

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			
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.