

## MINUTES

MEETING of the Legislative & Regulatory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

*The Legislative & Regulatory 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**

Committee Chair Lindsey Horvath called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Clerk of the Board, Gabriela Monzon, conducted roll call.

<b>Roll Call</b>			
<b>Agoura Hills</b>	Deborah Klein Lopez	Committee Member	Remote
<b>Carson</b>	Reata Kulcsar	Alternate Committee Member	Remote
<b>Redondo Beach</b>	Christian Horvath	Committee Member	Remote
<b>West Hollywood</b>	Lindsey Horvath	Chair	Remote

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from May 26, 2021 Legislative & Regulatory Committee Meeting

**Motion:** Committee Member Lopez, Agoura Hills  
**Second:** Committee Member Horvath, Redondo Beach  
**Vote:** Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

2. Update on Legislative Action on Energy and Procurement

Gina Goodhill, Policy Director, provided a presentation of the item. Ms. Goodhill discussed the legislature's priorities on energy and procurement in the 2021-2022 legislation session, which focused on four categories: reliability, resiliency, electrification and climate change. There have been several efforts in reliability, including modifications to the resource adequacy program, as it relates to central procurement and to require state agencies to incorporate long duration storage into greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. One bill relating to firm energy resources has moved forward this year and examines how the CEC will complete

an assessment of energy needs. The state budget also includes funding for reliability activities, with some funding impacting the affordability of long-duration storage projects that might bid into CPA's future RFOs. The Governor has also taken several emergency actions to increase energy capacity in order to avoid blackouts and brownouts; and there is an effort to revamp the Flex Alert program. Ms. Goodhill reviewed several bills that did not move forward in this legislative session, however, state funding would continue to address similar issues that the bills would have addressed, such as funding for communities affected by climate change to address extreme heat; infrastructure investments in DACs; fairground and community resilience centers, and grants for climate adaptation planning. Electrification has seen more movement in the legislative area, with bills that are addressing state goals relating to climate change, such as guidance and rules for building owners around permitting and EV charging stations. Several bills relating to building electrification did not move forward. In contrast, vehicle electrification has received billions in funding through the state budget; CPA will track funding opportunities, particularly in the funding of vehicle electrification programs, and for electrifying medium/heavy duty, zero emission vehicles and buses. There are some remaining active climate change bills focused on new energy technologies, specifically offshore wind and hydrogen. Ms. Goodhill noted that the state budget includes funding for offshore wind planning and analysis as well as \$400 million to support green hydrogen production and long-duration storage projects.

Committee Member Lopez asked if CPA will be involved in the rebranding of the Flex Alert program; Ms. Goodhill will follow up to determine how CPA can play a role in the discussion and revamp.

3. Oral Update on SB 612

Ms. Goodhill provided a brief oral report on SB 612, noting that the bill was designated as a two-year bill, meaning no action can be taken on it until at least, January 2022. The bill previously passed the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee with an 11-1 vote, and passed the Senate floor with a 33-6 vote. The bill had strong support by the time it reached the Assembly, including member agencies, environmental groups, clean energy groups, and private companies. The bill had little, but notable, opposition from PG&E, SCE, TURN, and the California Coalition for Utility Employees, whose membership predominantly includes is the union representing PG&E workers. The author of the bill, Senator Portantino, was asked to make additional amendments to the bill which would have aligned with the CPUC's adopted proposal to make RA allocations voluntary, rather than establishing a proportional share of the resources legacy customers already pay for. The author refused the amendments and the bill did not get a hearing. Ms. Goodhill emphasized that although there is no clear motive for why the bill did not get a hearing, the bill author and CPA's Board members were extremely vital in gaining momentum for the bill. CPA will continue to work with CalCCA and the bill author on next steps.

Committee Member Horvath noted that more lobbying and educational outreach will be important to build a larger coalition of support, including outreach to residents and Assembly members; education should address why the bill will be beneficial to rate-paying customers in general, not just CCA, but also IOU

customers; encouraged CPA begin strategizing prior to the start of the legislative session; and noted that elected officials will be in their communities in the off-season which can be a great opportunity for CPA to do outreach. Chair Horvath echoed interest in grassroots outreach; noted that CPA can leverage the power of constituents in its mobilization; and inquired as to the possibilities of a media pressure campaign to address the unfair treatment towards CCAs at the CPUC and the legislature. Additionally, the California Contract Cities Association now considers CCA's a local control issue and can be a partner in outreach.

Ms. Goodhill thanked the Committee for their feedback and noted that there will be several outreach efforts through CalCCA that staff will share with Board members in preparation for outreach.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Horvath adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.