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

Thursday, March 17, 2022
1:00 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from February 17, 2022, Community Advisory Committee
2. Update on Implementation of Workplan Priorities

**REGULAR AGENDA**

3. Oral Update from the Chief Executive Officer on CPA Operations
4. Bill Positions Update

**COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR WORK IN-PROGRESS**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

**ADJOURN – NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 21, 2022**

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MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Thursday, February 17, 2022
1:01 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 1:01 p.m. and Karla Velazquez, Clerk of the Community Advisory Committee, conducted a roll call.

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All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment.
CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from January 20, 2022, Community Advisory Committee Retreat

   Motion
   Committee Member Tom, San Gabriel Valley

   Second
   Committee Member Lesser, South Bay

   Vote
   The minutes were approved by a roll call vote

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

   Executive Director Ted Bardacke provided updates on the launch of the Power Response program, and the shift to Time-of-Use (TOU) rates. Mr. Bardacke noted that CPA, SCE, and the state have been working on informing customers about this change due to be completed in March 2022.

   Mr. Bardacke highlighted that CPA experienced an SCE billing issue during the holidays, due to a syncing issue with SCE’s new billing system. As result, CPA charges were omitted on about 15% of CPA customer’s bills in the month of December. He noted that these customers will receive the missing generation charges on their January bills.

   Mr. Bardacke noted that CPA is also entering into rate and budget setting activities, and that CPA plans to present the rates to the CAC at a future meeting. CPA does anticipate being in a good competitive position due to the PCIA rate effects, which will provide the agency an opportunity to advance CPA’s long-term fiscal goals.

3. Update on Net Energy Metering and Options for CAC Action

   Director of Regulatory Affairs CC Song presented on Net Energy Metering and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Proposed Decision (PD). She noted that CPA created a matrix of policy goals and program objectives to evaluate the different proposals that were submitted to the CPUC. Ms. Song noted that the CPUC PD covers a wide range of issues. However, as it pertains to CPA, the staff’s presentation focused on legacy treatment, export compensation, low-income incentives, the Grid Participation Charge, the market transition credit, non-bypassable and fixed charges, and an Equity Fund targeting low-income and disadvantaged households and neighborhoods.

   Ms. Song highlighted that CPA staff is aware that there is much debate regarding NEM 3.0 with various positions among different stakeholders and discussed nuanced differences between the CPUC PD and CPA staff’s proposed policy goals and objectives. CPA believes it is not appropriate to shorten the length of legacy treatment. At a high-level, CPA is aligned with the PD on the principle of utilizing the Avoided Cost Calculator (ACC) values, but CPA staff needs more time to evaluate
the feasibility of implementing ACC values on an hourly basis. In terms of non-bypassable and fixed charges, Ms. Song noted that a cost-of-service based charge on the transmission and delivery side may be appropriate, however, CPA staff has not evaluated whether the proposed grid participation charge amount is appropriate. Ms. Song further highlighted that CPA supports the proposed incentives to low-income residents.

However, due to staff changes and the robust feedback received at the CPUC, the CPUC has delayed its deliberation on the PD. The proceeding has been reassigned to the new CPUC president. An oral argument will be scheduled, and parties will have another opportunity to provide comments if an alternate PD is issued.

In parallel, CPA staff is also working with technical consultants to assess the cost of serving CPA NEM customers and the impact on CPA’s overall financial health. Ms. Song noted that CPA staff will present various pathways to serve NEM customers once the CPUC has reached a final decision and CPA has had time to assess it.

In terms of next steps for the CAC, Ms. Song noted that the CAC can recommend specific policy positions to the CPA Board of Directors. If a policy position(s) has been adopted by the Board, CPA staff can then use the policy position(s) to pursue several advocacy strategies. In addition, the CAC can recommend specific policy positions to the Board of Directors to inform CPA’s own NEM tariff development.

Committee Member Former asked staff to clarify which portions of CPA customer’s bills would be affected. Ms. Song stated that the non-bypassable charges, fixed charges and grid participation charges would be assessed on the transmission and distribution side by SCE. However, CPA can set its own generation rates and would have the option to adopt an export compensation rate. In response to Committee Member Former’s request, Ms. Song also confirmed that CPA has the autonomy to set its own generation rates and does not need to strictly adhere to the CPUC’s final decision. Committee Member Former also requested clarification with respect to the CPUC’s PD on legacy treatment periods. Ms. Song responded that technically CPA could implement its own legacy period for its NEM generation tariff, but the generation and delivery rate components would have different legacy treatments which could create unforeseen system challenges.

Chief Operating Officer Matt Langer responded to Chair Haake’s inquiry regarding CPA’s position on export compensation for residents with rooftop solar. He stated that CPA currently has the principles that Ms. Song highlighted, however, staff have not yet developed tariffs. CPA is currently in discussion about these topics and will be seeking feedback from the CAC for Board consideration on these issues. In addition, Mr. Langer clarified that the export compensation rates are not only related to energy but also the cost of energy on the market, the avoided cost of CO2 emissions, resource adequacy, and operational costs for CPA. Chair Haake requested clarity about customers with solar technology, and whether there is a difference in NEM 3.0 on the amount customers are being charged versus the compensation they receive for importing electricity. Mr. Langer commented that the charge for customers importing electricity is the retail rate and the compensation when electricity is exported is based on values from the ACC. This includes other avoided cost elements that are not related to energy and a time-of-use period for each hour of each day of the year.
Ms. Song responded to Committee Member Gutierrez’s inquiry regarding the categorization of solar users discussed in the presentation. Ms. Song stated that the California Solar and Storage Association generally represents solar customers and small rooftop solar companies, which is most closely aligned with solar customers’ interests. Committee Member Gutierrez stated that CPA should be cautious and work to have a better understanding of these customers, as many do not like being categorized as part of the solar energy industry.

Mr. Langer added that CPA is committed to maintaining the legacy period for existing customers, and staff is conscious of potential impacts on both existing and new customers. Mr. Bardacke added that every electricity customer is a potential Distributed Energy Resource (DER) customer. In addition, Mr. Bardacke noted that the current perceived policy construct of solar panels for a single-family house will need to be expanded to feature other customer segments, such as renters, and their access to clean, distributed energy resources.

Committee Member Lesser stated that NEM 3.0 is a sensitive issue, and he inquired about a specific scenario. A local resident he is aware of was able to qualify for battery storage for his home which stores his solar energy. The individual is not tied to the grid and uses this battery throughout the day, as a result paying little. He stated there is a concern if the grid charge becomes too high, incentivizing and encouraging more solar may lead to customers that are able to opt-out of the grid if it becomes too expensive. Mr. Langer responded by stating that as the grid becomes more expensive there is at least an incentive for customers to consider moving away from the grid but leaving the grid is unlikely due to the complexity of doing so.

Vice-Chair Simmons raised concerns about the equity and the state’s long-term climate goals both of which are influenced by the proposed CPUC incentives. Vice-Chair Simmons referenced a Berkley Livermore study that states 40% of those that purchased solar roofs are low and medium income and to reach the climate goals proposed by 2045 the state would need 2.8 times more solar roofs. He further commented that the CPUC policies may not assist with those goals and referenced a Macwood study that asserts that NEM 3.0 may slow the adoption of solar roofs for the next five years, and California would be the state with the highest solar roofs tariffs. Mr. Bardacke responded that CPA needs to be thoughtful and develop a view of its own on this matter.

Committee Member Novstrup inquired about the CPUC’s discussion regarding an overall goal to keep all parties at the table. He mentioned a “death spiral” scenario. Mr. Bardacke commented that the “death spiral” concept was introduced eight years ago by the Investor Owned Utilities. The concept noted that if more people leave the grid, it may harm profitability, but no reference was made to energy reliability. Mr. Langer also commented that he is familiar with the “death spiral” concept and noted that it is unlikely for customers to turn off their solar system themselves due to the skills required to do it safely.

Committee Member Lesser requested that staff present the CPA proposed recommendation to the CAC committee before presenting a final recommendation to the Board. The discussion should focus on the goals that need to be achieved and how CAC members can be influential in achieving those goals. Committee Member
Gutierrez added to Committee Member Lesser’s point that the CAC has the ability to influence large policy decisions and can demonstrate the quality of CPA leadership.

Chair Haake suggested forming a working group to discuss the issues associated with NEM 3.0. Mr. Bardacke shared that CPA staff have started to do a fiscal analysis of the items relevant to CPA goals. The staff has also had discussions with the Board and Executive Committee about the CAC discussion regarding net energy metering. Once a new PD is released by the CPUC, the Board may ask CPA to comment on it.

4. Approval of CAC Workplan 2022/2023 Updates

   **Motion** Committee Member Tom, San Gabriel Valley
   **Second** Vice-Chair Hernandez, ULAC
   **Vote** The motion is approved by a roll call vote

Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz presented the final draft of the CAC workplan, highlighting the key updates for review and adoption. He gave an overview of the process undertaken by staff. He noted that a subset of committee members convened a working group with the goal of refining the CAC workplan. Mr. Cruz reviewed the new elements in Section 1, Section 2, Section 3, and Section 3B. Mr. Cruz highlighted the inclusion of key components as it pertains to collaborating with specific community organizations around DEI goals, stakeholders’ participation, and CAC input to staff and the Board of Directors. Additionally, he expanded on CPA staff’s goals to support the implementation of one or more annual community Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion projects in collaboration with community organizations, CAC input on the design of future community grant programs, CAC participation in grant review panels, and CAC input to ensure that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion plan includes components that create and foster a culture of inclusivity.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

   No comments.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

   No comments.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

   Committee Member Lesser inquired about Chair Haake’s suggestion to form a working group that would discuss the issues associated with NEM 3.0. Mr. Cruz informed the CAC committee that CPA staff will send out an email sign up to all CAC members.

**ADJOURN**

   Chair Haake adjourned the meeting at 2:39 pm.
REGCOMMENDATION
Receive and file.

BACKGROUND
This monthly report outlines the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and CPA staff activities in support of the CAC.

WORKPLAN UPDATE
At the February 17 CAC meeting, CPA staff presented the final draft of the CAC 2022-23 Workplan, which was adopted unanimously by the CAC. As such, staff have begun to implement the workplan.

Per the CAC 2022-23 Workplan, “Section 1. CPA Commitments to Support the CAC”, CPA staff committed to supporting the convening of CAC working groups, as needed. At the February 17 meeting, the CAC called for staff to assist in convening a working group on Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0. NEM is a tariff adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as well as many other load serving entities (LSE) in California, to incentivize rooftop solar adoption. The CAC working group will do an in-depth analysis of NEM 3.0 proposed decision in the coming weeks and bring back a recommendation to the CAC on how best to respond if and when the CPUC issues an alternate proposed decision on NEM 3.0. In support of the CAC, staff sent out a request for volunteers to take part in this working group. Seven (7) CAC members volunteered, and it is expected the working group will meet on March 24th. The volunteers are as follows.
1. Cris Gutierrez
2. David Haake
3. Genaro Bugarin
4. Neil Fromer
5. Angus Simmons
6. David Lesser
7. Vern Novstrup

In addition, on March 1st CPA staff, in support of Vice-Chair Kristie Hernandez, provided a presentation on Time-of-Use (TOU) transition to the Maravilla Community Advisory Committee. The presentation highlighted the TOU default transition timeline, TOU rates, and the CPA 12-month bill protection program.

CPA staff is also assisting Chair David Haake to coordinate a special forum on Energy Equity. This forum is in the early planning stages; however, it is expected that the forum will be held virtually in May 2022 and will be hosted in conjunction with the Sierra Club.

**NEXT STEPS**

Staff will continue to assist Chair David Haake to coordinate CAC participation in the forum and will disseminate information about the forum, as it is finalized. Staff will also provide support and educational materials to the CAC NEM 3.0 working group, and staff will report back to the CAC committee at the April 21, 2022, meeting.
The Chief Executive Officer will provide an oral update on CPA operations.
Staff Report – Agenda Item 4

To: Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Community Advisory Committee
From: Gina Goodhill, Policy Director
Approved By: Ted Bardacke, Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Discuss CPA Support Positions on AB1814 in the 2021/2022 California Legislative Session and HR 6662 in the 117th Congressional Session
Date: March 17, 2022

RECOMMENDATION
For Information Only

DISCUSSION
AB 1814 (Assemblymember Grayson)
At the March 3rd CPA Board of Director’s meeting, the CPA Board approved a “Support” position on AB 1814 (Grayson). This CalCCA-sponsored bill would authorize Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) to submit applications to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to receive funding to administer transportation electrification programs in their service area. Access to additional funding would allow CCAs to increase and expand their electric vehicle programs, which will benefit CCA customers and will help meet the state’s electric vehicle adoption goals.

California has ambitious air quality and climate change reduction goals related to transportation, including putting five million zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) on the road by 2030, installing 250,000 electric vehicle charging stations by 2025; and a requirement that all new cars and passenger trucks sold in California must be ZEVs by 2035. It will require a collective effort to meet these goals. The California Energy Commission (CEC)

has assessed California’s electric vehicle charging infrastructure rollout and determined that the state will be over 1 million chargers short of what will be required to support the 2030 EV adoption goals\(^2\).

While the CPUC authorizes Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) to file applications to receive ratepayer funds for their transportation electrification programs, CCAs are not explicitly authorized to access these funds, despite CCA customers also paying into those funds. In some past years, IOUs have proposed more than $2 billion in funding for transportation electrification programs, and the CPUC has approved at least $1 billion of that. Local leaders and CCAs have little ability to tailor electric vehicle infrastructure and programs that are run through the IOUs, particularly for traditionally under-represented areas.

AB 1814 would explicitly authorize CCAs to file applications for programs and investments to accelerate widespread transportation electrification. To submit these applications, CCAs would have to meet the same requirements that IOUs are currently required to meet for program administration and oversight. This is similar to how CPA participates in the DAC Green Tariff Program and the Community Solar Green Tariff program, and to how some CCAs participate in the Energy Efficiency programs. Access to these funds would allow CCAs to provide communities with expanded EV charging programs and pilots that complement the current options.

CalCCA is the sponsor of this bill, and it will be their top legislative priority in the 2022 legislative session. The Coalition of California Utility Employees (CCUE) is currently the only entity opposing this bill.

**HR 6662 EVs for All Act (Congresswoman Nanette Barragan)**

At the March 3\(^{rd}\) CPA Board of Director’s meeting, the CPA Board approved a “Support” position on HR 6662 EVs for All Act (Barragan). This bill would require that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), develop a program which would authorize up to $50 million per year

to public housing agencies, local governments, or non-profit organizations to support EV car sharing services at public housing projects. Public housing residents face significant barriers accessing reliable and affordable transportation, especially zero-emission transportation. Yet these same public housing buildings are often located in communities that are disproportionately affected by air pollution, where the benefits of clean air vehicles would be most impactful.

While CPA would be unlikely to directly receive grants from this program, the goals of the bill complement other CPA programs such as the CALeVIP program and the Community Solar program. It also complements CPA’s goal of providing equitable access to the benefits of clean energy and vehicle electrification.

The Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI), with whom CPA often partners, worked closely with the Congresswoman on developing the legislation. The bill currently has 23 cosponsors, including 7 California representatives, and over 50 environmental, environmental justice, clean technology and clean air organizations have supported the bill. This is the first time the CPA Board has taken a position on a federal bill.

**ALIGNMENT WITH CPA 2022 LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY PLATFORM**

The issues addressed in these bills align with CPA’s 2022 Legislative & Regulatory Platform, specifically section 4b and 4c.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. 2022 Legislative & Regulatory Platform
Overview and Purpose
The Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform (Platform) serves as a guide to the CPA Board of Directors and CPA staff in their advocacy efforts and engagement on policy matters of interest to CPA. The Platform allows both members of the CPA Board of Directors and CPA staff to pursue actions at the local, regional, state, and federal legislative and regulatory levels in a consistent manner and with the understanding that they are pursuing actions in the best interest of the organization and its mission, its member agencies, and its customers. The Platform enables the organization to move swiftly to respond to events in Sacramento (Legislative / Executive) and San Francisco (California Public Utilities Commission) and provides guidance to the Executive Director on the support or oppose positions that should be taken on legislative and regulatory matters that come before the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) Board of Directors.

All CPA positions on individual bills are presented to the CPA Board of Directors for approval, except during times of urgency as provided under the protocols approved by the CPA Board of Directors on June 7, 2018, that allow the Chair, Vice-Chairs, Legislative & Regulatory Committee Chair, and Executive Director to act on behalf of the organization in urgent advocacy matters.

Policy Principles
The Legislative and Regulatory Policy Platform is centered around four basic principles:

1. Protecting CPA’s local control and autonomy by its members, especially with regards to finances, power procurement, reliability, and local customer programs.

2. Ensuring equal treatment of unbundled and bundled customers by the CPUC and other state agencies.

3. Supporting recognition that electricity is an essential good, and that CPA should have the ability to set electric rates and offer programmatic services that are affordable and inclusive for all.
Pursuing environmental initiatives that exceed prescriptive State mandates, promote the growth in renewable energy capacity at the local level, encourage clean energy adoption by CPA customers, and reduce fossil fuel dependency, with the goal of combating climate change.

Policy Platform

1) Local Control, Finance, and Power Procurement

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

a. Supports the authority of CPA and its Board of Directors to retain local control over its activities;

b. Supports the protection of CPA's procurement autonomy;

c. Supports the ability of CPA to maintain control over its financial decisions;

d. Supports the ability of CPA to expand its service offerings and activities in response to a changing energy landscape;

e. Supports the ability of CPA to access state incentives and funding for its customers and member agencies; and

f. Supports the ability of CPA to enhance reliability through accelerating the deployment of energy storage resources, fully valuing behind the meter energy resources, and expanding the use of demand response.

2) Equitable Treatment of CPA Customers

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

a. Supports the equal treatment of unbundled and bundled customers by the CPUC and the legislature; and

b. Supports the development of a state regulatory environment that is empowering for community energy providers.

3) Ratepayer Advocacy and Social Justice

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

a. Supports the protection of all ratepayers, particularly environmental and social justice communities in CPA's service territory;

b. Supports supplier diversity in CPA's contracting activities and through women-owned, minority-owned, disabled-veteran-owned, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender owned business enterprises;
c. Supports workforce development with a focus on new stable, well-paying local jobs, and participation in a just transition to a low-carbon economy;

d. Supports the ability for CPA to set appropriate benchmarks for performance measurement using accepted industry standards; and

e. Supports increased access to clean energy technologies, clean energy and contracting jobs, and clean energy opportunities for environmental and social justice communities in CPA’s service territory.

4) Environmental Leadership

CPA will pursue legislative and regulatory activity that:

a. Supports the ability of CPA and its members to meet and exceed State goals for greenhouse gas emissions reductions (e.g. encouraging movement towards 100% renewable energy), climate action planning, and fossil fuel independence;

b. Supports the ability of CPA to promote growth in renewable energy capacity, resiliency, and electrification at the local level, in a way that is equitable for all customers;

c. Supports the ability of CPA to promote electrification of the transportation sector in response to state and federal goals aimed at increasing the usage of zero emission vehicles;

d. Supports the ability of CPA to promote electrification and the reduction of natural gas usage in the building sector.