

MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Thursday, September 17, 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	Absent
San Gabriel Valley	Richard Tom	Remote
San Gabriel Valley	Robert Parkhurst (Vice-Chair)	Remote
West/Unincorporated Ventura County	Lucas Zucker	Remote
West/Unincorporated Ventura County	Steven Nash	Remote
South Bay	David Lesser	Remote
South Bay	Emmitt Hayes	Remote
Gateway Cities	Jaime Abrego	Absent
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 August 20, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion: Vice Chair Simmons, East Ventura/West LA County

Second: Vice Chair Parkhurst, San Gabriel Valley

Vote: Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote, with Chair Haake and Committee Members Zucker and Fromer abstaining,

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the state-wide rotating outages affecting CPA customers in mid-August and over Labor Day weekend, noting that the cause of the outages is under investigation but likely involved a combination of factors including unforeseen plants coming offline, transmission constraints, and imports that suddenly became unavailable. Mr. Langer noted that during peak hours, customers responded to the calls for conservation efforts helping reduce the extent of outages. The events have propelled focus on accelerating policies to address climate change, reliability, and integrated resource planning, in which CPA will participate.

Vice Chair Parkhurst commented that CPA's perspective to look for opportunities in the future to address reliability was appropriate and Committee Member Lesser asked what the opportunities for addressing reliability could look like and how CPA can be a leader in energy storage. Mr. Langer noted all load serving entities have a collective responsibility, but that CPA has been an early actor in procuring energy storage and will continue adding both new renewable energy and battery storage capacity to the grid.

In response to Chair Haake's question about the financial impact of the heat waves, Mr. Langer explained that although CPA experienced some losses, CPA's hedging strategy limited exposure and negative financial impacts. Vice Chair Simmons asked about the average procurement of other CCAs and where CPA stands comparatively; Vice Chair Parkhurst asked about the impact on the Power Change Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fee; Committee Member Zucker asked if the location of energy storage impacted where outages occurred. Mr. Langer responded that CPA is ahead of schedule on energy storage and procurement targets and that absent these heat waves and outages, the PCIA could have been lower, putting CPA in a better competitive position. Mr. Langer continued to explain that rolling outages are scheduled based on a pre-determined rotation order, and when there is a shortage of energy, shutoffs occur without respect to the local generation situation.

Karen Schmidt, Interim Director of External Affairs, discussed the COVID-19 Bill assistance item, highlighting that because CPA met its financial thresholds, this permitted the use of additional funds as previously approved by the Board of Directors. Ms. Schmidt also announced CPA's role in the approval of a state

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budget bill that will provide state matching funds for the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) in Ventura County, and that the California Energy Commission (CEC) also expects to fund a Level 2 CALeVIP project in Los Angeles County in 2021.

Committee Member Fromer inquired as to the distribution of bill assistance funds, targeted outreach, and the status of customer non-payments. Ms. Schmidt indicated those statistics will be shared with Committee Members and staff is focused on conducting targeted outreach to disadvantaged communities; and Mr. Langer noted that non-collection has increased compared to pre-COVID-19 levels. In response to Vice Chair Simmons' question about the CALeVIP grant, Ms. Schmidt clarified that the Ventura funding was a result of a tri-county collaborative effort and that in Los Angeles, CPA is the only co-founding partner participating in the efforts to develop the program.

Committee Member Nash expressed concern over the availability of funds for disadvantaged communities (DACs) and asked about exact funding amounts for the Ventura County program and incentives for property owners to participate. Ms. Schmidt noted that the amount of CEC funds that will be committed to CALeVIP in Ventura County has not yet been determined, but that a minimum of 25% of the funds will be disbursed to customers within low-income communities; and stated that incentives may not entirely cover customers' EV charging station costs, but the process will be streamlined to assign and disburse funds expeditiously.

3. Approve 2020-2021 CAC Workplan

Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, provided a presentation of the proposed CAC workplan. The workplan, Mr. Cruz explained, was informed by results from a survey on CAC members' key objectives as well as the previous discussions with Members about their regional and individual goals and priorities. Mr. Cruz noted that the workplan organized CAC activities into three different categories: staff commitments to support the Committee; Committee Member commitments; and opportunities for expanded CAC engagement. All categories are aimed at strengthening the advisory role of the Committee.

Committee Member Lesser expressed concern about the specificity of the workplan, noting that it could cause the Committee to lose sight of the bigger picture of being an advisory body and needing to be aligned with the board. Chair Haake noted that the CAC relies on staff to be their liaison with the Board and would also like to see more communication between the two bodies. Committee Member Gutierrez noted that the workplan reflected the Committee's priorities and asked what the implementation would look like, and where Committee Members could find resources. Staff clarified that the workplan was inclusive of key items that the Board reviews and that staff would continue to encourage information sharing between Committee Members as it was essential to the role of the committee in community outreach.

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Committee Member Hernandez echoed the need for more cohesion with the Board as well as continuing to define the CAC's role, and improving community education. Vice Chair Parkhurst agreed that engagement between the Board and the CAC could improve and Committee Members Nash and Lesser suggested that alignment between the Board and the CAC be stated more explicitly on the workplan. The Committee reached consensus that the following bullet point be added to the workplan: "Staff will continue to facilitate communication and alignment between the CAC and the CPA Board of Directors."

Motion: Committee Member Nash, Unincorporated Los Angeles County

Second: Committee Member Gutierrez, Westside

Vote: Item 3 was approved as amended by a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Simmons thanked Committee Members Nash, Lesser and Fromer for their participation in CPA's upcoming Sustainable Energy Incubator event.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURN

Chair Haake adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.