REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Thursday, March 5, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Conference Center at Cathedral Plaza
Conference Room 6
555 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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 2:00 p.m. and Clerk of the Board
Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

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II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
Harvey Eder provided general public comment.

III. CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approve Minutes from February 6, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting - Amended
2. Appoint Gabriela Monzon as Board Secretary for Clean Power Alliance
3. Approve Policy No. 14 – Investment Policy
4. Approve Amendment to Financial Policy No. 1 – Credit Card Policy and Procedures - Amended
5. Approve Rules of Decorum at Public Meetings and Policy No. 15 – Civility at Workplace Premises
6. Receive and File Report from the February 20, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
No public comment was received on this item.

Motion: Director Calaycay, Claremont  
Second: Director Horvath, Redondo Beach  
Vote: Items 1 and 4 approved as amended and Items 2, 3, 5 and 6 approved as presented by a roll call vote.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

7. Presentation on Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning and Procurement, provided a presentation that included the following topics: background on the IRP proceeding, 2017/2018 IRP and reliability procurement requirements, 2019/2020 IRP requirements, CPUC reference system plan, CPA’s current long-term portfolio and modeling, the joint IRP process and schedule, and next steps.

Director Gold asked staff to clarify the impacts on cost and the ability of CPA to procure energy. Director Capoccia asked about the allocation of CPA demand for pump storage and the existence of a gap in short- and long-term procurement. Chair Mahmud asked staff about implications resulting from the 2017/18 IRP still outstanding at the CPUC and inquired about the level of detail in the submission.

Ms. Keefer highlighted CPA’s work in presenting an IRP submission that is in conformance with the PUC’s requirements reflective of the procurement CPA intends to do, which is why the planning cycle is a two-year process to reflect changes over time. Matthew Langer, Chief Operating Officer, added that although CPA’s plan is required to meet certain constraints, it is acceptable to procure sources other than those specified in the plan. Ms. Keefer clarified that demand is not assigned or allocated, but a proper approach to building an IRP is to take CPA’s percentage of its load and allocate that to member agencies’ own plans, however, Siemens’ modeling results may help to determine the inclusion of pump storage. Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, commented that pump storage could eventually be mandated in the legislature.

Chair Mahmud commented on an article in the Los Angeles Times that discussed the difficulties associated with construction of reservoirs for pump storage projects. Director Gold asked how pump storage projects can work to CPA’s advantage.

Chair Mahmud responded that the availability of pump storage projects to provide energy is dependent upon a reservoir’s ability to deliver water downstream and simultaneously meet various legal and environmental obligations of the agency that operates that reservoir. Mr. Langer added that pump storage projects are very site- and geography-specific, which is why those projects are rare and that costs can vary widely.

Director Skylar Peak, Malibu, arrived at or about 2:30 p.m.

Harvey Eder provided public comments.
8. **Presentation on Resiliency and Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)**

CC Song, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Matthew Langer, Chief Operating Officer, provided an overview of regulatory matters, including the following topics: Regulatory Proceedings Related to Resiliency/PSPS; De-energization of Power Lines/Public Safety Power Shutoff; Microgrid and Resiliency Strategies; and an update on CPA’s Resiliency Program.

Vice-Chair Kuehl asked if CPA, as a provider of electricity, can request information from SCE on factors determining PSPS decisions and urged the need for communities to understand the timing of notices, analysis of communities that lost power, and the duration of those power shut-offs. Director Peak added that his community was perplexed at the PSPS events taking place and encouraged CPA to help communities learn about the process. Director Lindsey Horvath agreed that this information would help member agencies incorporate resiliency and PSPS data into their emergency preparedness operations. Director Luevanos expressed concerns over the lack of notification in some areas of unincorporated Simi Valley and emphasized the necessity of the County and other agencies to communicate with one another for the benefit of the community during PSPS events.

Ms. Song indicated that the current PSPS proceeding includes proposed guidelines that require investor-owned utilities to be more transparent and to provide the public with access to data such as wind factors and system considerations. Mr. Langer added that CPA is interested in that information as it is vital to billing operations and can work directly with member jurisdictions to obtain such information from SCE.

Vice-Chair Kuehl indicated that the County of Los Angeles did receive a report from the Woolsey Fire Task Force about PSPS events and their role in preventing fires which provided further clarifications and deciding factors.

Alternate Director Ellison encouraged CPA staff to consider incentives or programs to encourage customers to purchase alternate options to fossil fuel-powered generators.

Mr. Bardacke noted the launch of CPA’s solar and storage marketplace, which provides education and offers customers vetted solar and back up storage installer information. He added that SGIP, a financial incentive, is already in existence, but additional incentives can be explored in the future. Chair Mahmud added that CPA developed a resiliency program that agencies should seek to participate in and encouraged member agencies to reach out to SCE to learn about mitigation programs aimed at assisting cities in identifying power circuits subject to shutoff. Director Susca indicated that SCE assisted Culver City in identifying circuits as potentially wildfire-prone and this information was subsequently shared with the community to help in emergency preparation. Director Luevanos expressed interest in receiving regional maps for electric vehicle charging stations.

There were no public comments for this item.
V. NOMINATION PERIOD FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT LARGE POSITIONS AND NOTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Chair Mahmud announced the following committee chair appointments:

- Legislative & Regulatory Committee: Director Lindsey Horvath, West Hollywood
- Finance Committee: Director Julian Gold, Beverly Hills
- Energy Planning & Resources Committee: Director Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica

Chair Mahmud then opened the nomination period for three at-large positions on the Executive Committee.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1)

Nancy Whang, General Counsel, reported that staff received direction from the Board of Directors.

VII. MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director provided a brief report, emphasizing the CPA Power Response and Solar + Storage Marketplace, Net Energy Metering True-Up, and customer service.

In response to Director Santangelo’s inquiry regarding communications to customers, Mr. Bardacke and Jennifer Ward, Director of External Affairs, noted that there are several tools to share with the member jurisdictions to assist in outreach to their communities.

VIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Gold noted CPA’s excellent performance in the last month, reflected on the Financial Dashboard and encouraged others to review it.

Harvey Eder provided public comments.

IX. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Kuehl invited other member agencies to share their experiences with Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots in their member jurisdictions. Discussion ensued amongst Board Members about the benefits and disadvantages of using VBM.

Director Capoccia shared that Sierra Madre transitioned to 100% Green Power and thanked staff for their work in moving the transition forward.

X. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Mahmud expressed her satisfaction with serving on the Executive Committee and encouraged others to consider serving on it and other committees.

XI. ADJOURN – TO REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 2, 2020

Chair Mahmud adjourned the meeting.