

MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, October 22, 2020  
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 1:01 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>	Lilian Teran Mendoza	Absent
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Jennifer Burke	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Richard Tom	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Robert Parkhurst (Vice-Chair)	Remote
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Lucas Zucker	Remote
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Steven Nash	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	David Lesser	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	Emmitt Hayes	Remote
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Jaime Lopez	Absent
<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 September 17, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
2. Rotating Outages Root Cause Analysis
3. COVID-19 Bill Assistance Program Update

**Motion:** Committee Member Lesser, South Bay

**Second:** Committee Member Gutierrez, Westside

**Vote:** The consent calendar was approved by a roll call vote.

## REGULAR AGENDA

4. CPA Power Response Program Update

Tyler Aguirre, Customer Programs Manager, reviewed program history, goals, lessons learned, and next steps for the program, including scaling the program with a scheduled Request for Proposals (RFO) in 2021.

In response to Committee Member questions, Ms. Aguirre noted that program requirements and difficulty identifying eligible customers has limited enrollment of commercial customers with electric vehicle charging stations and battery storage systems, which will be addressed going forward. She noted that Olivine provided the bulk of program implementation and Calpine assisted in an administrative role and that these roles may change after the conclusion of the RFP process. Ms. Aguirre noted that CPA hopes to scale the Power Response program to a point where it sees financial returns; and stated that the program has not targeted any specific types of commercial customers but that municipal and industrial customers may be particularly interesting and valuable program participants.

5. Workforce Development Program Options

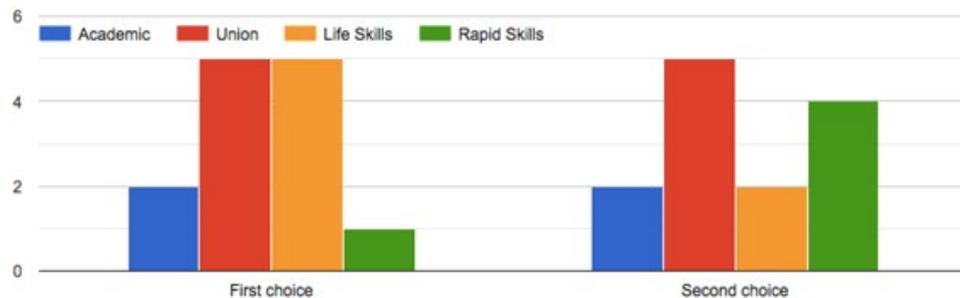
Rebecca Ferdman, External Affairs Advisor, presented a framework and landscape analysis for evaluating options for deployment of the \$1 million clean energy workforce development investment committed by Mohave County Wind Farm, LLC, as part of its 2019 Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with CPA. Ms. Ferdman described five considerations for evaluation workforce development investment opportunities: workforce skills gaps; gaps in workforce representation; relevance to CPA's mission; readiness for implementation; and how investments will support pathways to family-sustaining or "high road" jobs for workers. Ms. Ferdman then described four investment categories of workforce development: Academic, Union, Life Skills, and Rapid Skills. She discussed how each category can be assessed against the five considerations listed above and discussed local examples in each category. Lastly, Ms. Ferdman requested feedback from CAC Members on its priorities and preferences for workforce investment based on CPA's mission and the landscape analysis, that will help inform the Board's decision making on the investment.

Committee Members thanked Ms. Ferdman for an exceptional and thorough presentation. Committee Member Lesser inquired about partnerships with workforce development boards; Vice Chair Parkhurst asked for more details on the next steps and how CAC feedback will be used; and Committee Member Burke asked about other Community Choice Aggregators' (CCAs) workforce development programs.

Staff clarified that partnerships with workforce development boards could be explored, however they are not currently listed as potential recipients of funding; and noted that other CCA's have had smaller funding opportunities for workforce development in the form of grant programs, however CPA has the unique opportunity to make a larger impact in a selected investment area because of the funding amount.

Committee Member Nash expressed support for funding a single investment category to ensure a lasting impact; Committee Member Hernandez asked for more information on the recommended opportunities and expressed support for programs promoting readiness skills and the possibility of launching pilot programs; Committee Member Bugarin supported investments that create partnerships with other community programs and demonstrate CPA's mission to provide local community support. Vice Chair Simmons expressed support for programs that smooth the path into a higher career and are inclusive of rapid skills. Committee Member Gutierrez expressed support for partnerships outside of academia since CPA has already established other programs in that area. Committee Member Zucker added that CPA should leverage its procurement policies to incentivize clean energy developers to hire workers that are part of the programs CPA will fund. Committee Member Burke commented that CPA has the chance to develop unique programs in rapid and life skills, but staff should identify what the metrics for success should be. Chair Haake echoed Committee Member Burke's comments and thanked Committee Members for their input.

Committee Members participated in a live survey and provided the following responses:



**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Vice Chair Parkhurst requested an update on CPA's educational funding initiatives.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Haake adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.