

MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee  
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 12:15 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.

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

All votes are unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from August 26, 2020 Energy Committee Meeting
2. Receive and File August 2020 Risk Management Team Report

**Motion:** Committee Member Ramirez, Oxnard

**Second:** Committee Member Tait, Arcadia

**Vote:** The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote, with an abstention from Committee Member Cox.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### 3. 2020 Clean Energy RFO Update

Erik Nielsen, Structured Contracts Manager, provided an overview of the current contracting status of CPA's long-term portfolio, noting that solar plus storage and solar comprise about 75% of the portfolio, heavily weighted towards generation. Mr. Nielsen discussed the status of the 2019 Request for Offers (RFO) launched in October 2019, highlighting that it resulted in 1.5 million Megawatt-hours of contracted generation to date and that CPA was successful in meeting the IRP Procurement Track compliance target, with only one project remaining in negotiation. Mr. Nielsen also reviewed the broad lessons learned from the previous RFOs, including the effective evaluation criteria, shortlist size, and that distributed track projects were more expensive and did not provide as many community benefits.

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning and Procurement, reviewed long-term procurement requirements and stated that CPA is focused on projects with earlier online dates to meet Senate Bill (SB) 350 compliance obligations and both reduce risk and allow CPA to be more selective with procurement over time. Ms. Keefer explained that CPA's current portfolio is largely solar, therefore resource diversity will be an important consideration in portfolio selection, noting that SB 350 requirements have set the minimum standards for procurement targets. Ms. Keefer reviewed the 2020 Clean Energy RFO specifications and schedule and highlighted that storage will be requested in 4-hour and long duration options. Lastly, Ms. Keefer discussed other local procurement efforts focused on developing new resources in CPA's service territory, including two CPUC Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) programs that will provide bill discounts to eligible customers and the Clean Back-Up for Essential Facilities program to develop storage or solar plus storage projects at critical facilities in each member agency jurisdiction.

Committee Member Ramirez asked how the investigation into the recent power outages may affect CPA; Committee Member Kulcsar asked if there were plans to run multiple RFOs and asked for clarification on the community benefits expected from selected projects. Staff explained that the investigation has called attention to grid reliability and that CPA is in good standing due to its early actions on storage procurement because it not only met the mandate but exceeded it, and therefore can meet potential forthcoming procurement orders dealing with storage duration and portfolio diversification. Additionally, Ms. Keefer noted that the 2020 Clean Energy RFO is the only RFO planned for this year, but is inclusive of generating hybrid resources and stand-alone storage; and clarified that although some developers have been able to offer certain community benefits to CPA, but making this a requirement can result in a direct increase to cost. Committee Member Capoccia cautioned that member agencies should focus on providing the best possible value to customers and asked for more details on the Clean Back-Up for Essential Facilities Program and the Behind-the-

Meter (BTM) RFO. Ms. Keefer explained that BTM refers to companies that aggregate customer's solar plus storage into resources that are converted into a large enough product sold back to Load Serving Entities (LSEs) to meet their energy or resource adequacy (RA) needs. Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, added that the clean back-up for essential facilities program will provide back-up power during Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) or outages, where storage and solar-plus storage systems would offset energy use.

Chair McKeown inquired about CPUC subsidies, to which Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, responded that the DAC programs' above-market costs will be subsidized by the CPUC. Chair McKeown stated that on a policy basis CPA is still encouraging distributed generation.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Committee Member Ramirez shared that Elected Officials to Protect California organization formally asked that the Governor declare a climate emergency and are awaiting a response.

Committee Member Cox inquired about SCE notices on rate increases, Mr. Langer clarified that SCE rates will go up on October 1<sup>st</sup>, but the increase will only affect delivery charges and not impact CPA rates.

### **ADJOURN**

Chair McKeown adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.