

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, October 7, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

*The Board of Directors conducted this meeting remotely, pursuant to the Proclamation of the State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, AB 361, and enacting CPA Resolutions, and as a response to mitigating the spread of COVID-19*

### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Chair Diana Mahmud called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and Susan Caputo, Interim Clerk of the Board, conducted roll call.

<b>Roll Call</b>				
1	<b>Agoura Hills</b>	Louis Celaya	Alternate	Remote
2	<b>Alhambra</b>	Jeff Maloney	Director	Remote
3	<b>Arcadia</b>	Sho Tay	Director	Remote
4	<b>Beverly Hills</b>	Julian Gold	Director	Remote
5	<b>Calabasas</b>	Mary Sue Maurer	Director	Remote
6	<b>Camarillo</b>	Susan Santangelo	Director	Remote
7	<b>Carson</b>	Reata Kulcsar	Alternate	Remote
8	<b>Claremont</b>	Corey Calaycay	Director	Remote
9	<b>Culver City</b>	Daniel Lee	Director	Remote
10	<b>Downey</b>			Absent
11	<b>Hawaiian Gardens</b>	Ramie L. Torres	Alternate	Remote
12	<b>Hawthorne</b>	Alex Monteiro	Director	Remote
13	<b>Los Angeles County</b>	Sheila Kuehl	<b>Vice Chair</b>	Remote
14	<b>Malibu</b>	Mikke Pierson	Director	Remote
15	<b>Manhattan Beach</b>	Hildy Stern	Director	Remote
16	<b>Moorpark</b>	Jessica Sandifer	Alternate	Remote
17	<b>Ojai</b>			Absent
18	<b>Oxnard</b>			Absent
19	<b>Paramount</b>			Absent
20	<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Christian Horvath	Director	Remote

21	<b>Rolling Hills Estates</b>	Steve Zuckerman	Director	Remote
22	<b>Santa Monica</b>	Gleam Davis	Director	Remote
23	<b>Sierra Madre</b>	Robert Parkhurst	Director	Remote
24	<b>Simi Valley</b>	Ruth Luevanos	Director	Remote
25	<b>South Pasadena</b>	Diana Mahmud	<b>Chair</b>	Remote
26	<b>Temple City</b>			Absent
27	<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	Bob Engler	Director	Absent
28	<b>City of Ventura</b>	Joe Yahner	Alternate	Remote
29	<b>Ventura County</b>	Linda Parks	<b>Vice Chair</b>	Remote
30	<b>West Hollywood</b>	Lindsey Horvath	Director	Remote
31	<b>Westlake Village</b>	Kelly Honig	Director	Remote
32	<b>Whittier</b>	Vicki Smith	Alternate	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No general public comment was made.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Adopt Resolution 21-10-019 Finding the Continuing Need to Meet Via Teleconference Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 (e)
2. Appointment of Susan Caputo as Interim Board Secretary and Raynette Tom as Alternate Interim Board Secretary
3. Approve Minutes from September 2, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approve IT Security Audit Contract with Hutchinson and Bloodgood LLP for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$16,625
5. Receive and File Community Advisory Committee Monthly Report

**Motion:** Director Horvath, Redondo Beach

**Second:** Director Calaycay, Claremont

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

6. Adopt Resolution 21-10-020 Approving and Adopting Bill Tariff Protection for Time of Use (TOU) Default Rates

Karen Schmidt, Sr. Advisor for Strategy, provided a presentation of the item. Ms. Schmidt explained that California investor-owned utilities (IOUs) began defaulting residential customers to TOU rates starting in October 2020. Although CCAs are not required by law to transition their customers to default TOU generation rates, CPA's Board directed CPA to implement a default TOU transition to coincide with SCE's transition for CPA customers. Ms. Schmidt noted that TOU rates provide

customers with a price signal to reduce consumption during periods of peak demand and described the benefits of TOU, including that it promotes load shifting to daytime hours; reduces resource adequacy costs and GHG emissions, and provides potential savings to customers. CPA residential customers will be defaulted to TOU in February and March 2022 but CPA will allow customers to opt-out and remain on flat rates. Ms. Schmidt also described CPA's proposed bill protection tariff, which will ensure that customers do not experience adverse bill impacts during their first 12 months on default; the protection tariff mirrors SCE's bill protection for delivery charges, thereby removing competitive concerns. Ms. Schmidt summarized the proposed eligibility for bill protection and its implementation mechanics, specifying the following: NEM customers and those already on TOU are not eligible; customer automatic enrollment will occur; bill comparisons will inform CPA's credit on the customer's bill at the end of the bill protection period; and fiscal impact to CPA is estimated at \$75,000 to \$1.5 million. Lastly, Ms. Schmidt reviewed customer outreach, including co-branded SCE/CPA notices, statewide and local educational campaigns, upcoming CPA social media/paid advertising, and other toolkits.

In response to several questions and comments from Directors C. Horvath, Parkhurst, Zuckerman, and Santangelo, about customer messaging, eligibility, and the different default TOU rates, staff discussed and clarified the following: customer messaging will shift from the current approach of educating about TOU to more action-oriented information; customers will be defaulted to either D4 or D5 depending on their what the analysis shows will be most advantageous given their past usage behavior; flat rates will continue to be available, but customers will need to opt-out of TOU in order to access them. Opting out, however, will also deem customers ineligible for the bill protection tariff. Additionally, customers who started service after October 2020, have already been defaulted to TOU rates, and therefore haven't had a history of experience on the flat rate, and will not be eligible for the bill protection. CPA will honor eligibility for bill protection if customers were eligible to receive it under SCE's generation rate. Director Gold inquired as to the wide range of potential fiscal impact and noted that the budget next year should assumed the higher end of the range and that messaging should be much more granular in explaining bill protection and crediting, in order to mitigate opt-outs due to customer confusion about the crediting process. Vice Chair Parks asked about the duration of the 12 months. Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, clarified that the under TOU monthly bills can shows both positive and negative financial impacts protection so it important to capture a full 12 months to allow customers to go through the entire seasonal cycle otherwise CPA could end up paying more than necessary.

Chair Mahmud asked if CPA had input in the co-branded correspondence; requested that a 6-month snapshot be sent out during the bill protection period with recommendations to customers about their TOU behavior. Ms. Schmidt and Mr. Langer confirmed that CPA was able to provide some input in the correspondence and call center staff will receive training to explain the rate conversions. Chair Mahmud shared that the SCE website also offers a TOU bill comparison feature to help customers get a preview of an anticipated TOU bill.

Jane Johnson provided public comment.

**Motion:** Director Horvath, West Hollywood  
**Second:** Vice Chair Kuehl, Los Angeles County  
**Vote:** Item 6 was approved by a roll call vote.

### **MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, discussed several upcoming battery storage projects that will contribute to grid stability; invited member feedback on the monthly member agency dashboard; and thanked board members whose communities recently transitioned to 100% Green default rate, for their involvement in outreach and education.

Director Zuckerman asked about SCE's published projections of generation rates; Mr. Bardacke confirmed that SCE's generation rate projections and the PCIA will be published around November for an implementation in Q1 2022. Director Maurer thanked staff for a relatively smooth transition to the new default rate in Calabasas.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

Director Horvath, Legislative & Regulatory Committee Chair, provided a report on continued outreach to state representatives.

Director Parkhurst, Energy Committee Chair, noted that staff recently released the Reliability RFO and will plan to release a new Power Share RFO; the Committee is also planning to work on the Integrated Resource Plan.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

Chair Mahmud congratulated General Counsel, Nancy Whang, on her third year of employment with CPA; noted that CPA participated in Clean Air Day celebrations and touched on the importance of CPA's work in helping to combat the harmful effects of air pollution.

### **ADJOURN**

Chair Mahmud adjourned the meeting 3:20 pm.