

**MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Thursday, February 16, 2023  
1:00 p.m.

CPA Office 801 S. Grand Ave., Suite 400 Los Angeles, CA 90017	Ventura County Government Center - CEO Channel Islands Room, 4th Floor Hall of Administration 800 South Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009
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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Fromer called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, conducted a roll call.

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

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise stated.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from January 19, 2023, Community Advisory Committee Meetings
2. Update on Implementation of Workplan Priorities

<b>Motion</b>	Committee Member Tom, San Gabriel Valley
<b>Second</b>	Vice Chair Bugarin, Gateway Cities
<b>Vote</b>	The consent agenda was approved by a roll call vote.

## REGULAR AGENDA

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

Ted Bardacke, CEO, provided an update on the Brown Act requiring in-person meetings.

Mr. Bardacke highlighted that the Executive Committee will make a recommendation to the Board to accept an interim rate adjustment that will keep all residential customers, including those with 100% Green rates, at a competitive comparison with Southern California Edison (SCE). Staff will communicate the adjustment to customers through a bill message and ensure the public is invited to comment and participate in the upcoming annual rate setting process.

Committee Member Haake asked about the cycle and timeline for cities to join CPA or change their default with CPA. Mr. Bardacke clarified the deadline for a city to change their default level in 2023 was at the end of 2022. The end of 2023 is the deadline for default changes for 2024. Mr. Bardacke noted, that at the end of 2022, CPA admitted the cities of Monrovia, Santa Paula, and Hermosa Beach into CPA and service is expected to begin in March of 2024.

Chair Fromer inquired about CPA expansion within Los Angeles County. Mr. Bardacke noted that at this time, expansion is targeted at individual cities that express an interest in joining CPA.

Chair Fromer asked about CPA's investment grade credit rating timeline and current staged reserves. Mr. Bardacke clarified that CPA is working with a consultant to obtain a shadow rating and provide due diligence. He also specified that as of right now, CPA does not possess the metrics for the investment grade credit rating, but staff hopes that the interim rate adjustment may place CPA in a position to reach it by the end of the year.

4. Local Program Strategic Plan Mid-Cycle Review

Joanne O'Neill, Director, Customer Programs, provided a presentation on the mid-cycle refresh of the 5-year local Programs Strategic Plan. Ms. O'Neill reviewed the launch status, eligibility, and demand response methods for the Power Response program. She noted that CPA staff is in the process of creating a toolkit to provide communication and social media templates to promote the programs.

Ms. O'Neill provided updates on the funding and activity in Ventura County and Los Angeles County for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging incentives.

Chair Fromer asked about the Power Share program capacity. Ms. O'Neill noted that there is a waiting list.

Committee Member Perez inquired about EV charging incentives. Ms. O'Neill noted that CPA is currently offering only EV charging infrastructure for public sites and multifamily housing. Any interested customer can apply and, if qualified, would receive a reservation to offset charging infrastructure costs.

Vice Chair Bugarin inquired about the Power Response program incentive levels for enrolling consumers. Ms. O'Neill identified that there is a chart on CPA's website that includes a two-part incentive including an enrollment incentive and an annual incentive for continued participation. The numerical incentive is a range based on the value of the device.

Committee Member Perez expressed a preference for more education on the benefits of clean power for the school districts. In response to Committee Member Perez, Ms. O'Neill indicated that school districts are currently eligible through SCE's program.

Committee Member Zucker inquired about heavy-duty EV charging. Ms. O'Neill noted that CPA is currently only supporting light-duty EV charging, but the proposal includes an evaluation of medium EV charging as well. Committee Member Zucker commented that a recent advisory committee for the California Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (CalEVIP) discussed placing greater emphasis on medium/heavy duty charging and workplace charging as opposed to home charging. Committee Member Zucker expressed a desire to see an equity analysis of program funds and customers to discern best practices to target lower-income customers in need of assistance. Ms. O'Neill advised that many programs include a feature to track funds precisely to disadvantaged communities, stating that staff could do a similar analysis for the Power Response programs. Committee Member Zucker added that a geographic analysis might be simplest, but granular customer-level data would be more helpful.

Committee Member Novstrup commented that the rapid progress in EV technology is changing the shape of where and when charging is needed, and the high demands for 'holiday charging' and multifamily residential charging is becoming a massive economic challenge. Committee Member Novstrup added that bidirectional charging may be something CPA could explore in the future. Ms. O'Neill suggested that much intervention and support is needed because of the challenges involved beyond the costs and infrastructure.

Vice Chair Bugarin suggested that staff work to ensure that CPA is helping to support an equitable transition that benefits all consumers and providing services where other CCAs are not. Vice Chair Bugarin further suggested that the CAC might have additional input and requested that staff facilitate follow-up conversations to provide more time for that input and perspective.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Staff reminded CAC members who receive a NEM 3.0 working group survey to respond so an appropriate meeting date can be determined.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Fromer adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.