

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

The Legislative & Regulatory 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 10:02 a.m. and Clerk of the Board, Gabriela Monzon, conducted roll call.

Roll Call			
Agoura Hills	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
Carson	Cedric Hicks Reata Kulcsar	Committee Member 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 March 24, 2021 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

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

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Oral Update from the Policy Director on CPA Legislative Activities

C.C. Song provided an update on the proposed decision (PD) on the Working Group 3 final report issued by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Ms. Song explained that the CPUC's PD rejects the paradigm that departing load customers are entitled to legacy resources; provides minimal Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) allocations; allocates some GHG-free resources only until 2023, after the retirement of Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. CPA staff is coordinating outreach efforts through CalCCA for

lobbying meetings with CPUC Commissioners; is encouraging the CPUC to delay the vote of the proposed decision to reconsider and provide revisions.

In response to questions from Chair Horvath and Committee Member Horvath, Ms. Song noted that staff is cautiously optimistic that the CPUC will agree to delay the PD vote; Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, provided clarification that ex parte meetings with Commissioners are ongoing; Southern California Edison (SCE) was part of the Working Group 3 and submitted comments aligned with CPA's position on RPS and GHG-free, but remained silent on Resource Adequacy (RA). PG&E, which dropped out of the Working Group 3 joint proposal is also conducting their own meetings and their concerns have considerable influence on the CPUC's decision-making.

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, shared that SB 612's recent consideration at the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee, included support from 90 cities and counties, community groups, renewable energy providers, supported the bill. SCE, PG&E, The Utility Reform Network (TURN), and the Coalition of Utility Employees opposed the bill. SB 612 was amended in committee to remove some of its prescriptiveness to strike a balance between the role of the legislature and the role of the CPUC; the amendments still preserve the core of the bill which is to provide CCAs proportional access to legacy resources that allows them to comply with SB 350 long-term contract requirements. Ms. Goodhill thanked Committee Members for their invaluable participation in the advocacy efforts.

Chair Horvath added that the hearing provided insight into some of the misinformation about CCAs that requires some educational efforts. In response to Committee Member Hicks' question about SB612's effect on the PCIA, Ms. Goodhill explained that if the bill pass, it will direct the CPUC to resolve the details as part of the proceeding but will create guardrails around the protection of CCAs. Mr. Bardacke added that the passage of SB 612 will have a measurable and material fiscal impact over the medium term and though it will not help in this fiscal year, it can reduce costs in future years.

3. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve a Support Position on Three Bills in the 2021/2022 Legislative Session

Ms. Goodhill provided an oral report of all bills and noted that all are authored by legislators that represent CPA service territory.

[SB 757 \(Limon\):](#)

This bill would create protections for consumers that install home solar systems, by including solar in the definition of home improvements, thereby requiring customers to receive the same protections that they would from a home improvement contractor. Unfortunately, according to the author, some Californians have been misled by solar installers who misrepresent their services; these instances of fraud most commonly impact low-income consumers, non-native English speakers, and seniors. The bill is supported by a diverse set of stakeholders, including the California Solar and Storage Association.

Motion: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach

Second: Committee Member Hicks, Carson

Vote: Motion to support SB 757 was approved by a roll call vote.

AB 585 (L. Rivas):

This bill would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program within the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), to coordinate the state's efforts to address extreme heat and facilitate the implementation of local, regional, and state planning efforts. The bill would require OPR to manage a competitive grant program for extreme heat and resiliency projects. Qualifying projects include the construction or retrofit of facilities that will serve as community resiliency centers, similar to the work CPA is already doing through its Power Ready program that provides back-up power to critical facilities. Local and regional public agencies and joint powers authorities would both be eligible to receive these grants. The program would be funded through bonds or other special funds, though it is not clear yet how the grants are funded. The bill aligns with CPA's goal to support local resiliency.

Motion: Committee Member Hicks, Carson

Second: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach

Vote: Motion to support AB 585 was approved by a roll call vote.

SB 533 (Stern):

This bill proposes several measures to minimize public safety power shutoffs (PSPS). The bill would require an Investor Owned Utility (IOU) to identify circuits that are frequently de-energized and take steps to reduce the need for de-energization in their wildfire mitigation plans. The bill also requires IOUs to collaborate with local governments and CCAs to develop microgrids. CPA supports the goals outlined in the bill and suggests amending the bill to require coordination with an applicable CCA, rather than to *suggest* coordination. Further, if an IOU decides that one or more microgrids are required in the service territory of a CCA, the CCA shall be given the option to provide the generation portion of the microgrid system. The bill should also clarify that the CCA will continue to be the only load serving entity to charge a generation rate for the customers within its service territory, even if an IOU operates a microgrid in a CCA territory. The author's office is open to CPA's suggested amendments.

Motion: Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills

Second: Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach

Vote: Motion to support SB 533 if amended, was approved by a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.