

MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 11:30 a.m.
555 W. 5th Street, 35th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90013

MINUTES

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

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

Malibu City Hall
Council Office
23825 Stuart Ranch Road
Malibu, CA 90265

I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Ramirez called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. and Interim Board Secretary Christian Cruz called the roll.

ROLL CALL			
Arcadia	Tom Tait	Committee Member	Absent
Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Member	Remote
Malibu	Skylar Peak	Committee Member	Remote
Oxnard	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Chair	Remote
Santa Monica	Kevin McKeown	Committee Member	Present
Sierra Madre	John Capoccia	Committee Member	Present
Thousand Oaks	Helen Cox	Committee Member	Remote

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no general public comments.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved minutes from October 23, 2019 Energy Committee Meeting
2. Received and filed Risk Management Team Report

Motion: Committee Member Kulcsar, Carson.

Second: Committee Member Cox, Thousand Oaks.

Vote: Items 1 and 2 were approved by a roll call vote 6-0-1, with Committee Member Tait absent.

There were no public comments on this item.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

3. Approved Shortlist and Waitlist of Projects as recommended by the Review Team for the 2019 Reliability Request for Offers (RFO)

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning and Procurement, provided a presentation. Ms. Keefer highlighted that CPA launched two long-term RFOs in October. Ms. Keefer also highlighted the CPUC's proposed decision, which directs CPA to procure new capacity resources for 2021, 2022 and 2023 and CPA is trying to fulfill some or all of those needs from the 2019 Reliability RFO. Additionally, the decision orders CPA to meet an August 1 deadline for 2021, after that date any generation coming online would meet compliance for 2022. The additional procurement needed is a total of 155 MW by August 1, 2023. Ms. Keefer noted that battery storage does qualify as new capacity.

Ms. Keefer reviewed the role Ascend Analytics takes as the CPA RFO administrator. They were selected in part because of their battery/storage valuation experience. Committee Member Capoccia asked how RA works with storage resources. Ms. Keefer indicated that storage resources will qualify for RA as long as that storage resource maintains its performance. Committee Member Kulcsar asked about the assumptions made in the energy modeling. Ms. Keefer clarified that the modeling maps out the California grid and makes assumptions about what capacity is going online.

Ms. Keefer provided an overview of offers received and the approach the Review Team took to develop the shortlist. Ms. Keefer indicated that there was a high concentration of projects in Southern California. Additionally, CPA received limited offers for 2021 projects and even less projects for 2022. This is due, in part to, how long it takes for projects to be developed. Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, highlighted that many of the 2021 projects will likely bid into other RFOs, and thus CPA will be trying to make decisions quickly to secure projects. Ms. Keefer moved on to discuss the qualitative scores and pointed out that under environmental stewardship no projects scored low. Also, the offers for 2021 were just as competitive as 2022 and 2023, in terms of cost. A key to the process was ensuring a robust shortlist, and therefore the Review Team approved a large number of projects upfront and included a waitlist of projects, as well. It was also important to try and secure 2021 projects given the competitive nature of the projects for 2022.

Committee Member Capoccia asked about the exclusivity for 2023 projects, and if they are lower priority than 2021 and 2022 project. Committee Member Capoccia also asked what the incentive for bidders of projects would be to go into exclusivity now for 2023 projects. Ms. Keefer highlighted that 2023 projects still want to secure contracts as early as possible so they can get additional project financing to finish the project. Ms. Keefer noted that the priority was meeting the 2021 compliance obligation and obtaining at least five times the megawatt obligation in anticipation that projects will fall out. Ms. Keefer discussed the waitlist, which is a backup to the shortlist. Additionally, CPA restricted the 2022 and 2023 projects to just CPA service territory and allowed for medium development risk scores.

Committee Member Cox asked if CPA takes into account having a large number of small projects versus a small number of large projects. Ms. Keefer clarified that there was a limit for the size of each project of 100 MW, so there is a mix of large and small. Committee Member Kulcsar asked about the Development Risk Score. Ms. Keefer clarified low development scores means that they have not secured site control, are not far along with their interconnection, or have not received permitting. Committee Member Kulcsar asked about the DAC scoring. Ms. Keefer clarified that a high score is given if the projected is located in DAC and offer benefits to those communities.

Motion: Committee Member Capoccia, Sierra Madre

Second: Committee Member McKeown, Santa Monica

Vote: Item 3 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote 6-0-1, with Committee Member Tait absent.

There were no public comments on this item.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member McKeown commented that he is impressed with the staff putting all this together and would like to thank their effort. Ms. Keefer thanked Erik Nielsen for taking on a majority of this work.

VI. ADJOURN

Committee Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.