

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:00 a.m.
555 W. 5th Street, 35th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90013

MINUTES

Agoura Hills City Hall
Planning Conference Room
30001 Ladyface Court,
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Redondo Beach City Hall
Planning Conference Room
415 Diamond Street
Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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

West Hollywood City Hall
3rd Floor, City Manager's Conference Room
8300 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood, CA 90069

I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL

Chair Lindsey Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Board Secretary Rigoberto Garcia called the roll.

Roll Call				
1	Agoura Hills	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
2	Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Alternate Member	Remote
3	Redondo Beach	Christian Horvath	Committee Member	Remote
4	Santa Monica	David Petit	Committee Member	Absent
5	West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Chair	Remote

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from August 28, 2019 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

Alternate Member Reata Kulcsar requested the minutes be amended to reflect her designation from Committee Member to Alternate Member.

Motion: Committee Member Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach

Second: Committee Member Deborah Klein Lopez, Agoura Hills

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

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

2. Staff update on Integrated Resource Planning Procurement Proposed Decision

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, presented the staff report on the CPUC proposed decision that there could be a potential reliability shortfall for energy statewide. Mr. Bardacke indicated the potential decision is driven by the retirement of Once-through Cooling (OTC) plants along the coast; and intermittent solar without storage coming online for new capacity during heavy load times. Mr. Bardacke further stated that there is an ongoing debate including CPUC and CAISO on whether a reliability shortfall exists. The Proposed Decision takes the position that there is a reliability shortfall and provided the following recommendations:

First, extend four retirement deadlines of OTC plants in Southern California. Mr. Bardacke discussed two OTC plants in the CPA service territory; Redondo Beach Generating Station and Ormond Beach Generating Station. Mr. Bardacke indicated CPA would take a position to recommend the State Water Resources Control Board not extend the retirement date for the two plants because they are not needed and would harm disadvantaged communities. Second, the CPUC projects a shortfall of 2,500 MW statewide but is recommending only the Southern California Edison territory provide the load need. Mr. Bardacke indicated that if OTC's are extended, that would suggest that there is a 5,000 MW need instead of 2,500 MW.

Mr. Bardacke pointed out that the silver lining in the Proposed Decision is that it allows CCA's to be a part of the solution rather than mandating SCE provide the shortfall and send CCA's an invoice. It provides one of the first times that CPUC acknowledges that CCA's can be a part of the solution without having to use carbon resources. Mr. Bardacke indicated CPA would be providing comments and advocacy letters to activists, legislators, and municipalities.

Committee Member Horvath indicated that the City of Redondo Beach had made plans to shut down the generating plant and gain access to Proposition 68 grant funds. Extending the deadline of the OTC plant would lose their ability secure grant funding. Committee Member Horvath provided details about the status of the land sale.

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, discussed drafting a sign-on letter to CPUC in opposition of postponing the retirement of the Redondo Beach and Ormond Beach Generating Stations targeting two positions. Committee Chair Horvath recommended that the proposed language be vetted by members affected.

Committee Member Klein Lopez asked what the chances are the shortfall will occur, and whether the proposed decision would set a precedent for future shortfall mandates. Mr. Bardacke answered that precedent already exist for mandates indicating that the last one occurred when the San Onofre plant shut down and there could be another mandate when Diablo Canyon goes offline. Mr. Bardacke indicated the likelihood of the shortfall is driven by analysis provided by CAISO who monitors load on an hourly basis.

Committee Member Horvath commented that the Redondo Beach plant only comes on when additional energy is needed but that it requires approximately 24 hours to come online. He further emphasized the need to store excess generation from solar plants and fast-track storage solicitations. Mr. Bardacke responded that staff would be looking into a fast-track battery only solicitation.

Mr. Bardacke indicated staff will also be taking *ex parte* meetings with Commissioners to address CPA concerns.

3. Staff update on 2019/2020 State Legislative Session

Ms. Goodhill indicated the legislative session for 2019 was now complete and it was a successful year. She indicated the CPA sponsored Senate Bill 355 passed and will allow CPA non-elected Alternate Directors to attend closed session discussions. Ms. Goodhill indicated the bills that posed a threat to CCA's that included central buyer program, forced procurement, IRP oversight, and liability responsibility did not happen in the 2019 session. She indicated those bills are anticipated to resurface in the next legislative session but the one bill that may get traction are any that pertain to reliability issues.

Committee Chair Horvath inquired about Senate Bill 155 being enrolled but not chaptered. Ms. Goodhill responded that its anticipated to be signed but as of the date of this meeting it had not occurred.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Chair Horvath thanked staff for their work on legislative and regulatory issues.

Mr. Bardacke thanked Committee Members for their work and sharing legislative contacts that lead to a successful legislative session.

VI. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.