

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.

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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

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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

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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.