

MINUTES

MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Thursday, February 18, 2021
1:00 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair David Haake called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Board Clerk conducted roll call.

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

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from February 18, 2021 Community Advisory Committee Meeting
2. Update on the CAC 2020/2021 Adopted Work Plan

Motion: Committee Member Gutierrez, Westside
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, discussed: the 2021 Board Reception; the transition to participation rates rather than opt-out rates to reflect the change in customer composition which allows for the tracking of move-ins and move-outs of customers within the service territory.

Committee Member Bugarin asked if language or income levels share a correlation with participation rates. Mr. Bardacke stated that notices go out in English, Spanish, and Chinese, and reviewing the data can help to infer how demographics are related to participation rates.

Lastly, Mr. Bardacke announced that staff is participating in the Santa Monica Climate Action Network's (SaMoCAN) event to support the CAC members' goal to bring awareness of CPA's goals and milestones. Committee Member Gutierrez noted that this is a pilot event to implement the information CAC members receive from CPA staff.

4. Update on California Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (CALeVIP)

Jack Clark, Director of Customer Programs, provided a background of the CALeVIP program, noting that transportation electrification is a key priority in CPA's Local Programs Strategic Plan; and the program was launched by the State of California to spur the rapid deployment of publicly accessible EV chargers through targeted incentive projects based on regional needs. Mr. Clark discussed the program's funding mechanisms, specifically the South-Central Coast Incentive Project in Ventura County. Mr. Clark concluded with next steps in finalizing the scope of work on both the Ventura and LA County projects and requested CAC feedback on targeted geographies, potential partners to work with in CPA's communities, and program design/marketing messaging.

In response to Committee Member questions regarding funding allocations and geographic location of chargers, Mr. Clark noted that parking lots are usually a great choice because of 24/7 access; and clarified that funding is designated for marketing, outreach, and incentives. The maintenance of chargers will be the responsibility of the owners or operators of the property; however, there will be substantial technical assistance on behalf of the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the program administrator to conduct its due diligence and ensure partners are equipped to maintain the EV chargers. Committee Member Lesser suggested that Councils of Governments be tapped as potential partners. Committee Member Bugarin shared that supporting renters who own EV's is

important; suggested that more emphasis be placed on fast chargers for commuters; suggested that CPA's program incentives correlate with Southern California Edison's Charge Ready 2 program; and lastly that it may be possible to collaborate with property owners on peak demand management. Committee Member Lopez suggested that in addition to placing EV chargers in disadvantaged communities, that assistance should be provided to low-income renters to purchase electric vehicles. Mr. Clark added that there is a potential program design to allow for used EV's for low-income families or renters, and emphasis will be placed in conducting outreach to those communities. Committee Member Fromer echoed comments about focusing on demand management and focusing on community-scale opportunities and suggested that commercial facilities and large employers such as colleges can provide a higher level of accessibility and flexibility in demand. Mr. Clark agreed that demand management elements are important to the program design.

Committee Member Gutierrez added that landlords may also be a group to reach out to and staff should consider partnerships with local school and churches; asked how the CALeVIP program can overlap with CPA's Power Share program. Mr. Clark explained that staff aims to eliminate silos in each initiative as well as reach out to all groups that may be a resource and provide mutually beneficial relationships. Committee Member Tom noted that it is important to identify the type of EV chargers needed in each community and added that local governments can also be partners in the program; Committee Member Burke agreed that local governments can be a supportive partner. In response to Committee Member Luu's questions about pricing, Mr. Clark explained that staff will explore what pricing will look like for customers before the program is launched.

5. 2021 Legislative Preview and Bill Discussion

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, provided a brief report on the upcoming legislative priorities for the year, including focus on bills that address building and transportation electrification; reliability; climate action adaptation; and specifically, bills that advance green hydrogen, address offshore wind procurement, accelerate the State's progress towards 100% renewable or zero-carbon resources; funding for microgrids on critical facilities; and a bill that reestablishes some balance and fairness to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA). Ms. Goodhill discussed the latter PCIA bill, noting that over the last ten years, millions of utility customers have transitioned from Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) electric service to Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), and the customers continue to bear the cost responsibility with IOU customers for legacy resources purchased on their behalf. However, only IOU customers have the right to access the benefits of these resources, such as renewable energy, GHG free energy, and resource adequacy. Ms. Goodhill explained that this bill will ensure CCA customers are able to access their proportionate share of the benefits of IOU legacy contracts for which they are paying and ensures IOUs manage their legacy contracts to maximize their value for IOU and CCA customers alike. Lastly, Ms. Goodhill noted that CPA will host a virtual lobby day on March 10 and shared that CAC members may be asked to provide assistance in advocacy and engagement throughout the community.

Chair Haake requested clarification on green hydrogen; Committee Member Gutierrez asked about a timeline for submittal of support letters and how CAC members can provide support and advocacy where it is most needed. Ms. Goodhill explained that: green hydrogen uses electrolysis and is considered different from hydrogen made from natural gas; support letters can be submitted as soon as possible; and agreed that staff will provide more guidance to CAC members in their advocacy efforts.

Committee Member Hernandez asked how many bills CPA will weigh in on and requested talking points; Committee Member Burke asked for more information on the PCIA bill and requested resources for interacting and advocating in the community; Committee Member Lopez asked why current legislation excludes fair access to legacy resources and the bill's impact on CPA customers; and Committee Member Gutierrez asked about the impact of the Governor's recall on the legislative session. Ms. Goodhill clarified that once there is additional language on the PCIA bill, talking points will be finalized and provided, and CPA will weigh-in on bills that are critical to its' service territory with guidance from the board-approved legislative and regulatory platform. Ms. Goodhill explained that the PCIA bill is sponsored by CalCCA and authored by Senator Portantino, and CPA is not aware of any opposition to the bill; noted that the California Public Utilities Commission has been aware of the lack of fairness in the access to legacy energy resources and the PCIA bill is a response to its lack of action in the regulatory arena. In response to Committee Member Lopez, Mr. Bardacke added that the in order to retain current customers and attract new ones, CPA must have competitive rates. Lastly, Ms. Goodhill explained that the Governor and his staff may be focused on addressing the recall effort and other COVID-19 bill relief and have less time to work on other legislative efforts.

Committee Member Gutierrez shared more details on the SaMoCAN event and how this event can bring awareness to the community of CPA's goals to address climate solutions.

6. 2021 Rates Update & Potential Energy Portfolio Cost Reduction Actions

This item was rescheduled to a later date.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

In response to Committee Member Lesser's question about the CAC's participation at the Board Reception, Mr. Bardacke clarified that CAC members will be asked to provide context to new Board members as to the communities' needs and other insights that CAC members can offer as Board members begin their tenure on the CPA Board of Directors.

Committee Member Lopez shared an event with Committee Members that will address variability and vulnerability to climate change and coastal risks in Los Angeles County and requested that staff explore a centralized calendar for CAC members' use.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Member Hernandez requested a retreat for the committee for CAC strategic planning and team building.

Committee Member Bugarin requested that items be explored which can spotlight activities of Committee Members in each of the CAC's subregions.

ADJOURN

Chair Haake thanked staff for the valuable information presented and adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.