



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

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approve Minutes from April 22, 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [Oral Update from Policy Director on COVID-19 Legislative Impact and Approve an Updated Position on SB 1215 to the Board of Directors](#)
3. [Review of 2020 Regulatory Priorities](#)
4. [Presentation on Joint Rate Comparison Mailer](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING JUNE 24, 2020

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MEETING of the Legislative & Regulatory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Executive Committee conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Lindsey Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and Clerk of the Board Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

Roll Call			
Agoura Hills	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Alternate	Remote
Redondo Beach	Christian Horvath	Committee Member	Remote
West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Chair	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from January 22, 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach

Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills

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

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

2. Positions on Key Bills in 2019/2020 Legislative Session

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, provided an oral update on the year's legislative session and the legislature's response to COVID-19.

Chair Horvath inquired about the representation of CCAs, if any, in the Governor's newly created Taskforce on Business and Jobs Recovery. Staff indicated that there were no efforts underway for representation on the task force but offered to address it with CalCCA.

AB 2689 (Kalra)

Ms. Goodhill provided a summary of AB 2689 (Kalra), stating that the bill aimed to improve the transparency of IOU confidentiality provisions to allow a broad range of market experts to participate in cost recovery proceedings and to make the non-disclosure agreements less burdensome.

Committee Member Lopez asked if staff expected IOUs to voice concerns over this bill. Ms. Goodhill indicated that there was some pushback from IOU's and labor groups in the PG&E service area who did not believe there was a need for increased transparency and added that the committee consultant could be swayed by that argument. Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, noted the bill also provided for consequences if IOU's did not adhere to the bill's requirements, which concerned IOUs.

Chair Horvath stated that support coming from CPA Board members calling for increased transparency could be impactful.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach

Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills

Vote: Motion to support AB 2689 was approved by a roll call vote.

SB 45 (Allen)

Ms. Goodhill provided a summary of SB 45, noting that the bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, that would go to voters on November 3, 2020. Ms. Goodhill noted that the bill allocated specific funds set aside for local governments, Joint Powers Authorities, and others to fund resiliency work that CPA was already pursuing, such as the installation of microgrids, distributed energy resources, and backup power to help during PSPS events.

Committee Member Lopez asked if there was any downside to being associated with the bill. Ms. Goodhill clarified that polling demonstrated public support for the bill.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach
Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills
Vote: Motion to support SB 45 was approved by a roll call vote.

SB 1215 (Stern)

Ms. Goodhill provided a summary of SB 1215 noting key improvements and the establishment of the Local Government Deenergization Event Resiliency Program. Ms. Goodhill indicated the bill would allow the deployment of microgrid projects to meet the resiliency needs of critical facilities and infrastructure in high fire-threat and vulnerable transmission areas. Lastly, Ms. Goodhill noted the bill could be paired with other COVID-19 relief efforts, given the threat of fires and PSPS events during the pandemic.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach
Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills
Vote: Motion to support SB 1215 was approved by a roll call vote.

Ms. Goodhill discussed plans for outreach to legislators and to coordinate a 2021 Lobby Day.

3. Update on Resource Adequacy Central Buyer

CC Song, Director of Regulatory Affairs, provided an overview of the proposed decision of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that adopted a Full Central Procurement Entity for resource adequacy (RA). Ms. Song noted that CalCCA opposed the CPUC proposed decision, noting that under the proposed decision, Load Serving Entities (LSEs) had reduced incentives to invest in clean local resources, given that LSEs were not able to recuperate the premium value for local RA. Ms. Song added that the settlement proposal formulated by several market participants would have created a framework allowing LSEs, to procure RA resources.

However, Ms. Song clarified that CPA was working with CalCCA to pursue a modification of the proposed decision and to encourage the CPUC to adopt a crediting mechanism to ensure CPA can continue to receive financial compensation for the Local RA premium.

Committee Member Lopez asked for clarification on the position of the Governor or state legislators on the proposed decision. Ms. Song noted that CalCCA worked with state assembly members on a legislative proposal to establish a Central Entity. Lastly, Ms. Song clarified that CalCCA will also ask state legislators to sign a letter to the CPUC to urge Commissioners to incorporate principles that would provide LSEs like CPA, incentives to invest in local energy resources, and maintain affordable rates for ratepayers.

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, added that CPA already took a support position on Assemblymember Muratsuchi's bill and noted that CPA will encourage its elected officials to reach out to state representatives to support the bill.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member Horvath discussed the status of the Redondo Beach power plant and asked for letters of support for AB 2071, noting that it will address power plants in Redondo Beach.

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

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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: Oral Update from Policy Director on COVID-19 Legislative Impact and Approve an Updated Position on SB 1215 to the Board of Directors

Date: May 27, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Review and recommend an updated position on SB 1215 to the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

SB 1215 Update

At the April Board meeting, the Board voted to take a Support position on SB 1215 (Stern), which would have established the Local Government Deenergization Event Resiliency Program, administered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES), to support State and local government efforts to enhance public safety, protect vulnerable populations and individuals, and improve resiliency in response to public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events. The bill would have appropriated an unspecified amount of money from the General Fund and would have directed OES to provide grant funding to local governments, joint power authorities, and special districts to plan and deploy energy resiliency projects that maintain electricity during PSPS events.

SB 1215 was recently amended by the author to remove all language related to the creation of the Local Government Deenergization Event Resiliency Program. The amended bill instead: expands the definition of who can own a microgrid, and requires

the California Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with OES, to create a database of critical facilities and critical infrastructure.

CPA originally took a “Support” position on SB 1215. The most recent amendments are effectively a “gut and amend” that removed the element of the bill that CPA was most supportive of, namely, the funding for microgrids. However, staff still thinks there is a potential benefit to a statewide microgrid database, contingent on several key changes:

1. The database should be accessible to CCAs
2. The database should include information related to meter data on critical circuits

Staff is seeking input on whether a change to the current position from “Support” to “Support if Amended,” if these changes are made to the proposed database, would be appropriate.

COVID-19 Impact on 2019/2020 Legislative Session and on Clean Energy Priorities
Staff will also give an oral update on the COVID-19 impact on the 2019/2020 Legislative Session and on the state’s Clean Energy priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

None.



Staff Report – Agenda Item 3

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

From: CC Song, Director of Regulatory Affairs

Approved By: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director

Subject: Review of 2020 Regulatory Priorities

Date: May 27, 2020

Staff will provide an overview on regulatory activities, including the policy framework used by staff to develop key regulatory priorities that CPA will actively engage at various regulatory agencies in 2020.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, CPA intends to expand its capacity in the regulatory affairs department to build CPA as an energy policy thought leader that advocates for policies and practices that provide competitive rate and program offerings to its customers, provide positive impact to members agencies and local communities, and achieve the state’s environmental policy goals in a fair and holistic manner..

To ensure that CPA can provide competitive rates and expand innovative service offerings through effective advocacy, staff has developed a policy priority framework to guide staff’s engagement in key regulatory proceedings and coalition building.

Policy Priority Framework and Key Proceedings

CPA developed the regulatory policy priority framework based on the following considerations:

- Scale of impact on CPA’s operations, fiscal health and competitive position
- Time horizon of impact (immediate, next 3-5 years, in 5-10 years)
- Impact and benefits on member agencies and local communities

- Ability to elevate CPA’s thought leadership profile at the State level
- Availability of CPA staff and budget considerations

Based on these considerations, CPA would be able to evaluate the priority level of any given regulatory matter and assign the appropriate resources to engage. More details about each priority level are listed in the table below:

Priority Level	Definition	Assigned Resources
High	Proceedings that have an immediate fiscal, competitive, and operational impacts on CPA’s ability to serve customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPA senior level staff leading proceeding coverage, coordinating coverage with other CCAs, leading working CalCCA working groups • Technical consultants and/or outside counsel
Medium	Proceedings that may moderately impact CPA’s operations and fiscal health in the following 3 to 5 years, or engagement in the proceedings can bring direct benefits to communities served by CPA, and elevate CPA’s position as a thought leader or innovator in the California energy market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPA staff selectively participate when procedural developments impact CPA • Outside counsel may be utilized if 1) coordinating with other CCAs and 2) staff resources are already utilized to manage high-priority proceedings and that the work is not otherwise re-prioritized
Low	Proceedings that likely will not have a direct benefit on communities served by CPA or CPA’s operations and fiscal health, but may change statewide energy policy goals and implementations in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPA staff added to regulatory service lists, obtain party status when necessary, monitor in distance • No outside resource

Using this framework, staff categorized current proceedings utilizing the definition for each priority level and highlighted below some of the proceedings and engagement in each priority category.

High Priority Proceedings		
Proceeding	Relevance to CPA	Engagement Goals
Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)	Immediate impact on rate offering competitiveness, direct impact on CPA resource procurement	Collaborate with Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to develop IOU portfolio optimization strategies that provide benefits to bundled and unbundled ratepayers
SCE 2021 General Rate Case	Direct impact on CPA operations and SCE's response to and impact on CCA customers	Reach agreement with SCE on data, meter, and system management fees charged to CCAs, as well as types of data that should be made available to CCAs within SCE territory
SCE 2021 Energy Resources Recovery Account	Immediate impact on the PCIA that will be implemented in 2021, and direct impact on CPA's rate offering competitiveness	Ensure that SCE's calculation of the PCIA is correct, and the forecast of the PCIA can help inform CPA's ratemaking process
Resource Adequacy (RA)	Immediate impact on CPA's ability to procure RA resources to meet compliance obligations and maintain fiscal health	Advocate for compliance rules that enable CPA to develop a portfolio of resources to maintain grid reliability and meet its various local policy goals
Integrated Resources Planning (IRP)	Immediate impact on CPA's ability to procure	Ensure the planning process properly considers

	renewable and carbon free resources to meet California’s environmental policy objectives	LSEs’ existing portfolios, market conditions, reliability constraints, and coordinates with other relevant CPUC proceedings
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Medium Priority Proceedings

Proceeding	Relevance to CPA	Engagement Goals
Microgrid Development	Near term impact on CPA’s ability to partner with local governments and IOUs to minimize impact of de-energization events in essential locations	Develop transparent process that empowers CCAs and local governments to access relevant data to aid resiliency planning
De-Energization/Public Safety Power Shut-off (PSPS)/Wildfire Mitigation Plans	Near term impact on member agencies’ planning and operations, and on CPA’s financial health and its ability to forecast customer demand and resource needs	Access to advanced notice and relevant data to conduct proper load forecast
Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)	Near term impact on CPA’s various compliance obligations, including RA, IRP; potential impact on perception of CCAs’ procurement contribution to state policy goals	Ensure that adopted load forecast are aligned with CPA’s internal forecast, and policy reports reflect CPA’s or CCAs’ collective contributions to the State’s energy and environmental policy goals

Disconnections	Near term impact on low-income or customers with functional needs served by CPA, and impact on CPA's fiscal health and customer relations	In partnership with other stakeholders, develop policies that reduce disconnections and protect vulnerable customers
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Low Priority Proceedings		
Proceeding	Relevance to CPA	Engagement Goals
Net Energy Metering (NEM)	Potential impact on CPA's fiscal health, behind-the-meter offerings, community relations, and contribution to grid reliability	Advocate for policies that properly reflect the value of various behind-the-meter resources
Transportation Electrification	Potential impact on CPA's ability to leverage state incentives to enhance its transportation electrification programs	Provide CPA program updates regularly to state regulatory decision makers and staff

ATTACHMENTS

None.



Staff Report – Agenda Item 4

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

From: Matthew Langer, Chief Operation Officer

Approved by: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director

Subject: Presentation on Joint Rate Comparison Mailer

Date: May 27, 2020

Matthew Langer, Chief Operating Officer, will provide a presentation on the Joint Rate Comparison mailer.