

MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 12:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair McKeown called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and Clerk of the Board, Gabriela Monzon, conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL			
Arcadia	Tom Tait	Committee Member	Remote
Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Member	Remote
Malibu	Skylar Peak	Committee Member	Absent
Oxnard	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Member	Remote
Santa Monica	Kevin McKeown	Committee Chair	Remote
Sierra Madre	John Capoccia	Committee Member	Remote
Thousand Oaks	Helen Cox	Committee Member	Remote

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from April 22, 2020 Energy Committee Meeting
2. Receive and File April and May 2020 Risk Management Team Report

Motion: Committee Member Tait, Arcadia
Second: Committee Member Kulcsar, Carson
Vote: The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote.

There were no public comments on the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning and Procurement, provided an overview of the IRP submittal process. Ms. Keefer summarized the conforming IRP plan requirements, noting that each of the Load Serving Entities (LSEs) were strictly limited to meeting statewide targets of the 46 million metric ton (MMT) statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030, but were allowed submit a 38 MMT conforming plan as well. Additionally, Ms. Keefer reviewed the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Reference System Plan, stating that the IRP intended to determine what new resources were needed to achieve the statewide environmental targets. The IRP, Ms. Keefer noted, also examined how the grid would operate reliably, the cost of achieving the GHG targets, and maintaining affordability.

In response to Committee Member Ramirez's question regarding the limitation of the 46 MMT conforming plan, Ms. Keefer indicated that the CPUC was grappling with the challenge of meeting load when intermittent renewable resources were not available.

Ms. Keefer explained that the cases within the conforming plans looked largely similar because they were intended to meet CPA's internal targets and adjustments were primarily related to other factors affecting the grid, however, CPA would provide in its' narrative to the CPUC, that the 38 MMT conforming plan was the preferred case as it reflected CPA's internal policy goals and was the most likely outcome of the planned procurement.

In response to Chair McKeown's questions, Ms. Keefer acknowledged that CPA was still attempting to meet SB 355 contracting requirements, but staff wanted to highlight for the CPUC that the portfolio was going to be reliable and would not overburden the grid. Committee Member Cox asked if other resources, such as geothermal, could meet fluctuating demand of intermittent renewable resources and staff noted that geothermal was not a flexible resource, and this presented a challenged since a lot of states throughout the Western grid were moving towards higher renewable energy to supplement intermittent renewable resources. Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, added that most, if not all Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), were dealing with submitting conforming plans with higher emissions that conflicted with their internal goals.

In response to Committee Member Kulcsar's questions, staff stated that many stakeholders and CCAs pushed the CPUC to consider a lower GHG target case and the compromise was to allow two conforming plans, with the second allowing a more aggressive strategy. Staff remarked that the goal was to present a preferred case that met targets, accounted for reliability, and maintained affordable rates.

Motion: Committee Member Ramirez, Oxnard
Second: Committee Member Tait, Arcadia
Vote: Item 4 was received and filed by a roll call vote.

5. Energy Risk Management Policy (ERMP) Amendments

Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, provided a review of proposed amendments made to the ERMP, including the middle office, long-term contracts, fixed-price energy hedge targets, PCC1 renewable energy hedge targets, and resource adequacy hedge targets. Mr. Langer explained that these amendments were due to changes in industry practices and opportunities for improvement.

In response to Committee Member Kulcsar's questions, staff made a minor edit to the Long-Term Procurement contracting section of the policy to add the phrase "other administrative action" that would not exclude the Executive Director's ability to take action.

Motion: Committee Member Ramirez, Oxnard
Second: Committee Member Cox, Thousand Oaks
Vote: Item 5 was approved by a roll call vote.

4. Request for Offers (RFO) Activity Update

Erik Nielsen, Structured Contracts Manager, reviewed the goals, status, and projects of the 2019 Reliability RFO, noting that CPA met and exceeded its IRP procurement mandate targets and provided an update of the Arlington Storage project, expected to go to the Board for approval on July 9, 2020, as an amended and restated Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). Mr. Nielsen described the Utility Scale Clean Energy RFO goals, status, and flagship projects; described the Clean Energy Distributed Track, and the 2018 Clean Energy RFO, noting one project that remained in exclusive negotiations. Lastly, Mr. Nielsen discussed the 2020 Long-term Procurement Schedule.

In response to Committee Member Ramirez's question, staff indicated that CPA had an advantage in storage procurement because it issued an RFO before the CPUC made a formal determination on the IRP procurement.

Motion: Committee Member Capoccia, Sierra Madre
Second: Committee Member Ramirez, Oxnard
Vote: Item 4 was received and filed by a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Members thanked staff for their dedicated work to keep the organization on track.

ADJOURN

Chair McKeown adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.