REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)
Thursday, February 13, 2020
MINUTES

2075 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Desiree Thayer, Burlingame, Chair
Gladwyn D’Souza, Belmont, Vice Chair
Diane Bailey, Belmont
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay
Allen Brown, Unincorporated San Mateo County
Morgan Chaknova, Redwood City
Michael Closson, Menlo Park
Janet Creech, Millbrae
Joe Fullerton, Half Moon Bay
Scott Harmon, Portola Valley
Ray Larios, Burlingame
Janelle London, Menlo Park
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City

Absent: Walter Melville, San Bruno
James Ruigomez, San Bruno

Staff: Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations
Shayna Barnes, Administrative Assistant
Anne Bartoletti, Board Clerk/Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the CEO
Siobhan Doherty, Director of Power Resources
Jan Pepper, CEO
Alejandra Posada, Energy Programs Specialist
David Silberman, General Counsel

Board Members: Jeff Aalfs, Board Chair

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT
ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Made / Seconded: D’Souza/Creech

Motion passed 11–0 (Absent: Closson, Melville, Mendelson, Ruigomez)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Chair Report (Discussion)

Desiree Thayer, Chair, said that San Mateo County passed reach codes this week.

2. Peninsula Clean Energy Policy regarding potential PG&E allocation of GHG free (Large Hydro and Nuclear) resources to CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators) (Discussion)

Jan Pepper, CEO, described the reasons behind the potential PG&E allocation of GHG free resources to CCAs, the discussion and vote on the topic at the Board of Directors meeting on January 23rd, 2020, and potential advantages and disadvantages of accepting the allocation that had been identified. Jan solicited input from Committee members on accepting the potential allocation.

Committee members discussed challenges associated with accepting both Large Hydro and Nuclear resources from PG&E, including marketing, communication, and ethical issues. Committee members discussed whether any savings that occur due to accepting the allocation should be put into a special project fund for future programs.

3. Board Strategic Planning Meeting Recap by CAC Members (Discussion)

Michael Closson, Diane Bailey, and Janet Creech provided a recap of the Board Strategic Planning Meeting on January 11th, 2020. While pleased with the overarching discussion and goals of the meeting, they provided feedback on how discussions might be improved by providing additional background information to participants in advance, and involving staff members as necessary.

4. Discuss CAC 2020 Priorities and Work Planning Process (Discussion)

Desiree Thayer announced the work planning process that the Committee will undertake at their March meeting. Desiree invited Committee members to think about what they would like to include in the work plan, and which Peninsula Clean Energy staff members they would like to have at the meeting.

Committee members discussed which staff members they would like to have present at the meeting, possible ways to approach the work planning process, and topics of interest.
5. Update on Pilot Programs (Discussion)

Alejandra Posada, Energy Programs Specialist, gave a presentation on the status of Peninsula Clean Energy’s community pilot projects. Committee members provided feedback on the projects, commented on interesting findings, and suggested ways to scale and improve the programs.

6. Legislative and Regulatory Update (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations, provided an update on Peninsula Clean Energy’s legislative and regulatory efforts. She noted that as of February 13th, 2020, Peninsula Clean Energy’s legislative and regulatory team is tracking 22 bills in the California State Legislature. Kirsten highlighted a few bills like AB 56 (Garcia), SB 350 (Hertzberg), and SB 378 (Wiener) and how they could affect Peninsula Clean Energy.

7. Outreach Update (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reminded Committee members that their support would be greatly appreciated during the busy outreach season in April and May. She announced that Peninsula Clean Energy’s annual volunteer training will occur on March 18th from 6-9pm and asked Committee members to invite their contacts that may be interested in volunteering to attend.

8. Work Group Reports (Discussion)

Desiree Thayer and Diane Bailey provided an update on the status of reach codes within San Mateo County.

9. Upcoming Topics for Discussion

Kirsten Andrews Schwind described the agenda for the upcoming Board of Directors Meeting on February 27th, 2020. Michael Closson suggested a discussion on considering the inclusion of Los Banos and Merced County in the Peninsula Clean Energy JPA Agreement prior to the item being brought to the JPA Board for decision.

10. Committee Members’ Reports

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.