

MEETING of the Executive Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, February 19, 2020 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Beverly Hills City Hall
4th Floor, Conference Room 4B
455 N. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

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

I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chair Diana Mahmud called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and Clerk of the Board Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

Roll Call			
Beverly Hills	Julian Gold	Committee Member	Remote
Los Angeles County	Sheila Kuehl	Vice Chair	Present
Oxnard	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Member	Absent
Rolling Hills Estates	Steve Zuckerman	Committee Member	Present
Santa Monica	Kevin McKeown	Committee Member	Present
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud	Chair	Present
Ventura County	Linda Parks	Vice Chair	Absent
West Hollywood	Robyn Eason	Alternate	Remote

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from January 15, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting

Motion: Vice Chair Kuehl, Los Angeles County

Second: Committee Member Gold, Beverly Hills

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

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discuss Proposed Rules of Decorum and Civility

Nancy Whang, General Counsel, provided a background of the proposed Rules of Decorum and Civility, including the incident which brought upon a realization for the need for processes and procedures for handling these types of incidents as they arise.

Committee Member Kevin McKeown, Santa Monica, asked for clarification on the incident and the policies' distinction from existing laws; Vice Chair Sheila Kuehl, L.A. County, inquired whether it was permissible to bar members of the public and suggested an edit to a sentence; Committee Member Julian Gold, Beverly Hills, asked about enforcement and commented that it may make sense to explore security costs for public meetings.

In response to Committee Member questions, Ms. Whang provided further clarification on the incident; indicated that CPA will have flexibility in enforcing the policies; clarified that it is not strictly prohibited to bar disruptive persons from meetings, and that building security has been responsive.

Committee Member McKeown stated that rules should be more objective and drew a distinction between disruption at public meeting and disruption directed at staff; Vice Chair Kuehl added that the list of behaviors in the policies are modified by the phrase "resulting in disruption."

Ms. Whang clarified to Committee Members that both the documents would need an additional layer of refinement, but that the purpose of splitting them into two is to preserve free speech rights. Ms. Whang added that those rights are modified when not in a public setting and that the Rules of Civility were meant to address that.

Chair Mahmud requested edits to the Rules of Decorum; asked if the Employee Handbook refers to employee behavior in the workplace;

indicated that the public should be made aware of the rules of decorum; and expressed interest in exploring enforcement protocols, including towards Board Members, such as a warning communication. Committee Member Gold commented that Board Members should be held to a higher standard. Vice Chair Kuehl indicated that enforcement would be difficult to implement.

Ms. Whang clarified that Article 3, Section 1 of the policy on civility was intended to be broad and applicable to Board Members, CPA staff, or members of the public, but acknowledged that the policy can be more clear that it governs everyone's conduct on the premises. Discussion ensued amongst Directors and staff relating to ambiguity as to whom the phrase "CPA" referred to, resolving that leaving as is would be the best approach.

Chair Mahmud directed staff to add a sentence concerning the process for notifying member agencies of any misbehavior by their primary representatives on the Board.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion: Committee Member McKeown, Santa Monica
Second: Vice Chair Kuehl, L.A. County
Vote: Item 2 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Review Draft Agenda for March 5, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided an overview of the items on the March 5 Board of Directors meeting agenda, including numerous updates to the Board, several policies to be presented relating to finance, the naming of Committee Chairs, and the opening of a nomination period for At-Large positions on the Executive Committee.

CC Song, Director of Regulatory Affairs, presented on the following topics: regulatory proceedings related to resiliency/PSPS; de-energization of power lines; microgrid and resiliency strategies; and CPA resiliency operations and program update.

Committee Member McKeown asked if the geographic area of a CCA affects the nature of the IRP; Chair Mahmud commented that based on past events, communication between PG&E and its customers needs improvement and that PG&E infrastructure is dated. Committee Member Steve Zuckerman, Rolling Hills Estates, mentioned pending legislation that would authorize local agencies to identify problems with power lines and have the authority to tell So Cal Edison to evaluate it, rather than rely solely on the CPUC.

In response to committee member questions and comments, Ms. Song clarified that the joint IRP modeling is done at a statewide level to aggregate enough load. Additionally, Ms. Song noted that CPA is not receiving sufficient data promptly from So Cal Edison but staff is working with Edison to obtain that data that will help to better understand which customers have been impacted by PSPS events and why de-energization events have lasted longer.

Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, also added that Edison identified circuits that need improvement and plans to have microgrids in critical sites; indicated that microgrids can be placed into two broad categories, one for single-site critical facilities and the other the connection of multiple sites, but that Edison's cooperation is needed to accomplish the connection of sites.

Dr. Monique Edwards, Director of Technology, Data, and People, shared that CPA was in the process of receiving data from Edison to identify specific accounts affected by individual circuits and will provide information to member agencies; added that member agencies can contact SCE and be placed on an alert list that gives ample notice before any circuits in their community being de-energized even if it is just for maintenance, not only PSPS events. Dr. Edwards clarified that circuit identifiers assist staff to locate impacted customers and that CPA and Edison are working towards refining the automated notification process.

Mr. Langer discussed the following: the process of installing critical facilities at member agencies, statewide money available for the initiative; and that member agencies have mentioned improving their critical facilities to cleaner back up energy or exploring additional critical sites. Mr. Langer also commented that staff is looking at vendors active in the microgrid space to create a comprehensive RFP for master plans to build out microgrid facilities.

Mr. Bardacke added that there is a possibility of establishing a central critical facility that can serve multiple jurisdictions and indicated that there is more strategic planning at the county level, which can help to serve multiple agencies through one or more regional sites.

Chair Mahmud expressed concern about the allocation of funds from a \$3.8 billion Edison proposal at the CPUC for its Wildfire Mitigation Plan for the next 3 years. Ms. Song responded that the proposal is being monitored, however, CPA is limited in its examination of the proposal.

Vice Chair Kuehl commented that a motion will be introduced at the L.A. County Board of Supervisors meeting on a socially responsible investment policy and wanted to encourage discussion of the investment policy in a socially and environmentally responsible context.

There were no public comments on this item.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Kuehl shared that L.A. County created a task force to discuss the prevention of wildfires and that a report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in March.

Chair Mahmud added that a review of Rule 20 proceeding would be beneficial for Board members to understand and shared that some cities have moved aggressively to seek to have Edison provide additional money to them.

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Mahmud adjourned the meeting at 3:08.