



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

Thursday, September 17, 2020

1:00 p.m.

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Clean Power Alliance Community Advisory Committee
September 17, 2020

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approve Minutes from August 20, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [Oral Update from Executive Director on CPA Operations](#)
3. [Approve 2020-2021 CAC Work Plan](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2020

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MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Thursday, August 20, 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.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Angus Simmons called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Board Clerk conducted roll call.

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| 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 | Remote |
| Gateway Cities | Jaime Abrego | Remote |
| Westside | Cris Gutierrez | Remote |
| Westside | David Haake (Chair) | Absent |
| Unincorporated Los Angeles County | Neil Fromer | Absent |
| Unincorporated Los Angeles County | Kristie Hernandez | Remote |

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from July 16, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Lesser, South Bay
Second: Vice Chair Simmons, East Ventura/West LA County
Vote: Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided a brief update on the state-wide rotating outages affecting CPA customers and reported on the extensive marketing campaign staff carried out to inform customers of conservation efforts. Mr. Bardacke further explained CPA plans to participate in investigations to learn more about the root causes of the outages and discussed the financial impacts to CPA, which were rather minimal due to the well-hedged position of the organization.

Committee Member Lesser asked about ways CPA could use this as a leadership opportunity to contribute to solutions; Committee Member Hernandez asked for information on outreach efforts. Mr. Bardacke clarified that it was important to pursue renewable energy supply with storage projects and focus on educating the communities to make conservation a more commonplace habit by increasing outreach and subscribership in social media.

3. Visioning Session and Workplan Discussion

Vice Chair Simmons thanked staff for the development of CAC priorities. Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, and Karen Schmidt, Director of External Affairs, provided a presentation and asked for Committee Member feedback to incorporate into a CAC work plan.

Committee Member Lesser hoped to see more coordination of CAC review of Board items when appropriate to ensure alignment between the two bodies; Committee Member Tom emphasized the importance of using all the resources available to staff and CAC members to coordinate efforts for public education; Committee Member Nash noted the importance of gathering community feedback and relaying that to the Board of Directors; Committee Member Hernandez underscored the importance of proper training for Committee Members to conduct community outreach and the need for youth education in energy topics and conservation efforts. Committee Member Abrego agreed and indicated an interest in increased personal involvement with the CAC; Committee Member Gutierrez affirmed interest in teaching resiliency and conservation to youth across the CPA service territory and Vice Chair Parkhurst echoed support for all the ideas and hoped that the CAC could work towards getting all member agencies to a 100% Green rate through creative financing; Committee Member Hayes opined that more education regarding the energy industry, conservation, and rotating outages was necessary for urban communities that may not have access to education on renewable energy. Vice Chair Simmons agreed with all the comments and ideas shared and emphasized interest in engaging youth and elected officials in outreach campaigns.

Lastly, Committee Members agreed that it was an important goal to promote battery storage and sustainable electrical power to address the shortfall of clean energy peak hours and thereby grow CPA's impact in dealing with global climate change. Staff indicated that it would note the Committee Members' interests in education on resilience, energy and climate change, and community and board engagement, to help CPA drive the necessary change.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Member Lesser requested that a brief report be brought to the Committee, when appropriate, on the statewide rotating outages that took place in August.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Simmons adjourned the meeting at 2:39 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: September 17, 2020

On September 17, 2020, the Executive Director will provide an oral report to the Community Advisory Committee updating them on current operational activities.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) [Heat Storm Impacts and Initial CCA Policy Response](#)
- 2) [FY 2019/20 Energy Load by Member Jurisdiction](#)



September 9, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

The California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) represents 20 Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) providing energy to customers in more than 170 cities and counties throughout California, as well as several new CCAs planning to initiate service this fall and in 2021. Collectively, CCAs serve approximately 25% of the load in the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) balancing authority control area. CalCCA's members are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and, as local government agencies, are well positioned to work with the state to achieve long-term decarbonization goals.

CCAs also share the state's strong interest in ensuring reliable energy supply and grid operations and have actively engaged in regulatory efforts to secure reliability. Collectively, CCAs have executed almost 5,000 MW (5GW) of long-term power purchase agreements for new-build solar, wind, geothermal and energy storage projects. The recent rolling blackouts, however, reveal an urgent need to reform the existing resource adequacy rules administered by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the CAISO, and focus the CPUC's integrated resource planning process more rigorously on supply reliability.

During the extreme emergency heat storms over Labor Day weekend and in August, CalCCA members took the following actions to support state efforts:

- Amplified messaging around Flex Alerts and energy conservation measures to the more than 10 million customers served by CCAs, and
- Called demand-response events and encouraged load shifting of customers, particularly those on time of use (TOU) rates.

Additionally, CalCCA members have implemented the following actions to secure reliability and prepare to respond to emergencies in the future:

- ❖ Expanding use of critical peak pricing and TOU pricing that maximizes incentives for shifting demand away from periods of high stress on the grid.
- ❖ Exceeding their share of the three-year 3,300 MW resource adequacy procurement ordered in October 2019 (to be installed between 2021 and 2023).
- ❖ Taking steps to form a Joint Powers Authority to enable cooperative procurement of large-scale resources (e.g., long duration storage projects).
- ❖ Installing hybrid generation and storage solutions to enhance the reliability of new solar resources and to reduce emissions from existing resources.
- ❖ Facilitating the installation of clean energy backup power systems at local critical facilities used by the community for disaster preparedness.

CCAs are prepared to do more and are committed to working with the Joint Agencies and the investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to support reliable energy service and ensure sufficient in-state renewable integration supply.

CalCCA Proposed Policy Changes

As the root causes of the extreme emergency events are revealed, they may point directly to solutions necessary to mitigate the risk of repeating similar events in the future. Even without certainty regarding those causes, however, California can begin now to take steps to increase reliability through action in the regulatory, legislative, and federal arenas. Going beyond individual CCA efforts, CalCCA proposes the following policy initiatives in response to the recent reliability challenges.

- ✓ **Regulatory:** *The CPUC should continue to ensure adequate supplies will be in place for summer 2021 requirements and beyond through the procurement track of the integrated resource planning process, and review its import restrictions in the context of the lessons learned during the extreme emergency events.*

The CPUC should use the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) proceeding's procurement track in 2021 to refine our understanding of near- and mid-term reliability needs in the 2024-2026 timeframe. CalCCA supported the 3,300 MW procurement order in 2019 and supports augmenting reliability analysis conducted in IRP to identify any incremental near-term procurement beyond the current 3,300 MW order. As the need for new resources in the 2024-2026 timeframe has already been clearly identified within the IRP proceeding, CalCCA proposes using the coming months to better refine four areas:

- Identify the specific technical needs in 2024-2026 (capacity, energy, evening ramp, etc.)
 - Establish a fair process to allocate the technical need to load serving entities (LSEs) for procurement action, with recognition of early actors who contributed to reliability resources in the 2021-2023 time period
 - Develop a deeper understanding of import resource availability and institutional barriers to securing firm import resources
 - Provide appropriate market incentives and regulations for behind-the-meter infrastructure to act as supply-side energy and capacity resources
- ✓ **Legislative:** *The Legislature should put in place a Central Reliability Authority (CRA) responsible for planning and coordinating the state's resource adequacy with the CAISO and, where necessary, procuring backstop supply.*

The Legislature should enact AB 3014 (Muratsuchi) to establish the Central Reliability Authority. AB 3014 was designed to address problems with resource adequacy (RA) that have been highlighted in recent years. At the heart of this bill, the goal is to improve reliability so that the necessary energy is available when needed but is designed in a way that both keeps costs down and incentivizes local initiatives. AB 3014 would establish a Governor-appointed board to oversee the formation and operation of a nonprofit public benefit corporation that would coordinate RA planning and implement forward (multi-year) collective RA energy procurement with all LSEs. RA requirements would continue to be determined by the CPUC but the CRA would oversee resource sufficiency in coordination with the CEC and CAISO. An additional function could be added to allow the CRA to procure new resources (new builds) where there is a collective deficiency that the LSEs are unable to fill.

- ✓ **Federal:** *California should support the expansion of the federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) to standalone energy storage resources and the removal of charging restrictions currently limiting the flexibility of battery energy storage to support the state's ramping and peak needs.*

The Governor's Office should work with California's congressional delegation to support the extension of the ITC to stand-alone storage resources and/or to remove charging restrictions in place on existing hybrid credits. Currently, ITC-eligibility is limited to storage resources installed with renewable energy resources and requires that the storage be charged primarily with energy from the solar project. These restrictions potentially limit the flexibility of energy storage in meeting ramping and peak demand needs, which is essential to continuing to integrate renewables into the grid. While CalCCA's members have entered into numerous contracts for hybrid solar and storage resources, eliminating these arbitrary regulatory constraints will increase the flexibility of these resources to meet reliability needs during constrained periods, and will make energy storage more cost-effective for ratepayers in California and across the country.

Independent Review. Finally, while a forensic review by the CAISO, CPUC and Energy Commission is foundational to an understanding of the extreme events, the review should not stop there. CalCCA supports an external review to ensure an objective assessment of the underlying causes. CalCCA recommends the Governor appoint an *Independent Review Panel* to consider the report of the Joint Agencies investigation and make recommendations. The panel should consist of former agency experts, non-market participants representing each of the three categories of load serving entities (IOUs, CCAs and ESPs), and other key stakeholders. While the Joint Agencies are no doubt motivated to prevent future shortages, an objective eye will ensure that natural biases do not affect the characterization of the root cause or proposed mitigation measures.

CalCCA and the CCA community are committed to providing clean, reliable service to safeguard California's energy future. Internally, we have identified numerous mitigation measures for consideration by the broader stakeholder community and will work in tandem with the Joint Agencies to comprehensively review the state's reliability program and to implement changes to prevent future outages and achieve our climate goals. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss our proposals.

Sincerely,



Beth Vaughan
Executive Director

cc: Honorable Toni Atkins, President pro tempore, California State Senate
Honorable Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the Assembly
Honorable Chris Holden, Chair, Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy
Honorable Ben Hueso, Chair, Senate Energy Utilities and Communications
Marybel Batjer, President, California Public Utilities Commission
David Hochschild, Chair, California Energy Commission
Stephen Berberich, President and CEO, California Independent System Operator
Ana Matosantos, Cabinet Secretary, Office of the Governor
Alice Reynolds, Senior Advisor, Office of the Governor

| Jurisdiction | Annual Retail Load for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 | Percent of Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LOS ANGELES, COUNTY OF | 3,007,412,712 | 27.66% |
| CARSON, CITY OF | 675,954,866 | 6.22% |
| SANTA MONICA, CITY OF | 565,956,370 | 5.21% |
| OXNARD, CITY OF | 538,818,011 | 4.96% |
| THOUSAND OAKS, CITY OF | 484,343,896 | 4.46% |
| SIMI VALLEY, CITY OF | 437,611,320 | 4.03% |
| VENTURA, COUNTY OF | 435,225,435 | 4.00% |
| DOWNEY, CITY OF | 416,250,017 | 3.83% |
| BEVERLY HILLS, CITY OF | 414,560,497 | 3.81% |
| VENTURA, CITY OF | 370,846,534 | 3.41% |
| HAWTHORNE, CITY OF | 318,219,110 | 2.93% |
| CAMARILLO, CITY OF | 308,966,059 | 2.84% |
| WHITTIER, CITY OF | 302,978,270 | 2.79% |
| ARCADIA, CITY OF | 271,855,739 | 2.50% |
| ALHAMBRA, CITY OF | 268,743,160 | 2.47% |
| WEST HOLLYWOOD, CITY OF | 253,161,074 | 2.33% |
| CULVER CITY, CITY OF | 252,846,657 | 2.33% |
| REDONDO BEACH, CITY OF | 221,359,668 | 2.04% |
| PARAMOUNT, CITY OF | 189,473,291 | 1.74% |
| MANHATTAN BEACH, CITY OF | 159,270,692 | 1.47% |
| CALABASAS, CITY OF | 138,354,725 | 1.27% |
| CLAREMONT, CITY OF | 136,417,680 | 1.25% |
| MOORPARK, CITY OF | 126,504,416 | 1.16% |
| MALIBU, CITY OF | 119,814,458 | 1.10% |
| AGOURA HILLS, CITY OF | 104,209,613 | 0.96% |
| TEMPLE CITY, CITY OF | 102,408,739 | 0.94% |
| SOUTH PASADENA, CITY OF | 90,490,160 | 0.83% |
| ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, CITY OF | 49,000,604 | 0.45% |
| SIERRA MADRE, CITY OF | 42,729,680 | 0.39% |
| HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CITY OF | 36,704,868 | 0.34% |
| OJAI, CITY OF | 28,281,495 | 0.26% |
| WESTLAKE VILLAGE, CITY OF | 2,717,307 | 0.02% |
| Total | 10,871,487,126 | 100% |



Staff Report – Agenda Item 3

To: Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee
From: External Affairs Staff
Approved by: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director
Subject: 2020-2021 CAC Work Plan
Date: September 17, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Review and approve 2020-2021 CAC work plan.

ATTACHMENT

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

Clean Power Alliance of Southern California Community Advisory Committee 2020-21 Work Plan

Approved September 17, 2020

Clean Power Alliance (CPA) believes in a clean energy future that is local, where communities are empowered, and customers are given a choice about the source of their energy. We are Southern California's locally operated electricity provider across Los Angeles and Ventura counties, offering clean renewable energy at competitive rates.

In furtherance of its mission and goals, CPA's Joint Powers Agreement establishes a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to provide a venue for ongoing community support and engagement in the policy direction of the organization.

The CAC is comprised of a total of 15 members representing customers or key stakeholders residing or working in seven (7) geographical regions comprising CPA's service territory, as follows:

- A. Three (3) members from the East Ventura/West Los Angeles County Region.
- B. Two (2) members from the West/Unincorporated Ventura County.
- C. Two (2) members from the Westside region in Los Angeles County.
- D. Two (2) member from the South Bay region in Los Angeles County.
- E. Two (2) member from the Gateway Cities region in Los Angeles County.
- F. Two (2) member from the San Gabriel Valley region in Los Angeles County.
- G. Two (2) member from the Unincorporated Los Angeles County.

In 2020, the CAC undertook a visioning process to identify priority issues and activities for 2020-2021. This process resulted in development of the 2020-2021 CAC work plan. The work plan is intended to guide CAC member activities over the coming year and serve as a tool for CAC, CPA staff, and CPA Board communication, collaboration, and impact assessment. It will also inform the development of more detailed individual CAC member and region-specific objectives and work plans for this time period. The work plan organizes CAC-related activities into three categories: 1) CPA Commitments to Support the CAC; 2) CAC Member Commitments; and 3) Opportunities for Expanded CAC Engagement; and outlines planned activities and timelines for each.

1. CPA Commitments to Support the CAC

- Present key CPA Board items to the CAC for review and input in advance of Board decision making, including:
 - Long-term clean energy/storage requests for offers (RFOs)
 - Budget amendments
 - Rate setting if applicable
 - Legislative and regulatory platforms
 - Annual budget
 - Local Program design and evaluation
 - Workforce Development
- Support CAC chair, co-chairs, and individual members in development of individual and region-specific objectives and work plans

- Support the convening of a CAC working group on community outreach and education to define specific CAC objectives and activities for 2021
- Obtain feedback from CAC on print and digital materials needed for outreach and training
- Circulate possible tour and site visit list to CAC for review and direction
- Deliver targeted educational materials and trainings for CAC members including an orientation manual and video tutorials on CPA and energy topics
- Obtain feedback and input on CAC master list of community/stakeholder groups and contacts
- Deliver region-specific print and digital materials for use in social media and community presentations
- Finalize and circulate master community group and contact list

2. CAC Member Commitments

- Solicit stakeholder input as needed and provide input and feedback to the CPA Board on key policy and planning topics, including:
 - Long-term clean energy/storage requests for offers (RFOs)
 - Budget amendments
 - Legislative and regulatory platforms
 - Rate setting, if applicable
 - Annual budget
 - Local Program design and evaluation
 - Workforce Development
- CAC members identified the following ongoing minimum commitments:
 - Work with CAC co-chairs and CPA staff to develop individual member and region-specific objectives and work plans
 - Participate in CPA-organized outreach activities in their respective region (e.g., Earth Day events)
 - Build relationships with community leaders and organizations in impacted and hard to reach communities
 - Follow CPA on social media and engage as needed/appropriate to raise awareness of CPA in community and region
 - Respond to community questions/comments and alert CPA staff to community commentary that may warrant staff engagement
 - Engage in CAC trainings and review of CAC materials
 - Work with staff to identify community stakeholders in all regions and provide contact lists for development of master CAC list
 - Convene a working group on community outreach/education to identify objectives and activities for 2021.
 - Participate in annual CAC retreat to establish 2021-2022 goals and priorities

3. Opportunities for Expanded CAC Engagement

Beyond the minimum and ongoing commitments listed in the section above, CAC members identified the following priorities for deeper engagement in 2020-2021:

- Education on CPA, energy, and climate issues in partnership with K-12 institutions and youth organizations
- Addressing community resilience needs and opportunities around Demand Response
- Developing a list of current green energy jobs and promoting them through various platforms.

CAC co-chairs and CPA staff will work with CAC members to convene working group(s) as needed starting in Q4 2020 to develop specific objectives and work plans for each of the priority areas identified above and bring recommendations back to the full CAC for review. Potential activities to be detailed in the work plans may include:

- Pursue deeper and/or more frequent engagement with Board on key topics:
 - Provide regular (quarterly, semi-annual or annual) reports to Board members in their region
 - Help organize meetings with community stakeholders and/or elected officials in their region to solicit input on specific topics or issues
 - 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

The CAC will review and modify this work plan as needed based on evolving CPA needs, community priorities, and Board recommendations and requests.

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