

## **MINUTES**

SPECIAL MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Thursday, December 16, 2021

2:30 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 Haake called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m. and Karla Velazquez, Clerk of the Community Advisory Committee, conducted roll call.

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

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from November 12, 2021, Community Advisory Committee Retreat  
Motion Committee Member Novstrup, West/Unincorporated Ventura County  
Second Motion Committee Member Bugarin, Gateway Cities  
Vote The minutes were approved by a roll call vote
  
2. Update on the CAC 2020/2021 Adopted Workplan  
Motion Vice Chair Simmons, East Ventura/West LA County  
Second Motion Committee Member Tom, San Gabriel Valley  
Vote The updates on the workplan were approved

## REGULAR AGENDA

3. Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

Executive Director Ted Bardacke wishes the members a happy and safe holiday season. He introduces new staff member Dalia Gomez, External Affairs Manager for LA County. He also provided updates to members on a series of events that took place on December 7, 2021, when LA County Unincorporated, Redondo Beach and Beverly Hills voted unanimously to change their default rate to 100% Green. This will go into effect October of 2022, to ensure that CPA procures the necessary amount of renewable energy and inform residents of the change. If trends remain the same two-thirds of CPA's entire customer base will be on 100% green energy. CPA has also given Hawthorne, Claremont, and Westlake Village a month extension to change their default rate.

In response to Committee Member Fromer's inquiry regarding potential opt- out and the changes to CPA's long-term strategy, Mr. Bardacke stated that the current customer data supports an expected opt out rate at 1.5% and an opt down rate of 0.5%. He stated CPA is discussing long-term planning and there will be further discussions about changes to CPA's portfolio, IRP and costs and rates.

Responding to Committee Member Lesser and Committee Member Tom, about the challenges that CPA may face by doubling the amount of 100% green customers and the preparations CPA is making in reference to for inquiries about SCE competitive rates and pricing, Mr. Bardacke explained that CPA has no concerns with supply and LA County default change will proceed in phases to ensure market and operational stability. He stated CPA is prepared to inform customers about the rate change in March 2022 of the long-term trends, this will include the PCIA rate changes which will illustrate an increase to SCE prices and a decrease to Clean Power Alliance. Vice Chair Hernandez commented that the unincorporated areas included in Los Angeles County are observant over the default rate change increase and are interested in more information, Mr. Bardacke responded that along with heavy noticing, speaking opportunities to inform communities are also possible.

Committee Member Bugarin inquired if there are collaboration opportunities with services and local programs, as cities begin to open discussion with CPA. Mr. Bardacke responded that speaking with councils has allowed CPA to promote local programs such as the Power Ready program, which allows for the installation of solar panels and batteries in city facilities at no charge to member agencies. In response to Vice Chair Simmons inquiry regarding lean opt ups, Mr. Bardacke stated that the data shows a 1% increase, customers stay with what is determined by local officials. Mr. Bardacke announced as part of CPA's ongoing DEI efforts, there will be a voluntary diversity survey sent to official members.

#### 4. Presentation on Time of Use– Outreach Toolkit

Joseph Cabral, External Affairs Manager for Ventura County presented on the upcoming Time of Use rate transition. This large-scale transition began in October 2020 and has been completed in Northern California. The transition for Southern California will be complete between February and March of 2022. Most of LA County will transition in February 2022 and Ventura County will transition in March 2022. Since July 2021, CPA has been educating and motivating customers on time of use behavior through local and statewide campaigns. Since November, notifications from SCE co-branded with CPA welcome customers and highlight the transition date, opt out options and estimated bill impacts. CPA has updated the Time of Use website and will provide toolkit materials to member agencies for their use as they promote and educate constituents. The toolkit includes a flyer, a fact sheet, a frequently ask question sheet, a newsletter with three time of use graphics, and various social media assets in multilingual options.

Mr. Cabral responded to Chair Haake question regarding the percent of customers on Time of Use and if the CPUC will require LADWP and other municipal entities to transit on Time of Use. He stated that there are 100,000 customers on Time of Use but those on CARE/FERA and those within a hot zone will not be transitioned, the CPUC has also required only investor-owned entities to transition. Karen Schmidt, Strategy Senior Advisor also responded stating that a majority of customers have smart meters that record usage by the hour, many customers were enrolled into the flattered tier rates with the exception noted by Mr. Cabral. Mr. Cabral also discussed the different advertising methods such as billboards and the ongoing state campaign, responding to Vice Chair Hernandez comments regarding non-digital platforms for different demographics. Sherita Coffelt, Senior Director of External Affairs, added that mailing notice efforts partnered with SCE are also taking place to provide various methods for different outreach. Committee Member Bugarin questioned the increase of rate costs to customers during the time of use transition if they are unable to change their behavior. Ms. Schmidt responded that it is determined by a household usage pattern, but the time of use rates are meant to be revenue neutral which will show on the notices mentioned by Ms. Coffelt to explain the rates and usage changes. She also added CPA and SCE are offering bill protection at the end of the year. Ms. Coffelt added that there is an ongoing strategy to assist customers with behavioral changes to assist them in taking advantage of time of use and assisting them in having a smaller cost. Responding to Committee Member Fromer comments about bill messaging, Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Coffelt stated that the bill will not change significantly but there can be an updated educational brochure "understanding your bill" with the time of use sample. Ms. Schmidt also added that the PCIA will be reduced around the time that customers will get their first time of use

bill, customers on average will see a 6% reduction. In response to Committee Member Novstop's comments regarding SCE's time of use announcement Ms. Schmidt stated that simultaneously with the residential time of use rate transition, NEM users are also being transitioned to time of use and that is a dramatic difference. She added that if anyone needs to discuss that issue, please reach out and she will discuss talking points.

5. 2021 Midterm Reliability RFO Longlist

Alexandra Caryotakis, Contract Management Project Manager presented on the 2021 Midterm Reliability RFO Longlist. Clean Power Alliance launched its 2021 Midterm Reliability RFO on September 29, 2021, with bids due on November 10, 2021. CPA received fourteen offers from local projects. Once the valuation is complete, the RFO review team will meet mid-January and consider the RFO shortlist on January 26, 2022. There were three different types of eligible projects: renewable generation plus storage contracts, standalone storage contracts, and baseload/firm renewable energy contracts. The availability of baseload resources refers to biomass and geothermal resources and long duration storage refers to resource-neutral storage technologies. Baseload projects are limited, and CPA may need to run an additional RFO to secure compliance. Online dates span from June 30, 2022, to June 1, 2026.

In response to Chair Haake's question regarding the review of workforce labor agreements in the power purchase agreements, Ms. Caryotakis responded that CPA is reviewing the workforce eligibility requirements similar to previous RFOs.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Vice Chair Simmons commented that Marin and EBCE have taken position against the revisions of NEM 3.0 Ms. Coffelt responded that Mr. Bardacke directed staff to generate a response should we get inquiries and committed to share it with Vice Chair Simmons.

Committee Member Lesser shared his interest in a presentation regarding a cost comparison of the clean energy sources.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

No Comments.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Haake adjourned the meeting at 4:06 pm.