



REGULAR MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee

of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

12:15 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from August 25, 2021 Energy Committee Meeting
2. Receive and File August and September 2021 Risk Management Team Report

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Power Share RFO Update

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2021

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 12:15 p.m.

The Energy Planning & Resources 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

Chair Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and Clerk of the Board, Gabriela Monzon, conducted roll call.

| ROLL CALL | | | |
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| Alhambra | Jeffrey Maloney | Committee Member | Remote |
| Arcadia | Tom Tait | Committee Member | Remote |
| Carson | Reata Kulcsar | Committee Member | Remote |
| Sierra Madre | Robert Parkhurst | Chair | Remote |
| Thousand Oaks | Helen Cox | Committee Member | Absent |
| Ventura County | Carmen Ramirez | Committee Member | Absent |

All votes are unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from July 28, 2021, Energy Committee Meetings
2. Receive and File July 2021 Risk Management Team Reports

Motion: Committee Member Tait, Arcadia
Second: Committee Member Kulcsar, Carson
Vote: The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. 2021 Power Share RFO Program Update

Natasha Keefer, Vice President of Power Supply, provided a background on the Power Share Program, capped at 15 MW, and will serve approximately 6,800 customers when fully subscribed. CPA must implement the programs consistent with CPUC guidelines and the CPUC will reimburse CPA on program costs. The Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff (DAC-GT) and Community Solar Green Tariff (CS-GT) programs will provide eligible low-income customers in disadvantaged communities with 100% renewable energy projects. Ms. Keefer provided a description of both the DAC-GT and CS-GT project eligibility and

customer eligibility. Ms. Keefer provided an example of a commercial and community solar site, describing the project output mechanism, bill discounts, and the contracting process. Ms. Keefer continued with a review of the status of the 2020 Power Share RFO, with three projects still in negotiation and expected for Board consideration in September and October. CPA will launch the 2021 Power Share RFO in October to fill unmet capacity; the remaining capacity after the 2020 power purchase agreements are executed is 9.19 MW and 2.33 MW for the DAC-GT and CS-GT, respectively. Jack Clark, Director of Customer Programs, reviewed outreach campaign activities; stated that CPA undertook a marketing and outreach campaign and developed a partnering resource to facilitate project partnership. CPA identified 59 solar developers/consultants and 64 potential community sponsors to engage for the next RFO and directed them to use the new partnering resource, which allows interested parties to contact each other to evaluate potential Community Solar projects. Ms. Keefer reviewed proposed changes for the upcoming DAC-GT and CS-GT within the 2021 Power Share RFO; the CS-GT component will limit geographic eligibility to DACs in CPA member agency jurisdictions and service territory; fast track eligibility will be required; and there will be a preference for a minimum of 500 kW. The DAC-GT component will not include geographic limitations, as this would jeopardize CPA's ability to offer the full program capacity. Lastly, Ms. Keefer summarized evaluation criteria, and reviewed the proposed schedule, and evaluation criteria, noting that they remain unchanged.

Chair Parkhurst commended CPA's efforts in outreach and marketing given geographic limitations. In response to Committee Member Kulcsar's questions, Ms. Keefer explained that the interconnection fast track eligibility process can vary in length; staff will keep the RFO open longer than usual to account for that process. Fast track eligibility does not require a secured PPA; SCE evaluates the interconnection point, including facility size and design and plans and specifications.

Committee Member Kulcsar expressed concern about the complexity of the program; the availability of marketing material for site hosts; and her involvement and role as a site host contact and Energy Committee member. Ms. Keefer acknowledged the potentially challenging process of interconnection. Discussion amongst Committee Members followed regarding the RFO timeline, and Nancy Whang, General Counsel, recommended that a separate conversation with Committee Member Kulcsar may be needed and can help clarify specific questions about project processes. Ms. Keefer noted that the community sponsor is not in an advantageous position to navigate the interconnection process as it is indeed complicated and technical; therefore, the developer relationship can facilitate the process. The RFO can be extended another month if the committee prefers to do so, but project milestones are important to ensure projects keep moving forward; lack of approval from SCE on interconnection can be a dealbreaker for the project and the developer's role is to move the project through the interconnection and any other technical processes and manage risk. Ms. Whang recommended that a separate conversation about fact-specific circumstances should take place between CPA and member agency staff. Responding to Committee Member Maloney's comments regarding regulatory structure, Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, noted that local sites for the DAC-GT component would likely be in unincorporated L.A. County and stated that L.A. County's Renewable Energy Ordinance makes the development process expensive and complicated.

The Energy Committee discussed potentially extending the RFO deadline and its impact on customer enrollment. The Committee and staff agreed to extend the RFO deadline by two months.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Committee Member Kulcsar requested that marketing materials be made available as soon as possible.

ADJOURN

Chair Parkhurst adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

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Staff Report – Agenda Item 2

To: Energy Planning and Resources Committee
From: Matthew Langer, Chief Operating Officer
Approved by: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director
Subject: Risk Management Team Report
Date: October 27, 2021

August 2021 RMT REPORT

Key Actions

- Reviewed updated load forecast
- Discussed July 2021 market performance driven by relatively high market prices
- Reviewed energy position and approved 2021-2024 hedges
- Reviewed RPS, carbon free and RA positions

September 2021 RMT REPORT

Key Actions

- Discussed August 2021 market performance
- Reviewed energy positions and approved 2021-2023 hedges
- Discussed 2020 CARB Mandatory Reporting of GHG Emissions
- Reviewed positions for RPS, carbon free, and RA and approved a prospective carbon free transaction

Policy Compliance

No policy deviations were reported for August or September.

ATTACHMENT

None.



Staff Report – Agenda Item 3

To: Energy Planning & Resources Committee
From: Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer
Approved by: Ted Bardacke, Executive Director
Subject: 2021 Power Share RFO Update
Date: October 27, 2021

Staff will provide a presentation of the item.

ATTACHMENT

1. 2021 Power Share RFO Update Presentation



Item 3: 2021 Power Share Request for Offers (RFO) Update

October 27, 2021



Agenda

- Power Share – Community Solar Overview
- Recap of August Discussion
- Proposed Revision to RFO Eligibility
- Next Steps

DAC Programs (CPA Branded as “Power Share”)

- Two distinct programs that promote the development of renewable generation in and for underserved communities:

**Disadvantaged
Community Green
Tariff (DAC-GT)
12.19 MW**

*Encourages the development
of clean energy resources
throughout the state*

**Community Solar
Green Tariff
(CS – GT)
3.13 MW**

*Community-based projects
designed to serve local
communities*



Both programs allow eligible CPA customers who enroll in the Power Share program to receive 100% renewable energy and a 20% bill discount

Community Solar Program Description

- Community Solar customers will receive the renewable energy output from a local solar project sized at 3 MW or less
- Project eligibility:
 - Projects located within a DAC that is within 5 miles of benefitting customers' DAC census tract
 - New, RPS-eligible solar, front-of-the-meter generating facility
 - Community Solar projects require a **Community Sponsor**¹ who assists with customer enrollment and ensures project development is consistent with community priorities
- Eligible customers must live within a DAC in CPA territory and be within 5 miles of the project location
 - Enrolled customers will subscribe to a portion of the Community Solar project capacity based on their historical energy usage and receive a 20% bill discount

(1) Community sponsors must be a non-profit community-based organization (CBO) or local government entity

Preparing for the 2021 Power Share RFO

- At the August Energy Committee meeting staff presented an update on the Power Share RFO
- The Energy Committee supported the following changes to the Community Solar program:
 - **Geographic Eligibility** – Community Solar sites limited to only DACs in CPA service territory rather than within 5 miles of eligible CPA customers
 - **Interconnection requirements** – determination of interconnection Fast Track eligibility required
 - **Size eligibility** – minimum size of 500 kW is preferred (aggregations of multiple sites to meet this minimum is OK); single projects under 500 kW will be eligible to bid and be selected but may be subject to a longer contracting process depending on location due to CAISO regulations
 - **RFO timeline** – RFO will remain open for six months instead of four
- Based on developments since August, staff would like to revisit the geographic eligibility requirements ahead of the upcoming Power Share RFO launch

Status of 2020 Power Share RFO

- The Energy Committee shortlisted 3 projects:

| Project | Online | Technology | kW Gen | Env. Stewardship | Benefits to DACs | Workforce Development | Project Location | Development Score | County |
|----------|---------|------------|--------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| DAC-GT A | Q4 2023 | Solar | 3,000 | Neutral | High | High | Medium | Medium | San Bernardino |
| CS-GT B | Q2 2022 | Solar | 350 | High | High | High | High | Low | Los Angeles |
| CS-GT C | Q2 2022 | Solar | 450 | High | High | High | High | Low | Los Angeles |

- The DAC-GT project was approved by the Board and contracted executed in September
- The two Community Solar (CS-GT) projects withdrew after facing site issues and being unable to adhere to the required timelines for contract execution

Community Solar Geographic Eligibility

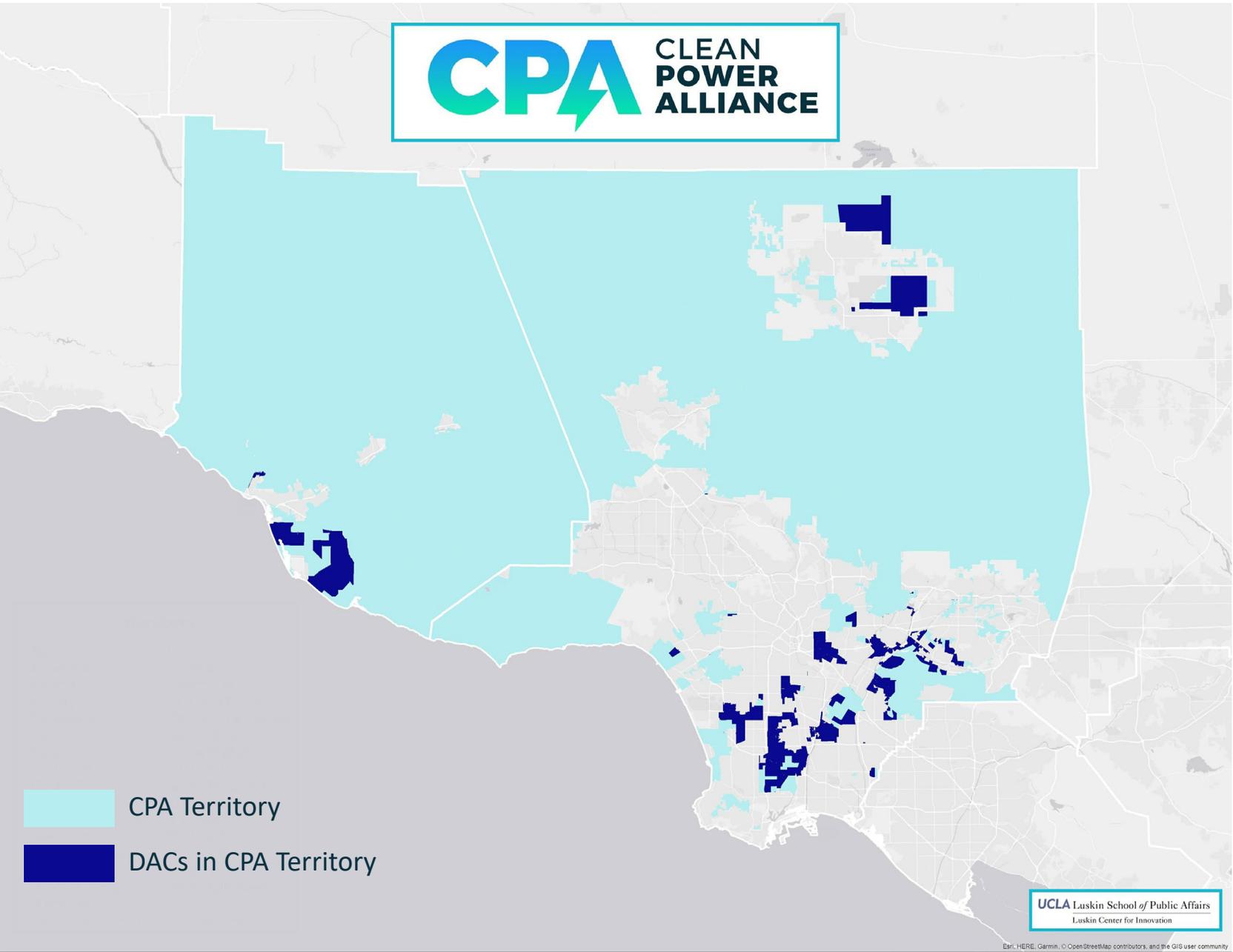
- In August, the Energy Committee agreed with a staff recommendation to limit Community Solar sites to only DACs in CPA member agency jurisdictions/service territory
- Three new developments have caused staff to reconsider this approach
 - First, the two previously shortlisted Community Solar projects did not proceed
 - Maintaining a broader project pool is advisable given that we have yet to execute any Community Solar contracts
 - Second, CPA received an additional allocation of .24MW of Community Solar capacity from other Southern California CCAs
 - Additional capacity means more opportunity for more projects
 - Third, SCE asked the CPUC to suspend its Community Solar program
 - Additional projects could potentially participate in CPA's RFO that may no longer be able to contract with SCE
 - Increases CPA's chances to show success with the program, hopefully ensuring that the CPUC continues to support Community Solar

Next Steps

- Based on feedback from Energy Committee today, file Advice Letter with CPUC seeking approval of CPA's Power Share solicitation materials
- Launch Power Share RFO upon CPUC approval, likely December 2021

Questions and Feedback





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