

MINUTES

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

Thursday, September 22, 2022

1:00 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 1:00 p.m. and Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, conducted a roll call.

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

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approved Minutes from September 22, 2022, Community Advisory Committee Meeting
2. Update on Implementation of Workplan Priorities

Motion	Committee Member Gutierrez, Westside
Second	Committee Member Bugarin, Gateway Cities
Vote	The update was approved by a roll call vote

REGULAR AGENDA

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

Chief Executive Officer Ted Bardacke gave updates on the heat event in California, the default rate change, and the community benefits grant.

He noted that during the heat event, CPA encouraged customers to reduce their energy usage and provided messaging that member agencies could use to encourage their residents to reduce usage. CPA also offered member agencies an emergency incentive payment of \$2,500 to reduce energy in their operations during peak times.

He gave a progress report on CPA's six communities that have elected to change their default rate to 100% green energy. Notices to those communities were sent via postcards in September and will be sent again in October. Mr. Bardacke highlighted that the current opt-down and opt-out rates are at half a percent.

Mr. Bardacke shared that the 2022 Community Benefits Grant application process had closed for the year, and CPA received twenty-nine applications.

Mr. Bardacke responded to Committee Member Lesser's inquiry on CPA's policy related to battery storage for individual homes and as it relates to the upcoming net energy metering (NEM) 3.0 decision at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Mr. Bardacke noted that CPA offers a Power Response program that can assist individuals in paying forward the cost of their battery. Regarding the NEM policy, Mr. Bardacke commented that CPA sets policy by analyzing price signals to encourage affordability for customers interested in installing a home battery.

Mr. Bardacke responded to Committee Member Simmons and Committee Member Novstup's questions about California's battery needs and how rotating outage decisions are made by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). He noted that California needs more battery storage to address resilience, and as climate change continues, it is expected that these heat events will continue to occur in the years to come. He further noted that CAISO decides if rotating outages are needed in an investor-owned utility (IOU) territory.

4. Los Angeles County Vice-Chair Election

Community Outreach Manager Christian Cruz provided an update on the Los Angeles County Vice-Chair election. On August 8th Committee Member Kristie Hernandez notified staff that she would be removing her name from consideration. During the meeting, Committee Member Genaro Bugarin was appointed to the Los Angeles Vice-Chair position through unanimous consent.

5. Member Expansion Presentation

Director of Rates and Strategy Karen Schmidt presented on the board priorities for member agency expansion, the feasibility study results, and next steps. She noted that the cities of Hermosa Beach, Monrovia, and Santa Paula have elected to move forward in the process to join CPA.

Ms. Schmidt responded to Committee Member Haake's question about concerns or issues with his proposed action to send a letter on behalf of the Sierra Club to the City of Hermosa Beach to support them moving to 100% green power. She noted that any interested committee member can submit a letter of support to the City Council.

Ms. Schmidt responded to Vice-Chair Bugarin's inquiry about the CAC's role related to expansion and if the feasibility study fee of ten thousand was a challenge for smaller cities. She commented that CPA would be open to having conversations with interested CAC members about leveraging the relationships they have with communities that are considering joining CPA. Related to the fee, findings have shown it is not an economic barrier, but CPA is aware it can be perceived as a political barrier. CPA is willing to revisit the issue in the future if needed.

6. Integrated Resource Plan Presentation

Vice President of Power Supply Natasha Keefer gave a presentation on the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan. Staff are seeking feedback on the initial modeling results with the target of completing the analysis in October.

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

Committee Member Gutierrez requested support from CPA for a building and vehicle electrification reach code that was under consideration by her community, the City of Santa Monica.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

No comments.

ADJOURN

Chair Fromer adjourned the meeting at 2:35 pm in honor of the late Ventura County Supervisor Carmen Ramirez.