer will be required to pay for the incurred costs. Mr. Langer clarified that customers will receive a summary on TOU reporting if the customer saved money or if they would have paid more on TOU rather than the tiered flat rate, which will educate them on what rate would work best for them to avoid overcharges once bill protection expires. Chair Mahmud suggested that CPA be very clear, in the year-end summary that the customer will now be required to pay the total amount for service once the bill protection expires and to recommend they change their rate, if they are expected to pay more so they don't incur large bills.

Director Kulcsar asked if a customer calls CPA customer service to opt-out will that customer also be automatically opted out from SCE TOU. Mr. Langer indicated that a customer would be referred to SCE in order to do so, as CPA does not have the capacity to opt-out customers from SCE TOU delivery charges. Director Kulcsar also asked if the end-of-year summary will have all the information from both SCE delivery and CPA generation clearly be outlined, to which Mr. Langer replied yes.

Director Ashton asked that if a customer who is well above their normal charge for energy use, does CPA have to cover the entire cost difference or can we cap the bill protection pay out. Mr. Langer clarified that the intent is not to cap the amount. However, there are very few customers who tend to incur much larger costs than they would have if they were on a tiered flat rate.

Director McKeown asked how we can make it easy for a customer to understand the change and why it would be a benefit. Mr. Langer stated that there will be co-branding in the messaging distributed to customers with useful information that will lay out the change easily.

Director Sahli-Wells asked about the value to NEM customers and if they would be impacted adversely by this change. Mr. Langer stated that they would not be impacted negatively. Existing solar customers will have grandfather provisions, but after a certain time they too will need to transition to TOU.

Director Torres asked if customer will only be able to opt-out in the first 12-months during the bill protection period. Mr. Langer stated that a customer can opt-out at any time. Director Torres also asked how CARE and FERA customers will be impacted. Mr. Langer clarified that these customers will be exempt from the TOU default, but they can select a TOU rate if they choose.

Vice-Chair Parks asked about bill protection and how it will impact customer energy use behavior. Mr. Langer stated that there will be customers who are not as engaged, and bill protection will help during the transition. Once customers understand the TOU shift it is expected customer energy use behavior will also change. Additionally, customers will need to adjust in order to minimize impacts of large bills.

Director Santangelo asked can we use the usage data prior to the TOU switch to do some customer outreach and inform them on potential savings by moving to TOU. Mr. Langer stated that CPA staff is working with SCE on ongoing communication to inform customers on savings or potential costs based on the previous energy usage. Mr. Bardacke also stated that CPA will be monitoring this internally as well. If staff begins to see trends, CPA can then proactively reach out to customers who might be negatively impacted.

Director Klein Lopez asked about reaching out to customers quarterly and not only at the beginning of the TOU shift or at the end of the 12-month protection, so we can update them on if their rate is trending positively or negatively. Mr. Langer stated that staff will look into that kind of additional outreach can be conducted.

Director Cox asked if a customer does not stay at TOU rate and shifts back to the tiered flat rate then would they not get the benefit of bill protection. Mr. Bardacke clarified that a customer does not have to stay at the TOU rate for the full 12-months in order to enjoy the full bill protection.

Chair Mahmud commented that she has been on TOU for more than a year and it has saved her money and helped to modify her behavior, for the better. Chair Mahmud asked if staff has confirmed with SCE if CPA will be charged for the bill comparisons that will be done. Mr. Langer stated that CPA will not get charged for that. Chair Mahmud also asked about how CPA will address a customer whose energy consumption rises substantially during the 12-month protection period. Mr. Langer clarified that we will be looking at actual usage while a customer is in TOU and compare that to what the cost would have been, if the customer would have remained on a tiered flat rate, and proactively engage with them if their energy usage is trending negatively.

**Public Comments:** Steven Nash commented on public outreach and requested CPA staff ask SCE to include in the billing a chart of energy usage during peak time to give customers a better visual.

Mr. Harvey Eder commented on the Air District and how the solar new deal was not evaluated by the Air District. Mr. Eder also commented that he was not allowed to enter the 9<sup>th</sup> circuit court by the FBI and Federal Marshal.

**Motion:** Director Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach

**Second:** Director Alex Monteiro, Hawthorne

**Vote:** Item 4 was amended to add language to the Resolution to encourage staff to work with SCE to obtain quarterly reports for customers to appraise them of any changes in their billing, and this item was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

## V. MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided a brief update. Mr. Bardacke highlighted that CPA staff will answer questions during various City Council meetings, for those who are interested in joining CPA. Mr. Bardacke also discussed the advice letter submitted by CPA to the CPUC, in December, to fully fund two programs to target low income customers and disadvantaged communities. CPA would offer the 100% green to these two groups for an additional 20% discount on top of the CARE and FERA discount. As part of this, CPA will work to identify communities and projects to provide community solar. The additional solar capacity will provide an additional 3 megawatts. This is a procurement decision, which will need Board approval to go into a long-term Power Purchase Agreement. Additionally, this funding from the CPUC will cover a customer bill discount. Mr. Bardacke also updated the Board on the CBO Grant program to engage small businesses and disadvantaged communities about clean energy and to promote enrollment in CPA financial assistance programs. Mr. Bardacke also highlighted major items that will be brought to the Board over the next few months such as the GHG free procurement strategy, Integrated Resources Plan, and SCE April rate changes.

**VI. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Director Ramirez commented that the Energy Committee will be meeting next week to discuss the Utility Scale RFO.

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Ashton commented that he is the President of the Independent Cities Association, which is having a winter seminar from January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Santa Barbara around public safety issues.

**VIII. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Mahmud welcomed new CPA member Westlake Village. Chair Mahmud also notified the Board that nomination for Board Chair and Vice Chairs has opened and will close at 5PM on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Chair Mahmud announced that nominations from the floor would be taken at this time.

Vice Chair Kuehl nominated Chair Mahmud to continue as CPA Chair for another term. Director Ashton nominated Vice Chair Kuehl to continue as Los Angeles County Vice Chair for another term. Director Ramirez nominated Vice Chair Parks to continue a Ventura County Vice Chair for another term.

**IX. ADJOURN – TO REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Chair Mahmud adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.