

MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, November 14, 2019 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

555 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Los Angeles, CA, 90013

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**

- II. Chair David Haake called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manger/Interim Board Secretary, conducted roll call.

<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Angus Simmons (Vice Chair)	Present
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Laura Brown	Absent
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Lilian Teran Mendoza	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Richard Tom	Present
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Robert Parkhurst (Vice Chair)	Present
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Lucas Zucker	Absent
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Steven Nash	Remote

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<b>South Bay</b>	David Lesser	Present
<b>South Bay</b>	Emmitt Hayes	Present
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Jaime Abrego	Remote
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Jordan Salcido	Absent
<b>Westside</b>	Cris Gutierrez	Present
<b>Westside</b>	David Haake (Chair)	Present
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Neil Fromer	Present
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Kristie Hernandez	Present

**III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no general public comments.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from October 10, 2019 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Vice Chair Parkhurst provided amendments to the minutes.

**Motion:** Robert Parkhurst, San Gabriel Valley

**Second:** David Lesser, South Bay

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

**V. REGULAR AGENDA**

2. Received Update from the CPA Executive Director

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided a brief update on CPA operational activities. Mr. Bardacke announced that CPA recently completed its first financial audit for FY 2018-19. Mr. Bardacke noted that it was clean audit and CPA was positive on revenue, which will help add to the CPA financial reserves target of 40% of annual operating revenue. Mr.

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Bardacke indicated that getting to the target reserve will help CPA in obtaining a good credit rating.

Mr. Bardacke informed the Committee about Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that affected 24,000 customers in October to varying degrees. To contribute to resiliency planning for backup power during PSPS events, CPA is taking a census among its member jurisdictions to collect information on their critical facilities and exploring the idea of doing a direct install project for municipal critical facilities that can provide clean back up energy.

Mr. Bardacke also discussed the CPUC's final decision on procurement issues, which directs CPA to procure 200 megawatts of storage over the next three years. In response, CPA released a Reliability Request for Offers (RFO) and received 30 bidders for 45 separate projects. The CPUC final decision also will petition the State Water Board to keep the Oxnard Power Plant open for one more year and the Redondo Beach Power Plant for two more years. The cities will still be petitioning for those two plants to not be extended at all.

Mr. Bardacke announced to the Committee that the City of Malibu voted 4 to 1 to change their default power product to 100% Green Power. Mr. Bardacke noted that CPA currently does not have a policy on how default changes will be implemented but that staff is in the process of working on such a policy.

Vice Chair Parkhurst asked the length of time it takes to get a credit rating for CPA. Mr. Bardacke stated that MCE took nearly 7 years of operation and Peninsula Clean Energy took only 2 years of operations, so it varies, but CPA will likely fall somewhere in the middle of that timeframe.

Mr. Bardacke reported that customers have been receiving a lot of communications from SCE related to PSPS and CPA has been working to clearly communicate to our customers that PSPS events are conducted by SCE, and this effort has helped to minimize customer confusion. Committee member Fromer asked if there has been any discussion with SCE regarding recouping of lost revenue as a result of CPA's customers affected by PSPS events, similar to what PG&E has indicated it may do. Mr. Bardacke stated that the Governor has not required the CPUC to provide those refunds yet and the impacts to CPA's revenue as a result of power outages has not been significant.

Vice Chair Simmons asked about the requirement for 200 megawatts of storage to be procured, if that amount is just for CPA, if the process for allocating that requirement was transparent, and if CPA is happy with the allotment. Mr. Bardacke stated that the procurement mandate was a statewide mandate for all load serving entities (LSEs) based on each LSE's share of load. The decision by the CPUC was made quickly, but because it is a reliability issue, it was important for the State to respond. Mr. Bardacke noted that CPA was already going to procure battery storage but now the timeline has been accelerated due to the CPUC decision, and it is likely pricing will go up because of the demand for storage.

Committee Member Lesser complimented CPA on the successful CalCCA Conference with an informational line up of speakers and asked that CPA work to continue providing educational content related to resiliency and power planning and procurement.

3. Update on Local Programs Goals and Priorities Strategic Planning Process.

Doug Nordham and Tara Davis from ARUP, CPA's consultant for the Local Programs Goals and Priorities planning process, provided an update on the project. Based on outreach conducted thus far on the project, ARUP is developing a recommended set of prioritized local programs and a tool to compare them. Mr. Nordham reviewed the stakeholder engagement process which included multiple goal setting workshops with the CPA Board, CAC members, and community members, along with a survey completed by over 300 people. Committee member Gutierrez asked about how widespread the engagement was, including the survey that was utilized. Allison Mannos, Senior Manager of Marketing & Customer Engagement, stated that the survey was distributed in various languages to a large distribution list and utilized paid advertising on social media to reach target audiences, which resulted in a very good and diverse response rate. Chair Haake commented that the CAC should play a role in emphasizing some of the priorities, such as public health, that are more relevant to the community but that may have ranked lower.

Mr. Nordham reported that as a result of this engagement process, the program outcomes and types were ranked in order of preference. Some of the top priorities for program outcomes included making 100% Green Power more affordable, creating jobs, furthering decarbonization, creating local resiliency, increasing the accessibility and benefits of CPA service and programs for all customers, and protecting public health. Priorities for program types included DER, energy efficiency, education, electrification, funding, and partnerships.

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ARUP then looked at sample programs launched by other CCAs and utilities and grouped the programs into three common categories: 1) resiliency and grid management, 2) electrification, and 3) local procurement. ARUP identified seven individual programs for CPA to assess through the comparison tool, as well as three additional programs for local procurement that will be assessed separately through CPA's Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) process. Mr. Nordham highlighted, that the comparison tool took into account feasibility, cost, impact to DACs, and if it provides resiliency. The tool then assigns an overall weighted score between 1-10. Mr. Nordham also highlighted the identified program categorization and specific programs within each of the categories. Committee member Nash asked for clarification on the term load shape. Mr. Nordham stated the load shape referred to hourly energy use. Committee member Fromer asked if there are programs that will encourage fuel switching. CPA and ARUP affirmed there will be programs that allow for fuel switching.

Committee member Nash asked about key inputs specifically related to commercial and industrial customer savings. Mr. Nordham and Ms. Davis provided additional details on the calculations used to arrive at certain estimates for customer participation, kWh increased, gallons of gasoline saved, and customer costs/savings.

Mr. Nordham then reviewed the approach to program implementation, which includes some programs administered by CPA, some by a third party, and some education and outreach conducted by CPA to encourage customers to participate in programs. Additionally, CPA will explore implementing some programs at a sub-regional or direct install project level, while also considering the establishment of an "innovation fund" set aside for member agencies to access funds for individual projects.

Committee member Gutierrez commented that there needs to be another layer of vetting for these programs and process, because as presented it gives the impression that there are no programs that would allow for the inclusion of diverse communities or customers to participate and that sends the wrong message. Ms. Davis did clarify that each program is intended to include equity, however, there are programs identified that not all communities may be able to take advantage of. Chair Haake agreed and also commented that currently there only seems to be one program inclusive of all CPA agencies. Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, commented that a CPA delivery system, such as a set-aside of funding for impacted communities or underrepresented communities would help to advance potential programs that are more inclusive. Chair Haake agreed that education and outreach is key to advance deep penetrations of programs. Committee member Gutierrez added that the marketing of these programs

is key. Programs need to be applicable to renters, as well as those who use alternative methods of transportation. Vice Chair Parkhurst added that if we can be encouraging all types of homes, including renters, to change over to electrification and smart technologies in a way that is equitable and practical, that is a good way for CPA to play a visible role in incentivizing and advancing programs. Vice Chair Simmons expressed his support for these comments and indicated that CPA's Sustainable Energy Incubator series have been a good way to educate member agencies and stakeholders on various programs and topics. Staff will be continuing to work on this project with ARUP and incorporate the CAC feedback and reporting back to the Committee.

**VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Committee member Nash commented that CPA should reach out to automakers to have uniformity on vehicle charging infrastructure. Committee member Gutierrez announced that there will be a December 12<sup>th</sup> climate strike.

**VII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Committee member Lesser requested that a presentation be given to the Committee on resiliency, at a future meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING ON January 16, 2020**

Chair Haake adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.