

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 12:15 p.m.

Pursuant to the Proclamation of the State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, AB 361, and enacting Resolutions, and as a response to mitigating the spread of COVID19, the Energy Planning & Resources Committee conducted this meeting remotely.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Parkhurst called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. and Interim Clerk of the Board, Raynette Tom, conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL			
Alhambra	Jeffrey Maloney	Committee Member	Remote
Carson	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Member	Remote
Culver City	Daniel Lee	Committee Member	Remote
Sierra Madre	Robert Parkhurst	Chair	Remote
Thousand Oaks	Helen Cox	Committee Member	Absent
Ventura County	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Member	Remote

All votes are unanimous, unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from August 25, 2021, Energy Committee Meeting
2. Receive and File August and September 2021 Risk Management Team Reports

Motion: Committee Member Kulcsar, Carson
Second: Committee Member Ramirez, Oxnard
Vote: The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote.

Chair Parkhurst welcomed director Daniel Lee as the newest member of the Energy Committee.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Power Share RFO Update

Matt Langer, Chief Operating Officer, briefly summarized the Power Share Program, which will provide eligible customers with 100% renewable energy and a 20% bill discount. Mr. Langer provided a description of the Community Solar program (CS-GT) project and customer eligibility for the program. At its August meeting, the Energy Committee supported several changes to the Community Solar program, including: (1) geographic eligibility limited to only DACs in CPA

service territory rather than within five miles of eligible CPA customers; (2) interconnection Fast Track eligibility; (3) size eligibility - minimum preferred of 500kW, single projects under 500kW allowed to bid with potentially longer contracting process depending on location and CAISO regulations; (4) RFO period open for six months instead of four. Mr. Langer reviewed the status of the 2020 Power Share RFO, noting that a DAC-GT project contract was executed in September; however, the two CS-GT projects withdrew after facing site issues and inability to adhere to the required timelines for contract execution. Staff would like to revisit geographic eligibility requirements and recommend maintaining a broad project pool given that CPA has yet to execute a CS-GT contract. Mr. Langer described new condition, including CPA having received an additional allocation of .24MW of capacity from other Southern California CCAs, meaning more opportunity for more projects. In addition, SCE asked the CPUC to suspend its Community Solar program, potentially increasing the number of projects that can participate in CPA's RFO that may no longer be able to contract with SCE. Mr. Langer noted that based on the Energy Committee's feedback, staff will file an Advice Letter with the CPUC seeking approval of its RFO materials and will subsequently launch the Power Share RFO in December 2021.

In response to Committee Members Ramirez, Kulcsar, and Lee's questions and comments, Mr. Langer explained that the two projects which fell through faced engineering challenges at their respective sites and were not far along in the interconnection process as needed to meet deadlines. Mr. Langer also explained that SCE, along with San Diego Gas & Electric, had not received enough bids and therefore requested to suspend the program. Mr. Langer clarified that the CPUC-imposed six-month timeline begins when a project developer is notified that they have been shortlisted, which is reasonable given that projects are small and should not require complex negotiations.

Chair Parkhurst commented that CPA has an opportunity to demonstrate its success with the Community Solar project because of its focus on marketing and community outreach; keeping a broad geographic eligibility is a benefit to CPA. Committee Member Kulcsar asked about project location evaluation. Natasha Keefer, Vice President of Power Supply, noted that there is a project location evaluation criteria, which can make a distinction between projects in CPA service territory and outside of it and rank higher those within CPA service territory. Committee Member Lee recommended two community land trust organizations that could participate as community sponsors and suggested collaboration with Grid Alternatives as they have been a significant resource for providing green energy to low-income homes in Culver City. Customer Programs Director Jack Clark indicated that that CPA has been in contact with the organization, but they recently had to scale back operations due to funding challenges. At the request of Chair Parkhurst, Ms. Keefer provided a brief summary of outreach for the RFO, including a pairing resource developed by the Customer Programs team, and distribution of marketing materials to member agencies. Staff further clarified that the RFO will not have much impact on the Integrated Resource Plan that CPA submits to the CPUC annually.

The Energy Committee reached consensus on staff's recommendations for the RFO.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

Chair Parkhurst adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.