

MEETING of the Legislative & Regulatory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Lindsey Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and Clerk of the Board Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

Roll Call			
Agoura Hills	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Alternate	Remote
Redondo Beach	Christian Horvath	Committee Member	Remote
West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Chair	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from January 22, 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Christian Horvath, Redondo Beach
Second: Committee Member Deborah Klein Lopez, Agoura Hills
Vote: Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA

2. Positions on Key Bills in 2019/2020 Legislative Session

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, provided an oral update on the year's legislative session and the legislature's response to COVID-19.

Chair Horvath inquired about the representation of CCAs, if any, in the Governor's newly created Taskforce on Business and Jobs Recovery. Staff indicated that there were no efforts underway for representation on the task force but offered to address it with CalCCA.

AB 2689 (Kalra)

Ms. Goodhill provided a summary of AB 2689 (Kalra), stating that the bill aimed to improve the transparency of IOU confidentiality provisions to allow a broad range of market experts to participate in cost recovery proceedings and to make the non-disclosure agreements less burdensome.

Committee Member Lopez asked if staff expected IOUs to voice concerns over this bill. Ms. Goodhill indicated that there was some pushback from IOU's and labor groups in the PG&E service area who did not believe there was a need for increased transparency and added that the committee consultant could be swayed by that argument. Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, noted the bill also provided for consequences if IOU's did not adhere to the bill's requirements, which concerned IOUs.

Chair Horvath stated that support coming from CPA Board members calling for increased transparency could be impactful.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach

Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills

Vote: Motion to support AB 2689 was approved by a roll call vote.

SB 45 (Allen)

Ms. Goodhill provided a summary of SB 45, noting that the bill would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, that would go to voters on November 3, 2020. Ms. Goodhill noted that the bill allocated specific funds set aside for local governments, Joint Powers Authorities, and others to fund resiliency work that CPA was already pursuing, such as the installation of microgrids, distributed energy resources, and backup power to help during PSPS events.

Committee Member Lopez asked if there was any downside to being associated with the bill. Ms. Goodhill clarified that polling demonstrated public support for the bill.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach
Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills
Vote: Motion to support SB 45 was approved by a roll call vote.

SB 1215 (Stern)

Ms. Goodhill provided a summary of SB 1215 noting key improvements and the establishment of the Local Government Deenergization Event Resiliency Program. Ms. Goodhill indicated the bill would allow the deployment of microgrid projects to meet the resiliency needs of critical facilities and infrastructure in high fire-threat and vulnerable transmission areas. Lastly, Ms. Goodhill noted the bill could be paired with other COVID-19 relief efforts, given the threat of fires and PSPS events during the pandemic.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach
Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills
Vote: Motion to support SB 45 was approved by a roll call vote.

Ms. Goodhill discussed plans for outreach to legislators and to coordinate a 2021 Lobby Day.

3. Update on Resource Adequacy Central Buyer

CC Song, Director of Regulatory Affairs, provided an overview of the proposed decision of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that adopted a Full Central Procurement Entity for resource adequacy (RA). Ms. Song noted that CalCCA opposed the CPUC proposed decision, noting that under the proposed decision, Load Serving Entities (LSEs) had reduced incentives to invest in clean local resources, given that LSEs were not able to recuperate the premium value for local RA. Ms. Song added that the settlement proposal formulated by several market participants would have created a framework allowing LSEs, to procure RA resources.

However, Ms. Song clarified that CPA was working with CalCCA to pursue a modification of the proposed decision and to encourage the CPUC to adopt a crediting mechanism to ensure CPA can continue to receive financial compensation for the Local RA premium.

Committee Member Lopez asked for clarification on the position of the Governor or state legislators on the proposed decision. Ms. Song noted that CalCCA worked with state assembly members on a legislative proposal to establish a Central Entity. Lastly, Ms. Song clarified that CalCCA will also ask state legislators to sign a letter to the CPUC to urge Commissioners to incorporate principles that would provide LSEs like CPA, incentives to invest in local energy resources, and maintain affordable rates for ratepayers.

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, added that CPA already took a support position on Assemblymember Muratsuchi's bill and noted that CPA will encourage its elected officials to reach out to state representatives to support the bill.

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member Horvath discussed the status of the Redondo Beach power plant and asked for letters of support for AB 2071, noting that it will address power plants in Redondo Beach.

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting 10:54 a.m.