

REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, July 9, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

*The Board of Directors 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 Diana Mahmud called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and Clerk of the Board Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

<b>Roll Call</b>				
1	<b>Agoura Hills</b>	Deborah Klein Lopez	Director	Remote
2	<b>Alhambra</b>	Jeff Maloney	Alternate	Remote
3	<b>Arcadia</b>	Sho Tay	Director	Remote
4	<b>Beverly Hills</b>	Julian Gold	Director	Remote
5	<b>Calabasas</b>	John Bingham	Alternate	Remote
6	<b>Camarillo</b>	Susan Santangelo	Director	Remote
7	<b>Carson</b>	Cedric Hicks	Alternate	Remote
8	<b>Claremont</b>	Corey Calaycay	Director	Remote
9	<b>Culver City</b>	Meghan Sahli-Wells	Director	Remote
10	<b>Downey</b>	Sean Ashton	Director	Remote
11	<b>Hawaiian Gardens</b>	Ramie Torres	Alternate	Remote
12	<b>Hawthorne</b>	Alex Monteiro	Director	Remote
13	<b>Los Angeles County</b>	Gary Gero	Alternate	Remote
14	<b>Malibu</b>	Skylar Peak	Director	Remote
15	<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Nancy Hersman	Director	Remote
16	<b>Moorpark</b>	Janice Parvin	Director	Remote
17	<b>Ojai</b>	Michelle Ellison	Alternate	Remote
18	<b>Oxnard</b>	Carmen Ramirez	Director	Remote
19	<b>Paramount</b>	Vilma Cuellar Stallings	Director	Remote
20	<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Christian Horvath	Director	Remote

21	<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Steve Zuckerman	Director	Remote
22	<b>Santa Monica</b>	Kevin McKeown	Director	Remote
23	<b>Sierra Madre</b>	John Capoccia	Director	Remote
24	<b>Simi Valley</b>	Ruth Luevanos	Director	Remote
25	<b>South Pasadena</b>	Diana Mahmud	<b>Chair</b>	Remote
26	<b>Temple City</b>			Absent
27	<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	Bob Engler	Director	Remote
28	<b>Ventura</b>	Christy Weir	Director	Remote
29	<b>Ventura County</b>	Linda Parks	<b>Vice Chair</b>	Remote
30	<b>West Hollywood</b>	Robyn Eason	Alternate	Remote
31	<b>Westlake Village</b>	Kelly Honig	Director	Remote
32	<b>Whittier</b>	Vicki Smith	Alternate	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from June 4, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting
2. Approve Agreement with Tenaska Power Services for Scheduling Coordinator and Related Services and Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract
3. Adopt Resolution No. 20-07-010 to Approve Energy Risk Management Policy (ERMP) Amendments
4. Receive and File Notice to the Board of Directors of CPA’s Updated Position on Senate Bill 1215 (Stern) from “Support” to “Support if Amended”
5. Receive and File Community Advisory Committee Monthly Report

**Motion:** Director Hicks, Carson  
**Second:** Director Calaycay, Claremont  
**Vote:** The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote, with one abstention on Item 1 by Director Hicks.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

6. Approve Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement with SF Azalea, LLC and Authorize Executive Director to Execute Agreement  
 Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning & Procurement, provided an overview of the 2019 Clean Energy Request for Offers (RFO) and discussed CPA’s compliance position under SB 100 and SB 350 long-term contracting requirements, which indicated CPA is still short but has several projects in

negotiation that will help close the gap. Ms. Keefer discussed the overall RFO results and then reviewed staff's evaluation and rationale for selecting this project, a storage facility located in Lost Hills, Kern County with a December 31, 2022 online date.

In response to a question from Chair Mahmud regarding CEQA status, Ms. Keefer explained that the project had not yet been approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors, but that an Environmental Impact Report was in the works and that staff would provide updates to the Board as needed; and noted that CPA's environmental partners were supportive of the project.

Director Torres asked why redactions of the agreement were necessary. Chair Mahmud explained that although CPA is a public agency, it is permitted by the California Civil Procedure and Evidence Codes to redact public contracts when they contain commercially sensitive information.

**Motion:** Director Ramirez, Oxnard  
**Second:** Director Horvath, Redondo Beach  
**Vote:** Item 6 was approved by a roll call vote.

7. Review 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Preliminary Results and Delegate Authority to the Energy Planning & Resources Committee for its Final Approval

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning & Procurement, provided an overview of the item, noting that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) extended the deadline for submission of the 2020 IRP to September 1<sup>st</sup>, necessitating the Board's delegation of approval authority to the Energy Committee as the next meeting of the Board would not be until September 3. Ms. Keefer also discussed the conforming IRP plan requirements, comprised of a case targeting 46 million metric tons (MMT) of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and a 38 MMT case. Ms. Keefer noted that, compared to the 46 MMT case, CPA's preliminary conforming portfolio for the 38 MMT case resulted in a 2% increase in annual cost for CPA for an 18% reduction in emissions, and included a larger in-state resource build out, essentially delivering a significant reduction in statewide emissions for a modest cost.

Director Zuckerman inquired about demand response (DR) used for the 38 MMT case and asked for an example of long-duration storage. Ms. Keefer explained that the use of DR was based on an assumption from the CPUC and pump hydro-storage would be one example of long-duration storage.

Director McKeown, Chair of the Energy Committee, noted that members of the Committee looked forward to considering IRP approval and invited other board members to attend the August 26 Energy Committee meeting.

Chair Mahmud noted that the development of the IRP was a joint effort with other Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) and asked staff to describe that experience and to address the lack of potential generation from out-of-state wind resources to further hedge availability, such as wind capacity from Wyoming. Ms. Keefer explained that the participating CCAs decided to work together to ensure all their respective IRP plans were accepted by the CPUC and this joint effort provided valuable insights, noting however, that each CCA's individual portfolio

differed reflecting their diverse policy objectives. Ms. Keefer stated that CPA had recently hired an internal resource planner and anticipated that much of CPA's future modeling would be done in-house. Lastly, Ms. Keefer noted that the initial 38 MMT case incorporated more out-of-state wind resources starting in 2030, but that this modeling assumption was still being evaluated.

Director Ramirez asked how this information would be shared with the public and if COVID-19 in any way affected modeling forecasts. Ms. Keefer noted that the IRP assumptions were dated January 2020 and did not include the potential impact of COVID-19 but emphasized that staff continued to monitor and evaluate the impact of the pandemic on CPA load forecasts and power procurement.

**Motion:** Director Sahli-Wells, Culver City  
**Second:** Director McKeown, Santa Monica  
**Vote:** Item 7 was approved by a roll call vote.

8. Update on COVID-19 Relief Credits and "Stay Engaged" Marketing Campaign  
Allison Mannos, Sr. Manager, Marketing and Customer Engagement, discussed the timeline of CPA and state-level COVID-19 relief efforts and reviewed CPA's campaign strategies, noting that several member agency staff and public information officers facilitated dissemination of information to CPA customers.

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, reviewed overall, residential and small business customer participation and trends for COVID-19 relief credits as of June 21, 2020, noting a significant increase of customer enrollments in the bill relief programs and highlighting the top 10 member agencies by customer participation in each category.

Director Lopez thanked staff and congratulated the organization as a whole for being proactive to assist customers impacted by the pandemic. Chair Mahmud asked how the duration of the pandemic could affect the program funding and marketing strategies. Mr. Bardacke noted that staff would continue to evaluate funding mechanisms based on CPA's year-end financial position but noted a special interest in supporting the small business community and potentially increasing the size of the credits to attract more participation.

9. Update on the Voyager Clean Energy Career Pathways Scholarship Program  
Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager reported on the student recipients of the Voyager Scholarships, describing some of the programs and disciplines that the scholarship enabled these students to pursue including alternative energy and electronics, architecture, and utility management. Mr. Cruz noted that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was instrumental in helping to define the parameters of the scholarship program. Mr. Cruz also recognized the community colleges that administered the scholarship funds and discussed plans for the future of the program. Mr. Bardacke noted that planning is underway for use of the \$1 million donation from the developer of the Mohave County Wind Farm PPA for CPA-directed workforce development efforts in CPA's jurisdiction.

Vice Chair Parks suggested that special emphasis be placed on training programs related to automotive technology and Director Ramirez expressed appreciation for Oxnard College having contributed to doubling the scholarship awards. Director

Gold noted that alternatives for the dissemination of the additional one million dollars should be explored to ensure the funding makes a lasting impact. Mr. Bardacke responded that the internal planning process will evaluate a wide range of options for use of the funds and that staff will gather feedback from the CAC and Board to ensure the funding does make a significant impact in CPA's communities.

Dianne Knipple from the Antelope Valley College Foundation provided public comment.

#### **MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Bardacke briefly reviewed recent customer communications from CPA regarding rates and power content, discussed the Phase X missing enrollments status, and announced the departure of Jennifer Ward, Director of External Affairs.

Director Lopez asked about customer inquiries regarding the CPUC-mandated Joint Rate Comparison mailer, and Vice Chair Parks commented that the format of the information in the mailer was difficult for customers to understand. Mr. Bardacke noted that the CPUC dictated the format of the mailer, that there was not much customer response to the mailer, and that there was some interest amongst other CCAs and the Investor Owned Utilities to improve the content of the mailer.

Board members expressed appreciation for Ms. Ward's dedication to the organization. Ms. Ward thanked the Board of Directors and Mr. Bardacke for their leadership.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Energy Committee Chair McKeown thanked the Board of Directors for approving the ERMP amendments.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

#### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Board Chair Mahmud announced the cancellation of the annual CalCCA conference but encouraged board members to attend the next one and asked Mr. Bardacke for an update of the office space.

Mr. Bardacke stated that demolition of the office had occurred, and a four-month construction process was to begin the following week, noting that staff had reevaluated office layouts to address new health and safety requirements for social distancing.

#### **ADJOURN**

Chair Mahmud adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.