

MEETING of the Executive Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:30 p.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.

WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chair Diana Mahmud called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and Clerk of the Board Gabriela Monzon conducted roll call.

Roll Call			
Agoura Hills	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
Beverly Hills	Julian Gold	Committee Member	Remote
Los Angeles County	Sheila Kuehl	Vice Chair	Remote
Oxnard	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Member	Remote
Rolling Hills Estates	Steve Zuckerman	Committee Member	Remote
Santa Monica	Kevin McKeown	Committee Member	Remote
South Pasadena	Diana Mahmud	Chair	Remote
Ventura County	Linda Parks	Vice Chair	Remote
West Hollywood	Lindsey Horvath	Committee Member	Remote

All items are unanimously approved unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from November 18, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting

Motion: Vice Chair Kuehl, Los Angeles County
Second: Committee Member McKeown, Santa Monica
Vote: Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, announced that CPA will welcome incoming board members through January and February 2021 and that staff is prepared to begin the onboarding process. Mr. Bardacke also informed the Committee of his appointment as Vice President on the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA); and that both the Mohave Wind Project and Golden Field Solar Project are coming online ahead of schedule.

Vice Chair Parks noted the important of doing outreach to showcase the projects and Committee Member Gold asked about the financial impact, if any, of a project coming online earlier than anticipated. Staff responded that there is marketing planned via the newsletter and a press release will be going out in the new year; and clarified that projects coming online ahead of schedule do offset the need to purchase additional energy, but staff anticipates this and plans accordingly. In response to Chair Mahmud's question about the Mohave Wind Project's anticipated capacity, Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning and Procurement, shared that staff will not know how resources are performing until enough base data is collected during the output of test energy and the site is operating under CPA's performance guarantees.

Lastly, Mr. Bardacke discussed the planned 2021 Board of Directors reception and requested feedback. Committee Members expressed satisfaction with the draft agenda, particularly the virtual tour of CPA's new projects.

3. Presentation on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Planning

Karen Schmidt, Senior Advisor for Strategy, discussed organizational and state-mandated efforts to create a DEI plan in the first two quarters of 2021 that includes three components: supplier diversity; customer program spending and community investments; and internal diversity. Additionally, Ms. Schmidt reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 255 requirements, including the submittal of a report on procurement from women, minority, disabled veteran, and LGBT business enterprises (WMDVLGBT) and a plan for increasing procurement from small, local, and diverse business enterprises. Ms. Schmidt explained that supplier diversity addressed metrics on spending and data collection; and organizational goals around increasing diversity through activities that include workforce development partnerships, supplier outreach and development, and supply chain management. The customer program spending and community investments component focused on how CPA utilizes program spend and the ways that those are supporting equity and inclusion goals; workforce development; and grants to Community Based Organizations (CBOs). The

third component is internal diversity and includes developing metrics around staff, leadership, Board, and CAC diversity and establishing staff recruitment practices and advancement opportunities. Ms. Schmidt explained that the DEI plan includes proposed metrics for each of the three components, proposed goals, and a road map. Over the next few months, Ms. Schmidt noted that CPA staff will undertake a process that includes data collection, a goal-setting stage, implementation planning, and review and feedback collection from the Board of Directors.

In response to Committee Member Horvath's questions regarding a metric for the impacts of CPA programs on communities of color and their participation, Ms. Schmidt noted that the customer programs and community investments component will aim to track that as well.

Chair Mahmud commented that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) maintains a certified WMDVLGBT supplier list and asked how this list may affect those enterprises wanting to do business with CPA and if any verification by CPA of such a certification would be conducted. Ms. Schmidt noted that there are no requirements to source from the CPUC list at this time, even though it has been previously discussed. In response to Committee Member Gold's questions regarding reporting requirements to member counties in CPA's jurisdiction, Mr. Bardacke and General Counsel Nancy Whang opined that neither SB 255 and CPA's governing documents have any reporting requirements to member counties or cities.

Vice Chair Kuehl added that the County of Los Angeles had started an Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion initiative that emphasized three focus areas to not only address compliance requirements but also embrace internal diversity and modified contracting procedures to be more inclusive; and noted that CPA has the opportunity not just to comply but lead and exemplify in this area.

Vice Chair Parks added that the County of Ventura also created a DEI task force to address diversity and appropriately distribute resources to those who need them the most.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Kuehl thanked staff for their work in moving CPA forward in the energy industry and noted that CPA may be able to potentially impact the national agenda.

Committee Member Zuckerman inquired about the benefits of grid infrastructure to Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) like CPA. Mr. Bardacke explained that a robust grid benefits everyone in the industry and at a national level, discussions about improving the grid overall will take place, with the Western United States being a focus area in the conversation.

Committee Member Ramirez commented that an overview of the national strategy and CPA's ability to showcase its' work would be very beneficial to the organization. Vice Chair Kuehl and Chair Mahmud expressed interest in exploring ways to serve as a model to other areas of the country where CCAs do not exist.

ADJOURN

Chair Mahmud adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.