



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

Video conference and teleconference  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Desiree Thayer, Burlingame, *Chair*  
Diane Bailey, Belmont  
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay  
Allen Brown, Unincorporated San Mateo County  
Tim Bussiek, Belmont  
Michael Closson, Menlo Park  
Janet Creech, Millbrae  
Joe Fullerton, Half Moon Bay  
Terri Givens, Unincorporated Menlo Park  
Kathryn Green, San Mateo  
Ray Larios, Burlingame  
Janelle London, Menlo Park  
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City

**Absent:** Morgan Chaknova, Redwood City

**Staff:** Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations  
Joseph Wiedman, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs  
Tj Carter, Marketing Specialist  
Shayna Barnes, Administrative Assistant  
Anne Bartoletti, Board Clerk/Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the CEO  
David Silberman, General Counsel

**Board**

**Members:** Jeff Aalfs, Board Chair

**A quorum was established.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Made / Seconded: Closson / Creech

**Motion passed 12-0 (Absent: Chaknova, Larios)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **1. Chair Report (Discussion)**

No report.

### **2. Legislative and Regulatory Update (Discussion)**

Joseph Wiedman, *Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs*, provided an update on Peninsula Clean Energy's legislative and regulatory efforts. Joe reported that the legislature has reduced the number and types of bills they're hearing, and that there are discussions on stimulus funds to include EV (Electric Vehicle) charging, microgrids, and resiliency efforts.

Joe reported that there were 15 regulatory filings in the past three weeks on such topics as RA (Resource Adequacy), RPS (Renewable Portfolio Standard), PCIA (Power charge indifference adjustment) cost allocation, microgrids, transportation electrification, EV charging infrastructure, EVITP (Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program), and the IRP (Integrated Resource Plan).

Committee members discussed EVITP, stimulus funding, electrification of existing buildings, and opportunities to engage the Committee.

### **3. Educational Programs Update (Discussion)**

Tj Carter, *Marketing Specialist*, reported that Peninsula Clean Energy has engaged with schools, teachers, and students to increase understanding of energy usage, GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions reduction, and to encourage participation in energy programs and resiliency. Tj reported on programs including One Planet Schools, the Next Big Think STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) awards, the Student Activity Packet for high school math and science students, and a Dashboard Pilot to educate teachers and students about energy use.

Tj reviewed the Youth Climate Ambassador Leadership Program, Clean Energy Teacher Fellowship, and the SMELC (San Mateo Environmental Learning Collaborative) Administrator Fellowship, and the Sustainable Future Outdoor Academy grant funding for public secondary schools in San Mateo county.

Committee members discussed the number of students and teachers reached through these programs, plans for the upcoming school year, vocational training, and plans to grow these programs to reach more students and teachers in the future.

#### 4. Work Group Reports (Discussion)

Ray Larios reported that the Equity Workgroup discussed bringing an action-oriented resolution on equity and possible funding to the Board.

**Public Comment:**

Gladwyn D'Souza

Reporting for the Building Electrification Workgroup, Diane Bailey provided an update on Reach Codes, reporting that Burlingame passed new reach codes, East Palo Alto and Redwood City will consider reach codes in September, and that staff have been working with multiple cities to move reach codes forward. Diane reported that a website is being launched to provide all-electric technical assistance to developers and contractors, and she provided an update on building electrification programs that will be brought before the Executive Committee and the Board.

Janelle London reported that the Transportation Workgroup would like CAC input on the proposed role and direction of this workgroup, and would like to make recommendations to the Board on interim goals, success metrics, conducting a local survey, and messaging suggestions. Jason Mendelson provided a link to the Grand Jury report on Electric Vehicle Adoption in the Cities and County of San Mateo:

[http://www.sanmateocourt.org/documents/grand\\_jury/2018/electric\\_vehicle.pdf](http://www.sanmateocourt.org/documents/grand_jury/2018/electric_vehicle.pdf)

Michael Closson reported that the Resiliency and Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Workgroup met with staff and received updates on the Power on Peninsula portable battery project, the local solar generation RFP (Request for Proposals) on potential solar+storage sites in the county, and DER projects with CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators) across the state.

Tim Bussiek reported that the Strategic Priorities Workgroup met to review existing strategic priorities, discuss how to go further faster, and to identify topics to explore further like GHG (greenhouse gas) reduction stretch goals and marketing approach. Tim reported that they've scheduled a meeting with CEO Jan Pepper on New Community Inclusion and the 2025 Strategic Plan.

David Silberman, *General Counsel*, reported that Los Banos and Central Valley expansion will likely be on the Board agenda for the August 27, 2020 meeting.

Desiree Thayer reported that the Legislative & Regulatory Workgroup met with Joe Wiedman and that Joe will engage the group when there is something that the group can weigh in on and help to address. Jason Mendelson reported that the Legislative & Regulatory Workgroup might do a road trip in the future to attend community meetings exploring CCAs to talk about the benefits of forming or joining a CCA.

#### 5. Discuss Topics for CAC Public Forums (Discussion)

Desiree Thayer asked the Committee for topics that might be of interest to the public, and reported that future CAC discussions would determine what format the forum might take, like the need for virtual meetings.

Committee members identified topics for discussion including:

- getting neighborhood input on the development of local community solar projects,
- making communities, cities, counties more energy efficient and resilient,
- presentation on microgrids, solar+batteries, what PCE is doing to get ready for PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff) events
- marketing and community outreach through public forums
- moving up the carbon-free date like Menlo Park, and how to get there
- plan big public celebrations of reaching 100% carbon free

#### **6. Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair (Action)**

Jason Mendelson nominated Desiree Thayer for Chair and Ray Larios for Vice Chair, and made a motion to approve them as a slate of candidates.

Motion Made / Seconded: Mendelson / Bailey

**Motion passed unanimously 13-0 (Absent: Chaknova)**

#### **7. Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)**

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reviewed draft topics for the August 27, 2020 Board agenda, and CAC members discussed future topics for CAC meetings, including Working Group discussions, continued discussion on public forum topics, and making a recommendation on Equity.

#### **8. Committee Members' Reports**

Steven Booker reported that Redwood City Councilmember Janet Borgens reached out to him about reach codes, and he met with her virtually to review materials that were shared by Diane Bailey.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.