



MEETING of the Legislative & Regulatory Committee of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

1. [Approve Minutes from October 28, 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting](#)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [Discussion of Preliminary Bill Themes for the 2021/2022 Legislative Session](#)

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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Wednesday, October 28, 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.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Lindsey Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:00 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	Alternate	Remote
Redondo Beach	Christian Horvath	Committee Member	Remote
West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Chair	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from September 23, 2020 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach

Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills

Vote: Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Review and Recommend Approval of the Proposed 2021 Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform to the Board of Directors

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, provided an oral report of the item and emphasized that the platform serves as a framework for CPA's advocacy

and policy efforts. Ms. Goodhill noted that the platform allows Board Members and staff to pursue actions at the legislative and regulatory levels consistent with the organizations' mission and in the best interest of its member agencies and customers. Based on the feedback provided by the Committee at its previous meeting and on recommendations from CPA's lobbyists, Ms. Goodhill noted that the proposed changes reflect a new emphasis on electrification for both vehicles and buildings, addresses specific constituencies that must be part of the equitable transition to clean energy resources, and focuses on specific policies to promote grid reliability with clean energy resources. Lastly, Ms. Goodhill reviewed the specific redline changes to address these new emphases, highlighting CPA's commitment to increase reliability, explicitly identifying groups CPA wants to diversify contracting with, and further CPA's commitment to increase access to clean energy for communities of color and low-income people.

Committee Member Lopez asked for clarification on why section 3b was not phrased the same as 3e with regard to contracting. Staff clarified that the verbiage used in 3b was in line with what other regulatory and legislative bodies use. Consensus was reached amongst Committee Members that section 3e include a reference to contracting for clean energy jobs.

Chair Horvath expressed support for formalizing CPA's commitment to minority-owned businesses in contracting policies and commented that a local organization in her jurisdiction has initiated a conversation about prioritizing minority-owned businesses with the California Public Utilities Commission.

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, noted that the organization is gathering information on all contracting activities and will identify areas of potential progress, but advised that more progress can be made in the non-energy contracting area.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach
Second: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills
Vote: Item 2 was approved as amended by a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member Horvath thanked Ms. Goodhill for her support during the Redondo Beach City Council meeting where the Council was discussing an item regarding So Cal Gas.

ADJOURN

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Staff Report – Agenda Item 2

To: Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Legislative & Regulatory Committee

From: Gina Goodhill, Policy Director

Approved By: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director

Subject: Preliminary Bill Themes for 2021/2022 Legislative Session

Date: January 27, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss legislative themes for the 2021/2022 legislative session. No action is needed.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

While COVID-19 will continue to take legislative priority for the 2021/2022 legislative session, legislators are also introducing more bills than they did in 2020 and more bills that are not directly related to COVID-19. CPA is tracking a number of bills that relate to changes to the electricity sector, climate change adaptation, and climate change mitigation.

Over the coming weeks, CPA expects to see expanded language and additional bills on these topics, as well as the topics of reliability and microgrid solutions. As language is more fully developed and/or new bills emerge, CPA staff will be bringing some of these to the Legislative & Regulatory Committee to formally recommend official bill positions to the full Board of Directors.

Electricity Sector

SB 67 (Becker) – Would accelerate the state's progress toward having 100 percent of electricity provided by renewable or other zero-carbon sources on a 24-hour, seven-day basis. Specifically, would:

- Set an earlier target date for achieving 100 percent clean energy; and
- Define electric loads that are subject to the 100% clean energy requirement to include all in-state consumption; and
- Direct the Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Air Resources Board (CARB) to establish a system to track clean energy on an hourly basis. Require the tracking system to take storage-like resources into account; and
- Direct the CPUC to establish a standard that requires load serving entities (LSEs) to procure clean energy equivalent to defined portions of their load during different periods of the day and seasons of the year, in addition to the existing annual RPS compliance target.

AB 64 (Quirk) – Would require the CPUC, California Energy Commission (CEC) and CARB to develop a cost-effective strategy to promote the development and deployment of clean energy technologies and infrastructure to meet the state’s existing policy that renewable energy and zero-carbon resources supply 100% of retail sales and 100% of electricity procured by December 31, 2045. Technologies and infrastructure include but are not limited to interregional renewable power generation and energy storage (batteries, pumped, hydrogen generation, and other developing technologies).

SB 18 (Skinner) – Would require the CPUC to do the following:

- Advance green hydrogen within the integrated resource plan, and;
- Consider green hydrogen to be zero-carbon emitting for purposes of meeting the state’s 2045 100% zero-carbon retail electricity goals; and
- Require the CPUC to modify resource adequacy (RA) requirements to provide equal consideration for dispatchable local and system RA resources made from green hydrogen; and
- Consider green hydrogen in a rulemaking proceeding related to energy storage; and
- Require the CPUC to consider green hydrogen and green electrolytic hydrogen to be zero-carbon emitting resources for purposes of portfolio use.

Additionally, the bill would require CARB, as part of its five-year scoping plan, to prepare a plan for accelerating the production and use of green hydrogen and require the CEC to submit a report to the Legislature studying and modeling green hydrogen and its role in decarbonizing the power and transportation sectors.

Climate Change Mitigation

SB 31 (Cortese) – Would make building decarbonization a principal goal of electric and gas utilities' resource planning. Additionally, would require the CEC to identify and implement a program to promote building decarbonization. If federal clean energy funds are made available to the State from a COVID-19 relief package, would authorize the use of federal money on building decarbonization and would require the Commission under the EPIC program to award funds for building decarbonization technologies.

SB 68 (Becker) – Would reduce barriers to existing building decarbonization by altering provisions regarding the upgrading of electrical service panels or accommodating additional electrical appliances within existing service panels.

AB 96 (O'Donnell) – Would extend the sunset for the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program from 2021 to 2026. Would require that at least 20% of any funding made available to the program be used for the early commercial deployment of near-zero emission heavy-duty truck technology, and would create a separate definition for "near-zero-emission".

Climate Change Adaptation

SB 45 (Portantino) – Would authorize the issuance of a \$5.5 billion bond finance projects for wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation and flood protection.

AB 11 (Ward) – Would require the Strategic Growth Council to establish up to 12 regional climate change coordinating groups to develop and work on climate change for their communities. These groups will work with local agencies, which could include local governments and/or CCAs.

Additional Activity

Governor Newsom's 2021-2022 Draft Budget includes \$1.5 billion for a comprehensive strategy to achieve the state's zero-emission vehicle goals by 2035, including securitizing up to \$1 billion to accelerate the pace and scale of the infrastructure needed to support zero-emission vehicles. CPA will track this and other budget items as it evolves throughout the year.

ATTACHMENT

- 1) [2021 Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform \(for Reference Only\)](#)



2021 Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform

Overview and Purpose

The Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform (Platform) serves as a guide to the CPA Board of Directors and CPA staff in their advocacy efforts and engagement on policy matters of interest to CPA. The Platform allows both Board members and staff to pursue actions at the local, regional, state and federal legislative and regulatory levels in a consistent manner and with the understanding that they are pursuing actions in the best interest of the organization and its mission, its member agencies, and its customers. The Platform also enables the organization to move swiftly to respond to events in Sacramento (Legislative / Executive) and San Francisco (California Public Utilities Commission) and provides guidance to the Executive Director on the support or oppose positions that should be taken on legislative and regulatory matters that come before the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) Board of Directors.

All CPA positions on individual bills are presented to the Board for approval, except during times of urgency as provided under the protocols approved by the CPA Board of Directors on June 7, 2018, that allow the Chair, Vice-Chairs, Legislative & Regulatory Committee Chair, and Executive Director to act on behalf of the organization in urgent advocacy matters.

Policy Principles

The Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform is centered around four basic principles:

1. Protecting CPA's local control and autonomy by its members, especially with regards to finances, power procurement, reliability, and local customer programs.
2. Ensuring equal treatment of unbundled and bundled customers by the CPUC and other state agencies.

3. Supporting recognition that electricity is an essential service, and that CPA should have the ability to set electric rates and offer programmatic services that are affordable and inclusive for all.
4. Pursuing environmental initiatives that exceed prescriptive State mandates, promote the growth in renewable energy capacity at the local level, encourage clean energy adoption by CPA customers, and reduce fossil fuel dependency.

Policy Platform

1) Local Control, Finance, and Power Procurement

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- a. Supports the authority of CPA and its Board to retain local control over its activities;
- b. Supports the protection of CPA's procurement autonomy;
- c. Supports the ability of CPA to maintain control over its financial decisions;
- d. Supports the ability of CPA to expand its service offerings and activities in response to a changing energy landscape;
- e. Supports the ability of CPA to access state incentives for its customers and member agencies; and
- f. Supports the ability of CPA to enhance reliability through accelerating the deployment of energy storage resources, fully valuing behind the meter energy resources, and expanding the use of demand response.

2) Equitable Treatment of CPA Customers

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- a. Supports the equal treatment of unbundled and bundled customers by the CPUC and the legislature; and
- b. Supports the development of a State regulatory environment that is empowering for community energy providers.

3) Ratepayer Advocacy and Social Justice

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- a. Supports the protection of all ratepayers, particularly low-income customers, disadvantaged communities, and other vulnerable populations in CPA service territory;

- b. Supports supplier diversity in CPA's contracting activities and through women-owned, minority-owned, disabled-veteran-owned, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender owned business enterprises;
- c. Supports workforce development with a focus on new stable, well-paying local jobs, and participation in a just transition to a low-carbon economy;
- d. Supports the ability for CPA to set appropriate benchmarks for performance measurement using accepted industry standards; and
- e. Supports increased access to clean energy technologies, clean energy and contracting jobs, and clean energy opportunities for low-income people and communities of color in CPA service territory.

4) Environmental Leadership

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

- a. Supports the ability of CPA and its members to meet and exceed State goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions (e.g. encouraging movement towards 100% renewable energy), climate action planning, and fossil fuel independence;
- b. Supports the ability for CPA to promote growth in renewable energy capacity, resiliency and electrification at the local level, in a way that is equitable for all customers;
- c. Supports the ability for CPA to promote electrification of the transportation sector, and to help implement Executive Order N-79-20 that bans the sale of new internal combustion engines in light duty vehicles by 2035; and
- d. Supports the ability for CPA to promote electrification and the reduction of natural gas usage in the building sector.

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