



**REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee  
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)  
Thursday, November 5, 2020  
MINUTES**

Video conference and teleconference  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Desiree Thayer, Burlingame, *Chair*  
Ray Larios, Burlingame, *Vice Chair*  
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay  
Tim Bussiek, Belmont  
Morgan Chaknova, Redwood City  
Michael Closson, Menlo Park  
Janet Creech, Millbrae  
Joe Fullerton, Half Moon Bay  
Terri Givens, Unincorporated Menlo Park  
Kathryn Green, San Mateo  
Alexander Melendrez, San Bruno  
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City

**Absent:** Diane Bailey, Belmont  
Allen Brown, Unincorporated San Mateo County  
Janelle London, Menlo Park

**Staff:** Jan Pepper, Chief Executive Officer  
KJ Janowski, Director of Marketing and Community Affairs  
Siobhan Doherty, Director of Power Resources  
Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations  
Shayna Barnes, Administrative Assistant  
Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, Deputy County Counsel  
Anne Bartoletti, Board Clerk/Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the CEO

**Board**

**Members:** Jeff Aalfs, Board Chair, CAC Liaison  
Donna Colson, Board Member, CAC Alternate Liaison

**A quorum was established.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jeff Aalfs, Board Chair and CAC Liaison  
Donna Colson, Board Member and CAC Alternate Liaison

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

Motion Made / Seconded: Closson / Creech

**Motion passed 11-0 (Absent: Bailey, Brown, London. Abstain: Melendrez)**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1. Swearing in of New Member**

Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, *Deputy County Counsel*, presided over the official swearing-in of new Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) member, Alexander Melendrez.

**2. Chair Report (Discussion)**

No report.

**3. Review/Approve Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2021 (Action)**

Committee members discussed the meeting schedule and agreed to continue to hold the CAC meetings two weeks before the monthly Board meetings.

Motion Made / Seconded: Mendelson / Booker

**Motion passed 12-0 (Absent: Bailey, Brown, London)**

**4. Recommend a Direction on PG&E Nuclear Allocation to the Board of Directors (Action)**

Jan Pepper, *Chief Executive Officer*, reported that earlier this year CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators) received the option to accept an allocation from PG&E of GHG (greenhouse gas) free resources that customers paid for through PCIA (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment). Jan reported that PCE accepted only the large hydro for the 2020 allocation. PCE received notice of the GHG free allocation for 2021, 2022, and 2023, and she reviewed the options to either accept the hydro allocation, or the nuclear allocation, accept both, or accept none.

KJ Janowski, *Director of Marketing and Community Affairs*, reviewed results of a market survey to gauge customer reactions to the addition of nuclear power on the power content label for PCE's ECOplus product. KJ reviewed the methodology and format of the survey, and reported that the energy source preference was 26% preferred the option with nuclear, 59% preferred without nuclear, and 15% with no preference. KJ also reviewed details of the power content label (PCL), and the perception of PCE with nuclear energy in the product mix.

Committee members discussed the decommissioning of the Diablo nuclear facility, the perception of nuclear energy, their fiduciary responsibility, the allocation choices of other CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators), and the benefits and costs of accepting large hydro and/or nuclear energy.

Motion Made to accept large hydro but reject the nuclear for the next three years, aligning this decision with this year's previous decision on the 2020 PG&E allocation/ Seconded:  
Mendelson / Booker

**Motion passed on a Roll Call vote 7-3 (In Favor: Chaknova, Closson, Creech, Givens, Mendelson, Thayer, Melendrez. Opposed: Booker, Fullerton, Larios. Abstain: Bussiek. Absent: Bailey, Brown, London)**

Chat From Shayna Barnes to Everyone: (07:43 PM). 2019 energy mix and the projected 2020 energy mix. There is a lot of large hydro in it.

<https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/power-mix/>

#### **5. Marketing and Community Outreach Update (Discussion)**

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Senior Manager of Community Relations*, reviewed Community Energy Programs and current promotions and rebates, and asked Committee members to think of one action they can take to get this information out to their networks.

#### **6. Work Group Reports (Discussion)**

Jason Mendelson reported that the Building Electrification Work Group met and he provided an update on reach codes.

Michael Closson reported that the Resiliency and DER (Distributed Energy Resources) Work Group met with DER staff and identified ways to be engaged.

Tim Bussiek reported that the Strategic Plan Work Group met and discussed how to reach 2030 GHG reduction goal; they reviewed impactful climate measures that cities can take; and he shared SVCE's (Silicon Valley Clean Energy) building decarbonization action plan:

[https://www.svcleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Decarbonization-Strategy-Programs-Roadmap\\_Dec-2018.pdf](https://www.svcleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Decarbonization-Strategy-Programs-Roadmap_Dec-2018.pdf)

Ray Larios reported that the Equity Work Group discussed the feedback the CAC provided at the last meeting, and is working to bring a statement back to the CAC and the Board.

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind directed new member Alexander Melendrez to the CAC page on PCE's website where the Work Groups are posted:

<https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/CAC-Work-Plan-Attachment-2.pdf>

#### **7. Continue Discussion on Topics for CAC Public Forums (Discussion)**

Michael Closson suggested forming a work group to address community forums, perhaps early next year. Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reported that staff can schedule a virtual video-

conference meeting when the CAC decides what their first public forum topic will be, sets the agenda, and determines who the speakers will be. Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, *Deputy County Counsel*, reported that she and staff are working on guidelines to keep the Work Groups in compliance with the Brown Act.

November 2020 Public Forum topics:

- EV Infrastructure rebates
- Community Engagement and Listening session

Below is a recap of previous suggestions for Topics on CAC Public Forums:

In September 2020, Committee members identified topics for discussion including:

- public meetings around the sites of the DER projects
- plan big public celebrations of reaching 100% carbon free, including in schools
- present resiliency from PCE's perspective, including microgrids
- listening sessions
- do a survey of the community to identify what topics they are interested in
- educational sessions on what PCE is doing in their community

In August 2020, 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

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

Committee members discussed potential agenda items for future meetings, and Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reviewed the draft Agenda for the November 19, 2020 Board meeting.

## **9. Committee Members' Reports**

Tim Bussiek reviewed the climate crises taking place and the urgency to lower GHG now, and he voiced his objection to PCE's goal to help the County meet the State's 100% greenhouse gas-free by 2045, and his support for Menlo Park's goal to be GHG free by 2035. He announced he is resigning from the Strategic Priorities and Marketing Outreach Work Groups, but will remain on the Transportation Work Group.

Jeff Aalfs, *Board Chair and CAC Liaison*, reported that PCE has a goal to design a power portfolio that is sourced by 100% carbon-free energy by 2025 that aligns supply and consumer demand on a 24 x 7 time-coincident basis.

Committee members thanked Tim for his statement and his passion and asked him to continue working with the CAC.

Alex Melendrez thanked the Committee, and expressed excitement to be on the CAC.

Chat From From Kirsten Andrews-Schwind to Everyone: (09:01 PM)  
<https://ccst.us/reports/the-costs-of-wildfire-in-california-2/>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.