



# MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Thursday, February 18, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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## **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. [Approve Minutes from January 21, 2021 Community Advisory Committee Meeting](#)
2. [Update on the CAC 2020/2021 Adopted Work Plan](#)

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

3. [Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations](#)
4. [Update on California Electric Vehicle Incentive Program \(CALeVIP\)](#)
5. [2021 Legislative Preview and Bill Discussion](#)
6. [2021 Rates Update & Potential Energy Portfolio Cost Reduction Actions](#)

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

## **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

## **ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 18, 2021**

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MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, January 21, 2021  
1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

*The Community Advisory Committee 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 David Haake called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Board Clerk conducted roll call.

<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Angus Simmons (Vice-Chair)	Remote
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Jennifer Burke	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Richard Tom	Remote
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Lucas Zucker	Absent
<b>South Bay</b>	David Lesser	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	Emmitt Hayes	Remote
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Jaime Lopez	Remote
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Genaro Bugarin	Remote
<b>Westside</b>	Cris Gutierrez	Remote
<b>Westside</b>	David Haake (Chair)	Remote
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Neil Fromer	Remote
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Kristie Hernandez	Remote

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from November 18, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
2. Update on the Voyager Clean Energy Career Pathways Scholarship Program

**Motion:** Committee Member Lesser, South Bay  
**Second:** Vice Chair Simmons, East Ventura/West LA County  
**Vote:** The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 3. Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, announced that CPA will welcome nine new board members in the coming weeks and informed the Committee that CPA will engage in a rate setting process for 2021. Mr. Bardacke explained that Southern California Edison (SCE) released updated rates inclusive of Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) costs that will become effective on February 1, 2021; staff will have to evaluate how to respond to revenue impacts and avoid more than one rate adjustment in 2021. Lastly, Mr. Bardacke noted that CAC members should be aware that SCE rates include an increase in Transmission & Delivery (T&D) charges, which may cause concern amongst customers.

Committee Member Lesser asked why SCE is allowed to make multiple rate adjustments and requested information on the relationship between Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) and SCE. Mr. Bardacke explained that SCE goes through an annual rate change process called the Energy Resource Recovery Account proceeding (ERRA) and the General Rate Case, which runs on a three-year cycle, and involves T&D and PCIA charges as well.

Committee Members Lesser and Hernandez expressed concern over how this would be presented to customers, and Mr. Bardacke stated that CPA will be factual in letting customers know about the increase even though it is not CPA's doing, but agreed that messaging is key, as CPA may have to increase rates to stay competitive.

Committee Member Bugarin asked if targeted marketing can be conducted to reach out to the low-income population and those enrolled in CARE/FERA who will be severely impacted. Mr. Bardacke noted that nearly all the funding for COVID-19 bill relief has been exhausted and therefore, staff will be implementing two programs, one to help customers write off unpaid bill debt and the other to assist customers that may be subject to disconnections. Committee Member Lopez asked how CAC members can prepare to share the specifics of the customer programs with the community and Mr. Bardacke explained that staff has recently launched video tutorials and is developing other educational materials to better prepare CAC members.

In response to Committee Member Burke's questions relating to SCE's spending on grid enhancements, Mr. Bardacke noted that during SCE's General Rate Case, CPA is involved in ensuring costs are not being pushed onto CPA customers. He noted that the existence of CCAs has brought more scrutiny to the generation rates process, but CPA is not currently positioned to provide more oversight.

4. Update on Power Share Program

Jack Clark, Director of Customer Programs, provided a background of the Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff (DAC-GT) and Community Solar Green Tariff (CSGT) programs, which the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved on November 5, 2020. Both programs will be marketed to customers as “Power Share” and will provide eligible low-income customers in disadvantaged communities with 100% renewable energy projects at a 20% discount on their total electric bill. Mr. Clark explained that the Community Solar program will require a longer timeline to develop and CPA is conducting a soft-launch for the DAC-GT part of Power Share. Participating customers must be eligible for low-income programs and must reside within a DAC in CPA or SCE territory. Mr. Clark explained the customer enrollment process and noted that in addition to applying through the website or the customer service center, staff will work with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to facilitate the enrollment process. As CPA further enhances its relationship with customers, Mr. Clark described the marketing and outreach channels, targeted digital advertising, and member agency/CBO partnerships that will further inform future program development. Mr. Clark reviewed the customer discount in detail and noted that the CPUC will reimburse CPA for the bill discount and be applied to customers’ already discounted CARE/FERA rate, for a total bill discount of approximately 35-45%.

Committee Member Gutierrez inquired about outreach already conducted in the community, the capacity limit, and the disadvantaged community (DAC) requirement. Mr. Clark explained that broad community outreach has yet to occur, but the CAC will be involved in this effort and clarified that CPA capacity for the two programs combined, is capped at about 15 MW, approximately 6,600 customers and the requirement to reside in a DAC is from the CPUC. In response to Committee Member questions, Mr. Clark noted that the customer is eligible, independent of their jurisdictions’ default rate and staff has considered a need-based waitlist, however, the marketing and outreach can be targeted to those who are economically vulnerable. Mr. Clark also clarified that the CS-GT program will encourage local job creation and local community involvement. Committee Member Hernandez expressed interest in building an educational campaign for customers and Committee Member Fromer asked about other funding resources to expand the program. Mr. Clark explained that staff will collaborate with the CAC to implement a marketing plan and that there will be opportunities in the future to generate partnerships and additional program funding to expand these kinds of programs.

5. Presentation on Proposed Amendments to the Reserve Policy

David McNeil, Chief Financial Officer, briefly reviewed the Reserve Policy, which governs the accumulation of reserves at the agency. Reserves are used for working capital and are required to meet financial covenants in loan and energy agreements. Mr. McNeil emphasized that the policy defines targets but does not determine the outcome of the annual budget and rate setting process. The current

policy defines reserves as the Net Position, establishes minimum and maximum range of target reserves. Mr. McNeil stated that the amendments to the Reserve Policy consist of (1) expanding the definition of reserves to include both the Net Position and balances in the Fiscal Stabilization Fund and (2) adding a goal of achieving 120 days liquidity on hand.

Mr. Bardacke added that the price CPA pays for power is impacted by how strong CPA reserves are and is a direct link to how the agency serves its customers.

Committee Member Tom asked for the timing of CPA's credit rating, and Mr. McNeil noted that progress in liquidity and reserves, as well as a solid track-record factor into the credit rating timeline. Committee Member Gutierrez commented that CAC members need a solid communication strategy to share CPA's long-term goals with the community. Committee Member Hernandez added that educational materials for CAC members are needed and expressed concerns that customers may feel overwhelmed if the information shared with them is not clear.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Committee Member Lesser requested that staff provide Committee Members with more resources to understand their roles better so they can effectively represent their communities and provide valuable feedback. Vice Chair Simmons commented that Oxnard College provided a matching grant on the Voyager Scholarship Program and encouraged CPA to involve them in CPA events to encourage their professional growth. Committee Member Tom added that the energy industry is complicated, and some information does not need to necessarily be shared with customers, but rather focus on getting direction as to what staff needs the CAC to participate in and what is best left to other partners.

Mr. Bardacke acknowledged Committee Member comments about the CAC's role in providing feedback and in assisting with community engagement and noted that staff would be more intentional in communicating with the CAC. Sherita Coffelt, Director of External Affairs, commented that the CAC will play a big part in developing marketing strategies for both the agency and its' customer programs.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None.

### **ADJOURN**

Chair Haake adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

## Staff Report – Agenda Item 2

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**To:** Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee (CAC)  
**From:** Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager  
**Approved by:** Ted Bardacke, Executive Director  
**Subject:** 2020/2021 Adopted Work Plan  
**Date:** February 18, 2021

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file.

### **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

In September 2020, the CAC adopted their 2020-2021 Workplan. Staff synthesized CAC Members' input into a final product that organized activities into three categories:

- **CPA Commitments to the CAC** – Actions and deliverables CPA staff will provide, such as training and educational materials to support CAC members in performance of their duties; as well as a list of priority topics for feedback, that the Board will be considering throughout the year.
- **CAC Member Commitments** – Actions each CAC member is expected to take, at minimum, as part of the CAC (e.g., soliciting input from community stakeholders and participating in organized outreach events); and
- **Opportunities for Expanded CAC Engagement** – Additional activities that CAC members may elect to undertake, individually or collectively, beyond their minimum commitments.

Staff will be tracking this workplan closely and providing monthly updates to the Board of Directors and CAC.

### **Implementation Update**

Since adoption of the workplan in late September, the CAC has been provided updates

on items for Board considerations, including community programs, workforce development, and financial considerations for feedback. In addition, staff provides the CAC Chair and Vice Chairs an update on upcoming topics for feedback and direction prior to adding items to the CAC agendas.

Additionally, staff conducted a regional goal setting and region-specific objective discussion with all seven sub-regions represented on the CAC. These discussions provided guidance to staff on how best to approach customer education prior to the launch of various CPA customer programs. With the upcoming launch of CPA Power Share, staff provided the CAC members a Power Share survey in three languages, for distribution in their communities to help staff better understand how best to communicate with eligible CPA customers about the program.

Finally, during these regional discussions, the CAC identified the need to convene a discussion group comprised of a select subset of the CAC to discuss the potential for collaboration with education institutions to provide educational materials on renewable energy. Staff will launch this process in the next month.

### **NEXT STEPS**

In addition to the creation of a CAC discussion group on education, staff has developed and distributed to the CAC educational video tutorials that provide a deeper dive on key topics such as reliability, rates, and CPA finances.

Staff brings key items such as Power Share to the CAC in the coming months as an update as well as for guidance. In addition to a monthly workplan update, staff will also be providing targeted educational toolkits to the CAC to use for outreach on programs to ensure that communities who have been historically marginalized are provided with the resources to understand the benefits of CPA programs, financial assistance, and renewable energy in their communities.

### **ATTACHMENT**

- 1) [Adopted CAC Workplan \(for reference only\)](#)

## Clean Power Alliance of Southern California Community Advisory Committee 2020-21 Workplan

*Adopted September 17, 2020*

Clean Power Alliance (CPA) believes in a clean energy future that is local, where communities are empowered, and customers are given a choice about the source of their energy. We are Southern California's locally operated electricity provider across Los Angeles and Ventura counties, offering clean renewable energy at competitive rates.

In furtherance of its mission and goals, CPA's Joint Powers Agreement establishes a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to provide a venue for ongoing community support and engagement in the policy direction of the organization.

The CAC is comprised of a total of 15 members representing customers or key stakeholders residing or working in seven (7) geographical regions comprising CPA's service territory, as follows:

- A. Three (3) members from the East Ventura/West Los Angeles County Region.
- B. Two (2) members from the West/Unincorporated Ventura County.
- C. Two (2) members from the Westside region in Los Angeles County.
- D. Two (2) members from the South Bay region in Los Angeles County.
- E. Two (2) members from the Gateway Cities region in Los Angeles County.
- F. Two (2) members from the San Gabriel Valley region in Los Angeles County.
- G. Two (2) members from the Unincorporated Los Angeles County.

In 2020, the CAC undertook a visioning process to identify priority issues and activities for 2020-2021. This process resulted in development of the 2020-2021 CAC work plan. The work plan is intended to guide CAC member activities over the coming year and serve as a tool for CAC, CPA staff, and CPA Board communication, collaboration, and impact assessment. It will also inform the development of more detailed individual CAC member and region-specific objectives and work plans for this time period. The work plan organizes CAC-related activities into three categories: 1) CPA Commitments to Support the CAC; 2) CAC Member Commitments; and 3) Opportunities for Expanded CAC Engagement; and outlines planned activities and timelines for each.

### **1. CPA Commitments to Support the CAC**

- Present key CPA Board items to the CAC for review and input in advance of Board decision making, including:
  - Long-term clean energy/storage requests for offers (RFOs)
  - Rate setting
  - Legislative and regulatory platforms
  - Annual budget and budget amendments
  - Local program design and evaluation
  - Workforce development
- Support CAC chair, co-chairs, and individual members in development of individual and region-specific objectives and work plans
- Support the convening of CAC working groups as needed to define 2021 objectives and activities for priority topics/initiatives identified in the CAC work plan

- Develop and deliver targeted educational materials and trainings for CAC members including an orientation manual and video tutorials on CPA and energy topics
- Develop CAC master list of community/stakeholder groups and contacts with input from CAC members
- Facilitate communication and alignment between the CAC and the Board of Directors.

## **2. CAC Member Commitments**

- Solicit stakeholder input as needed and provide input and feedback to the CPA Board on key policy and planning topics, including:
  - Long-term clean energy/storage requests for offers (RFOs)
  - Legislative and regulatory platforms
  - Rate setting
  - Annual budget and budget amendments
  - Local program design and evaluation
  - Workforce development
- Work with CAC co-chairs and CPA staff to develop individual member and region-specific objectives and work plans
- Participate in CPA-organized outreach activities in their respective region (e.g., Earth Day events)
- Build relationships with community leaders and organizations in impacted and hard to reach communities
- Follow CPA on social media and engage as needed/appropriate to raise awareness of CPA in community and region
- Respond to community questions/comments and alert CPA staff to community commentary that may warrant staff engagement
- Engage in CAC trainings and review of CAC materials
- Work with staff to identify community stakeholders in all regions and provide contact lists for development of master CAC list
- Convene a working group on community outreach/education to identify objectives and activities for 2021
- Participate in annual CAC retreat to establish 2021-2022 goals and priorities.

## **3. Opportunities for Expanded CAC Engagement**

Beyond the minimum and ongoing commitments listed in the sections above, CAC members identified the following priorities for deeper engagement in 2020-2021:

- Education on CPA, energy, and climate issues in partnership with K-12 institutions and youth organizations
- Addressing community resilience needs and opportunities around demand response
- Developing a list of current green energy jobs and promoting them through various platforms.

CAC co-chairs and CPA staff will work with CAC members to convene working group(s) as needed starting in Q4 2020 to develop specific objectives and work plans for each of the priority areas identified above and bring recommendations back to the full CAC for review. Potential activities to be detailed in the workplans may include:

- Pursue deeper and/or more frequent engagement with Board on key topics:
  - Provide regular (quarterly, semi-annual or annual) reports to Board members in their region
  - Help organize meetings with community stakeholders and/or elected officials in their region to solicit input on specific topics or issues

- Research and develop recommendations to the Board on key items of interest (e.g., metrics on workforce development or program impact, legislation, CPUC hearings)
- Pursue deeper and/or broader community engagement
  - Recruit and partner with educational institutions, community organizations, interns or volunteers on specific projects or campaigns (e.g., an “opt up” social media campaign, a series of local program enrollment events)
  - Actively post about CPA on social media and write op-eds or letters to the editors
  - Work with CPA staff to develop and communicate key metrics on CPA programs and impacts

The CAC will review and modify this work plan as needed based on evolving CPA needs, community priorities, and Board recommendations and requests.

### Staff Report – Agenda Item 3

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**To:** Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Ted Bardacke, Executive Director

**Subject:** Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

**Date:** February 18, 2021

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The Executive Director will provide an oral report on CPA operations.

## Staff Report – Agenda Item 4

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**To:** Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Jack Clark, Director of Customer Programs

**Approved by:** Ted Bardacke, Executive Director

**Subject:** California Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (CALeVIP)

**Date:** February 18, 2021

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and provide input.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1) [CALeVIP Presentation](#)



# **Item 4**

# **CPA's Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Program**

February 18, 2021

## Summary

- Transportation Electrification is a key priority in CPA's Local Programs Strategic Plan
- Prior to bringing its first electric vehicle charger incentive programs to the Board for consideration in April, CPA staff is seeking input from the CAC on:
  - Targeted Geographies – where are chargers needed in your community?
  - Potential Partners – are there particular entities in your community that CPA should be working with to identify actual sites?
  - Program Design and Marketing – Are there program design or marketing messages that would resonate in your communities
- Proposed programs will be done with matching funds from the state, so program innovation will have to fit within the state's overall program guidelines

## Background

- California has set aggressive electric vehicle (EV) goals
  - 5 million EVs on the road by 2030
  - 250,000 EV charging stations by 2025
- Southern California faces a growing challenge in that regional EV adoption is outpacing the availability of infrastructure for EV drivers.
- CALeVIP was launched by the State of California to spur the rapid deployment of publicly accessible Level 2 EV Chargers (L2) and Level 3 Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) through targeted incentive projects based on regional needs.
- State funds are administered by the California Energy Commission (CEC).

## CALeVIP Basics

- Potential project funding is based on a gap analysis of charging needs by county.
- CEC encourages local entities (referred to as “local partners”) to collaborate at the regional level on proposed projects, including providing local match funding.
- CCAs have been significant source of local match funding, along with regional air districts.
- CEC and local partner funds are pooled and administered by the non-profit Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE).
- EV charging sites may be owned publicly (e.g. at a municipal facility) or privately (e.g. at a business), but they must be publicly accessible to any EV driver 24/7
- 25% or more of funding must allocated to Disadvantaged Communities

# CALeVIP Program Portal



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## South Central Coast Incentive Project (Ventura County)

Agency	Chargers		Funding
	Level 2	DCFC	
CEC	586	6	\$2,646,000
VCAPCD	375	?	\$1,500,000
<b>CPA</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>\$533,000 (1<sup>st</sup> Yr)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$4,679,000</b>

- Level 2 Average rebate: \$4,000
- DCFC Average rebate: \$50,000
- LA County Project numbers are still in development

## Next Steps

- Finalize Scope of Work on Ventura and LA County Projects
- Board Action expected in April 2020
- Currently recruiting for the Electrification Program Manager
- Anticipated launch date for Ventura County program is August 2021
- Anticipated launch date for LA County program is Q1 2022

## Request for Input

- Targeted Geographies – where are chargers needed in your community?
- Potential Partners – are there particular entities in your community that CPA should be working with to identify actual sites?
- Program Design and Marketing – Are there program design or marketing messages that would resonate in your communities?
- Other ideas?

## Staff Report – Agenda Item 5

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**To:** Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Gina Goodhill, Policy Director

**Approved by:** Ted Bardacke, Executive Director

**Subject:** 2021 Legislative Preview and Bill Discussion

**Date:** February 18, 2021

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file.

### **ATTACHMENT**

- 1) [2021 Legislative Preview and Bill Discussion Presentation](#)



# **Item 5**

# **2021 Legislative Preview & Bill**

# **Discussion**

February 18, 2021

## Summary

- CPA can advance its clean energy priorities, organizational objectives, and cost competitiveness through advocacy at the state level
- CPA has contracted lobbyists in Sacramento but state level advocacy is most effective when backed by local leaders and community voices
- CPA's top legislative priority this year will be a bill that reestablishes some balance and fairness to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)
- Other hot legislative topics include the electrification of buildings and transportation, efforts to improve electricity reliability and funding for climate change adaptation
- The CAC can assist in a number of ways, particularly through partnering with elected officials in your communities to lend support for priority items
- Throughout the year, CPA staff welcomes CAC suggestions on "in-scope" bills that CPA may want to take a formal position on

## Current Legislative Overview

- Bills related to the electricity sector, climate change mitigation, and climate change adaptation.
- Meant to push the state further in our clean energy goals; to advance building and vehicle electrification; to increase reliability; and to provide funding for resiliency in the face of climate change.
- Governor's draft budget includes funding for the State's zero-emission vehicle goals.
- All will take place in the context of economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic and preparation for upcoming statewide elections

# Fair Access to Legacy Energy Resources Bill

## The Problem:

- Over the last ten years, millions of utility customers have transitioned from IOU electric service to CCAs
- When a customer transitions, the customer continues to share cost responsibility with IOU customers for legacy resources purchased prior to the customer's transition to CCA service
- While all customers bear cost responsibility for legacy resources, **only IOU customers have the right to access the benefits of these resources**, such as renewable energy, greenhouse-gas free energy, and resource adequacy

# Fair Access to Legacy Energy Resources Bill

## The Solution:

- Provides IOU, CCA, and direct access customers equal right to receive legacy resource products in proportion to their load share
- Requires the CPUC to recognize the value of GHG-free energy in the same way value is recognized for renewable energy and other products
- Requires IOUs to offer any excess legacy resource products to the wholesale market in an annual solicitation
- Requires each IOU to transparently solicit interest from legacy resource contract holders in re-negotiating, buying out, or otherwise reducing costs from these contracts

# Next Steps

- Legislators want to hear from their local communities
  - CPA Lobby Day March 10, 2021
  - Committee hearings set to start mid-March
- CPA will be asking its member agencies to take positions on PCIA bill
- If/when a city considers taking a position, hearing from community members is important – CAC members will be informed
- Talking points/letters of support will be sent out





## Staff Report – Agenda Item 6

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**To:** Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee  
**From:** Ted Bardacke, Executive Director  
**Subject:** 2021 Rates Update  
**Date:** February 18, 2021

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Staff will provide an update on CPA's 2021 Rates and potential Energy Portfolio cost reduction actions.

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