



**MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California**

Thursday, August 20, 2020

1:00 p.m.

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Clean Power Alliance Community Advisory Committee
August 20, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approve Minutes from July 16, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations](#)
3. [Discussion of 2020-2021 CAC Priorities and Work Plan](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

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MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Thursday, July 16, 2020 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chair David Haake called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Board Clerk conducted roll call.

East Ventura/West LA County	Angus Simmons (Vice-Chair)	Remote
East Ventura/West LA County	Lilian Teran Mendoza	Remote
San Gabriel Valley	Richard Tom	Remote
San Gabriel Valley	Robert Parkhurst (Vice-Chair)	Remote
West/Unincorporated Ventura County	Lucas Zucker	Absent
West/Unincorporated Ventura County	Steven Nash	Remote
South Bay	David Lesser	Remote
South Bay	Emmitt Hayes	Absent
Gateway Cities	Jaime Abrego	Remote
Westside	Cris Gutierrez	Remote
Westside	David Haake (Chair)	Remote
Unincorporated Los Angeles County	Neil Fromer	Remote
Unincorporated Los Angeles County	Kristie Hernandez	Remote

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from May 21, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Lesser, South Bay
Second: Committee Member Nash, West/Unincorporated Ventura County
Vote: Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Report from Executive Director on CPA Operations
Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, briefly reviewed the legal settlement between CPA and So Cal Edison (SCE) that addressed revenue losses from missing enrollments, and noted that beginning in July, those customers were commencing CPA service and any jurisdictions that were at the Lean Power default were going to receive a refund for the amount they should have saved during that time. Mr. Bardacke went on to detail the Central Procurement Entity (CPE) decision at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), that made SCE the default buyer of local resource adequacy (RA), thereby eliminating financial incentives for Load Serving Entities (LSEs) such as CPA to procure local RA. Mr. Bardacke noted that staff was involved in a workgroup to address financial disincentives through a potential crediting system.

In response to Vice Chair Simmons' and Committee Member Lesser's questions about the CPE, Mr. Bardacke clarified that the CPE decision was permanent until there was broader reform to the RA market and that it remains to be seen how effective this new framework will be. In response to Committee Member Fromer's question, Mr. Bardacke provided a brief update on the COVID-19 Customer Bill Assistance, highlighting the success of the outreach and marketing campaigns.

3. 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update
Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning and Procurement, provided a brief overview of the changes in IRP approval deadlines and described the IRP's goal to identify new resources that needed to be built in order to reach statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets. Ms. Keefer noted that two portfolios were being prepared, conforming to a 46 million metric ton (MMT) statewide GHG emissions target and a 38 MMT statewide GHG emissions target by 2030, adding that the 38 MMT had more clean resources that met the lower GHG emissions target and included out of state clean resources, solar power, and storage resources. Ms. Keefer indicated that the 38 MMT portfolio presented a slight increase in annual cost, but brought an 18% reduction in emissions, which is why CPA was highlighting the 38 MMT as the preferred procurement plan.

In response to Committee Member Nash's question about battery storage, Ms. Keefer stated that behind-the-meter (customer) resources were netted out of load forecasts and that the supply portfolio included only front-of-the-meter (utility) resources. Ms. Keefer also indicated that as a result of the 2018 IRP modeling exercise, the CPUC determined a near term shortfall in capacity that was addressed by requiring LSEs to secure new resources. Ms. Keefer noted that CPA

met that requirement with the contract recently approved by the board, securing 250 megawatts by 2021.

Chair Haake asked how the Board can select which plan to pursue and Ms. Keefer noted it remained unclear how the CPUC was going to proceed once IRP portfolios were submitted and similarly it was unclear how the Board could proceed with procurement decisions as the CPUC needed to provide more procedural guidance as to its prescribed modeling process.

4. Visioning Session and Workplan Discussion

Chair Haake prefaced the item, stating that the goal of the visioning workshop was to identify the role of the Committee in helping the organization achieve its environmental goals and become a leader amongst Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs). Vice Chair Simmons and Mr. Bardacke emphasized the importance of hearing from all Committee Members and Mr. Bardacke highlighted the improvement in operations of the Committee but also stated there were opportunities to involve the CAC in Board decision-making more directly. Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, noted that the discussion was intended to gather feedback and develop key priorities for the future of the Committee.

Committee Member Fromer suggested that a revision of the mission statement could help the Board and the executive team identify goals that could then be shared with the Committee to provide better guidance to the Committee in its advisory role to the Board of Directors. Committee Member Lesser agreed, adding that incorporating feedback from the Committee in Board materials could add more value to the Committee's advisory role. Committee Member Tom added that there was a lot of improvement in the number of items brought to the CAC before the Board considered those items, however, there was room for improvement in what items were determined to require input from the CAC, so the Committee can dedicate time to those important matters and provide feedback based on the experience and knowledge of Committee Members.

Committee Member Gutierrez noted the Committee may focus on refining what empowerment of the community meant and identify the best methods for democratizing the energy industry, which could consequently improve community engagement. Committee Member Nash echoed support for increased community engagement on environmental justice and expressed support for ways to involve more people of color in climate advocacy. Committee Member Teran Mendoza noted that it was equally important to equip Committee Members with the necessary knowledge and training to educate the community on difficult-to-understand topics in the energy industry. Committee Member Fromer opined that the Committee Members' primary role was to educate and act as a liaison, rather than providing feedback on technical matters that staff was more equipped to provide guidance on, and suggested that better communication was needed between communities, committee members, and the Board. Vice Chair Parkhurst agreed and emphasized the importance of making difficult topics easy for the community to understand.

Vice Chair Simmons pointed out that members all have different ways of interacting with their communities and Chair Haake asked all members what

resources and tools could help Committee Members interact better with their communities. Committee Member Fromer suggested that the CAC find effective and proactive ways to engage typically underserved and disadvantaged communities and identify educational tools to help do that. Committee Member Gutierrez expressed interest in developing community engagement pilot efforts in the long-term and added that Community Based Organizations (CBOs) served as assets in doing outreach. Committee Member Teran Mendoza noted that it was important to acknowledge that like herself, not all members were subject matter experts and educational materials were also needed for members. Committee Member Lesser added that targeted outreach in alignment with the Board's priorities was important and commended CPA's previous work in environmental advocacy and engagement. Committee Member Hernandez echoed support for training for CAC members and suggested outreach to younger generations through school programs could be a potential avenue but that the main goal remained to serve as ambassadors for all communities.

Committee Members shared their overall sentiments on what they envisioned the CAC's focus to be, including education, outreach, empowerment, innovation, community input, inclusivity, simplicity, and advocacy.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Member Nash requested that a brief report be brought to the Committee on how transmission access charges might restrain the ability of CPA to fulfill its obligations.

ADJOURN

Chair Haake adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Staff Report – Agenda Item 2

To: Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee
From: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director
Subject: Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations
Date: August 20, 2020

On August 20, 2020, the Executive Director will provide an oral report to the Community Advisory Committee updating them on current operational activities.



Staff Report – Agenda Item 3

To: Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee
From: External Affairs Staff
Subject: 2020-2021 CAC Priorities and Work Plan
Date: August 20, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and provide input.

ATTACHMENT

- 1) [2020-2021 CAC Priorities and Work Plan](#)



Item 3

Community Advisory Committee Discussion on 2020-2021 Priorities

Objectives



Review list of potential CAC activities and identify any missing ideas or buckets

Identify individual and collective priorities for 2020-2021

Discuss resources needs to accomplish 2020-2021 priorities

Where we are in the process

- Gathered input from chairs through one-on-one interviews
- Gathered input from CAC members at the July 2020 CAC meeting
- Organized input into three buckets for CAC consideration and prioritization:
 1. CPA Commitments
 2. CAC Member Commitments
 3. Opportunities for Expanded CAC Engagement

Questions for today:

- What is missing from these buckets?
- Are there any missing buckets?
- Of the menu of opportunities, which are CAC priorities for 2020-21?

Community Advisory Committee Purpose

Provide feedback and perspective to the Board of Directors on key policy and planning topics and help engage the public in Clean Power Alliance activities.

CPA Staff Commitments to CAC

- Educate and equip CAC members on key topics
 - Provide targeted educational materials and trainings including an orientation manual, annual trainings, video tutorials on CPA and energy 101
 - Provide region-specific print and digital materials for use in social media and community presentations
 - Conduct tours and site visits (at least one per year)
 - Work with CAC members to identify key community groups within each region and maintain CAC-wide master contact list.
- Convene annual CAC retreat/meeting to establish goals and priorities for the upcoming year
- Bring key Board items to CAC for review and communicate/highlight CAC input to Board in advance of Board decision making (**see next page for regular items to be brought forward**)

Board Items for Regular CAC Review

Financial

- Annual Budget
- Annual Rate Setting

Procurement

- Long-Term Clean Energy/Storage RFOs
- Bi-annual Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Other

- Local Programs – Design and Funding
- Legislative and Regulatory Platforms

CAC Member Commitments to CPA

- Provide feedback and perspective to the Board of Directors on key policy and planning topics:
 - Regularly attend and actively participate in monthly CAC meetings
 - Engage in CAC trainings and review CAC materials in advance of meetings
 - Solicit input from community stakeholders in their region on key issues and communicate feedback to the CAC, Board and staff
- Help engage the public in Clean Power Alliance activities:
 - Identify and build relationships with key stakeholder groups and contacts in your region, particularly in impacted and hard to reach communities
 - Participate in CPA-organized outreach activities in your region (e.g., tabling, attending community presentations and City Council hearings)
 - Engage on social media to raise awareness of CPA in your region (like/follow CPA accounts and posts; share CPA posts; respond to community questions/comments and/or alert CPA staff to community comments that may warrant response)

Opportunities for Expanded CAC Engagement

- Pursue deeper and/or more frequent engagement with Board on key topics
 - Provide regular (quarterly, semi-annual or annual) report outs to Board members in their region
 - Help organize regular (annual, semi-annual) meetings with community stakeholders and/or elected officials in their region to solicit input on specific topics or issues
 - Form subcommittees or workgroups to research and develop recommendations to the Board on key items of interest (e.g., metrics on workforce development or program impact, legislation, CPUC hearings)
- Pursue deeper and/or broader community engagement
 - Recruit and partner with educational institutions, community organizations, interns or volunteers on specific projects or campaigns (e.g., an “opt up” social media campaign, a series of local program enrollment events)
 - Actively post about CPA on social media and write op-eds or letters to the editors
 - Work with CPA staff to develop and communicate key metrics on CPA programs and impacts
- Pursue one or more key issues or initiatives in depth as a body, at the regional level, or individually

2020-2021 Priorities

What are the 1-2 specific activities or initiatives that you see as top priorities for the coming year?

For the CAC as a whole



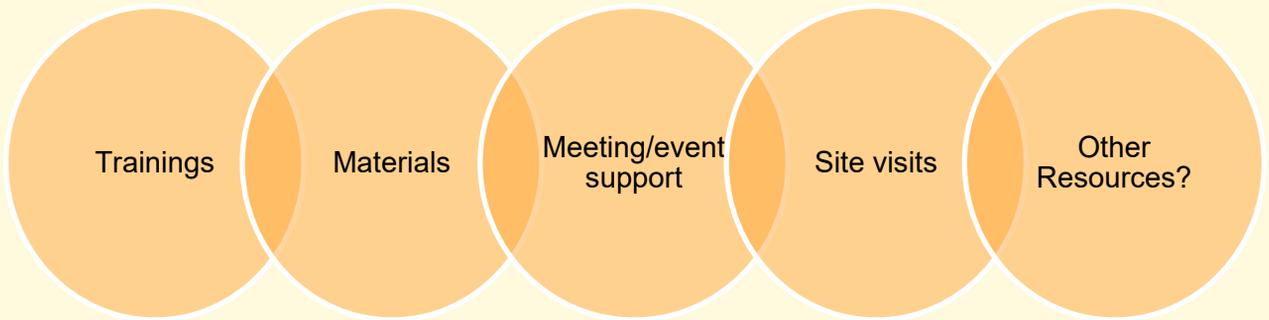
For your region

For yourself

What are you personally fired up to tackle and accomplish?

Resources for CAC Members

What additional or specific resources do CAC members need to support priority activities in 2020-2021?



Next Steps

- Incorporate CAC feedback into 2020-2021 CAC objectives and work plan for review and adoption at September CAC meeting
- Work with CAC chairs and members to translate overall plan into region-level and individual 2020-2021 objectives and work plans