

REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Thursday, October 1, 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 2:00 p.m. and Clerk of the Board Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

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

21	Rolling Hills Estates	Steve Zuckerman	Director	Remote
22	Santa Monica	Kevin McKeown	Director	Remote
23	Sierra Madre	John Capoccia	Director	Remote
24	Simi Valley	Ruth Luevanos	Director	Remote
25	South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud	Chair	Remote
26	Temple City			Absent
27	Thousand Oaks	Bob Engler	Director	Remote
28	Ventura	Christy Weir	Director	Remote
29	Ventura County	Linda Parks	Vice Chair	Remote
30	West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Director	Remote
31	Westlake Village	Kelly Honig	Director	Remote
32	Whittier	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 September 3, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting
2. Approve Re-Appointments and New Appointments to Fill Vacancies on the Community Advisory Committee for 2020-2022 Term
3. Receive and File Community Advisory Committee September Monthly Report

Motion: Director Horvath, Redondo Beach
Second: Vice Chair Kuehl, Los Angeles County
Vote: The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Approve a 15-year Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with Dagget Solar Power 3, LLC and a 15-year Amended and Restated Renewable Energy PPA with Arlington Energy Center II, LLC and Authorize Executive Director to Execute the Agreements

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning and Procurement, reviewed projects currently under contract with CPA, described the organization’s compliance position, and indicated that the Arlington solar project already approved by the Board will be amended to include storage. Ms. Keefer discussed CPA’s current storage procurement noting that it is a critical resource to integrate a heavily

renewable energy portfolio and serves as a reliable and dispatchable resource that meets CPA's resource adequacy obligations.

Ms. Keefer provided project overviews, reviewed rationales and evaluation summaries of both projects, and noted that the Daggett project is competitively priced and located on the site of a former natural gas power plant and that attaching storage to the Arlington Solar project will result in cost savings of 29% compared to the price of stand-alone storage on its own. Lastly, Ms. Keefer provided details on upcoming RFO activities, including the launch of the 2020 Clean Energy RFO with a target of procuring 1,500 – 2,000 GWh of annual generation including 5MW – 300 MW renewable, renewable +storage, and standalone storage; and the 100% Green Discount Program/Community Solar RFOs, the Clean Back-Up for Essential Facilities Program, and the Behind the Meter (BTM) Request for Proposals (RFPs), describing the status of each of the projects.

Director Monteiro asked if projects are committed to hiring union workers; Director Zuckerman inquired about the Behind the Meter RFPs and the new build projects. In response, Ms. Keefer clarified that both developers have signed, or committed to sign, Project Labor Agreements; noted that staff was still evaluating the structure and terms of a contract for the BTM RFPs; and provided more details on the 100% Green Discount Program RFO and Community Solar RFO/RFI, emphasizing that both programs are In Front of the Meter solar projects.

Director Ramirez thanked staff and requested more marketing around clean energy projects and Director Torres inquired about disposal or end of life of facilities. Ms. Keefer noted that the PPAs do not have terms related to the decommissioning, but most facilities last longer than 50 years and there are decommissioning requirements through the local project permitting process. Director McKeown praised staff for their work on the PPAs and opined that more public education and outreach will benefit CPA.

Chair Mahmud requested that Board Members receive press releases.

Motion: Director McKeown, Santa Monica
Second: Director Ramirez, Oxnard
Vote: Item 4 was approved by a roll call vote.

5. Authorize Continuation of CPA's COVID-19 Bill Assistance Program and Disbursement of up to \$2 million in Bill Credits

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided an oral report of the item, noting that since CPA surpassed its fiscal targets and remained compliant with its credit covenants in FY 19/20, and met the conditions put forth by the Board, staff was requesting the release of additional COVID-19 relief funds. Mr. Bardacke noted that staff will re-evaluate the need and benefits of the program in light of several factors including fiscal outlook; 2021 rates; Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fees; bad debt levels; the potential re-institution of customer disconnections in April 2021; and a potential new statewide ratepayer-funded program that would

reimburse both CPA and Southern California Edison (SCE) for bad debt write-offs of certain types of vulnerable customers.

Director McKeown asked about the marketing strategies for the program and Vice Chair Kuehl commended the program for its economic assistance to customers and stressed the importance of reaching out to ethnic media outlets. Mr. Bardacke noted that marketing included outreach through Community Based Organizations, and the use of social media and bus ad campaigns, but that staff identified the need for more targeted outreach for business customers.

Motion: Vice Chair Kuehl, Los Angeles County
Second: Director Kulcsar, Carson
Vote: Item 5 was approved by a roll call vote.

MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Mr. Bardacke discussed CPA's successful debt repayment of \$10 million to Los Angeles County, noting that CPA is debt-free and thanked the finance team. Additionally, Mr. Bardacke stated that CPA's call center wait times have slightly increased due to high call volumes coupled with holidays and some staff turnover, but that the call center is adding both temporary and permanent staff to improve performance. Lastly, Mr. Bardacke announced that Sierra Madre and Malibu residents are receiving 100% Green Power.

Director Honig expressed concern for the complexity of SCE utility bills and asked for educational materials to help customers read their bills accurately. Mr. Bardacke noted that staff developed a webpage and flyer for reference that will be shared with Board Members. Chair Mahmud commented on recent formatting changes to customer bills and Mr. Bardacke added that a new subsection was recently created which was formerly embedded in the SCE generation cost and leads customers to believe it is a new charge when in fact it is not.

In response to Director Ashton's and Ramirez's questions, Mr. Bardacke noted that customers that have opted -up or -down are not impacted by changing default rates in their respective cities and clarified that several factors drive opt-out rates, including smaller media markets and some negative local press, rather than income levels, and noted that there are higher opt-out rates among business customers in cities with 100% Green Power rates. Director Zuckerman suggested adding a link leading to the Understanding your Bill web page on customer bill inserts.

COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Horvath reported that the Legislative & Regulatory Committee received updates from lobbyists and discussed plans for next year's legislative session.

Chair McKeown commented on the uncertainty in the energy market but expressed the Energy Committee's excitement in continuing to recommend energy resources to meet CPA's peak load and thanked staff for their work in approving 15-year renewable energy agreements.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Kuehl urged all cities to continue to encourage residents to participate in the 2020 Census. Director Ramirez commented that climate change will impact disadvantaged communities, people of color, and low-income families and hoped that residents are aware of and identify misinformation relating to climate change.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Mahmud encouraged Board Members to visit the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) website for information that illustrates the need and benefit of renewable power purchase agreements.

ADJOURN

Chair Mahmud adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.