



Draft Minutes

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2020

7:00pm

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Eldred, Franch, Landry, O'Connell, Padilla, Thomas, Vice-Chair Franch and Chair Sutter

Excused: Members: Pacheco

C2. Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any EBCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Committee are customarily limited to three minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic [speaker slip](#). The Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

Blair Beekman - Spoke in opposition to PGE's nuclear allocation. Blair Beekman spoke in support of sustainability and flexibility as values to guide EBCE's long-term economic planning. Blair Beekman also spoke in support of moving towards deflationary energy policies.

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Jessica Tovar - Spoke in opposition to the May 20, 2020 Board Consent Item Amendment to Sponsorship Policy. Jessica Tovar also spoke about resuming CAC Member recruitment.

Alita Dupree - Spoke regarding the need for EBCE to stay cost competitive with PG&E, and for EBCE to focus on purchasing inexpensive renewable electricity.

C3. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2020 (5 minutes, CAC Action Item)

Vice-Chair Franch motioned to approve the April 20, 2020 minutes as amended:

A. Clarify who made the motion on Item C5 - Power Content Procurement Floor (Action Item)

Member Padilla seconded the motion, which carried 7/0; Excused: Members: Pacheco.

C4. CAC Chair Report (5 minutes)

Chair Sutter asked the CAC to recommend potential EBCE mask donation recipients.

Member Eldred requested the CAC recommend to the Board to move the May 20, 2020 Board Consent Item 8 - Amendment to Sponsorship Policy to the regular agenda for public discussion.

C5. 2020-2021 Draft Budget Review (90 minutes, CAC Informational Item)

Staff will provide the CAC with information about the draft EBCE 2020-2021 budget. (This is also an informational item for the board.)

The Committee Discussed:

- Cost for Bright Choice to maintain a 1.5% discount rate
- SMUD contract extension and update on bringing call center in-house.
- Performance vs seniority-based staffing bonuses, and the ability to sell back vacation time
- Internal vs external Local Development program funding sources
- Equity concerns about Vehicle electrification program
- Comparison of EBCE Local Development budget to other CCAs
- Brilliant 100 opt out rate if it is priced 3% above PG&E
- Local Development budget and job creation opportunities
- California Energy Commission matching rate for vehicle electrification program
- Potential to utilize EBCE budget reserve to mitigate COVID-19 impact on economy

Audrey Ichinose - Requested information on the possibility of reducing the price of Renewable 100 due to lower energy prices

Blair Beekman - Spoke regarding the need to define the term “positive sustainability” for the energy industry. Blair Beakman also spoke in favor of implementing fully

sustainable energy policies by the year 2023. Blair Beekman also spoke in support of increased democratic decision-making in local energy governance.

Barbara Stebbins - Spoke in opposition to the CALeVIP program in the post-COVID economic climate, and in favor of Local Development programs that emphasize community resilience and sustainability.

Aleta Dupree - Spoke in favor of transportation electrification, especially with regards to the zero-emission mandate for public transit buses. Aleta Dupree also spoke in favor of commercial electrification and demand response programs, and for further study about monetizing the nuclear allocation.

C6. California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project Funding (20 minutes, CAC Action Item)

Staff will provide the CAC with information about the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project Funding (CALeVIP). This is an action item for the board, so the CAC will provide advice to the board on this item.

The Committee discussed:

- Mass transit usage decrease due to COVID-19
- The California electric vehicle rebate program for low-income driver
- Flexibility of EBCE payments to CEC to fund CALeVIP
- Long-term community commitments to vehicle electrification
- Commercial fleet electrification as an equity issue

Barbara Stebbins - Spoke in support of increased investment in mass transit infrastructure.

Blair Beekman - Spoke in favor of increasing program diversity in the Local Development budget.

Aleta Dupree - Spoke in favor of transportation electrification and partnerships between clean energy providers and transportation enterprises.

Member Padilla motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Member O'Connell seconded the motion which carried 6/0; Excused: Members: Eldred and Pacheco.

C7. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC Agendas

There were no requests.

C8. Adjourned