

**REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)
Thursday, February 11, 2021
MINUTES**

Video conference and teleconference
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

- Present:** Desiree Thayer, Burlingame, *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
Terri Givens, Unincorporated Menlo Park
Janelle London, Menlo Park
Alexander Melendrez, San Bruno
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City
- Absent:** Tim Bussiek, Belmont
Ray Larios, Burlingame, *Vice Chair*
Kathryn Green, San Mateo
- Staff:** Jan Pepper, Chief Executive Officer
KJ Janowski, Director of Marketing and Community Affairs
Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations
Shraddha Mutyal, Programs Manager
Peter Levitt, Associate Manager of Distributed Energy Resources (DER)
David Silberman, General Counsel
Shayna Barnes, Administrative Assistant
Anne Bartoletti, Board Clerk/Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the CEO
- Board
Members:** Jeff Aalfs, Board Chair, CAC Liaison
Rick DeGolia, Board Vice Chair, CAC Alternate Liaison
Donna Colson, Board Member, CAC Alternate Liaison

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Fullerton, Half Moon Bay

ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Made / Seconded: Booker / Mendelson

Motion passed 12-0 (Absent: Bussiek, Green, Larios)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Chair Report (Discussion)

Desiree Thayer, *Chair*, reported that the resolution on the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Statement on Equity was adopted by the Board. She reported the Statement will be used by a Board subcommittee, including members of the CAC, as the basis from which to create a Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) policy.

2. Marketing and Community Outreach Update (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Senior Manager of Community Relations*, provided updates on the Heat Pump Water Heater rebates and the solar plus storage program. Kirsten reported PCE has an open position for a Community Outreach Manager in Los Banos, and that PCE will be recruiting a CAC member for Los Banos. She reported that some CAC terms are ending this year so there will be CAC recruitment in March, and that the CAC resolution will be amended to include areas outside of the County of San Mateo.

3. Discussion of Strategic Budget Priorities (Discussion)

Jan Pepper, *Chief Executive Officer*, reported that strategic budget priorities were discussed with the Executive Committee, the Audit and Finance Committee, and will be brought to the Board, in response to increases in PCIA (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment) and decreases in PG&E generation rates. Jan reviewed comparisons of PG&E's generation rates and PCIA rates, and the potential negative impact on revenues.

Jan reviewed potential savings initiatives. Committee members discussed PCIA, PCE's investment grade rating, group purchasing of RA, PCE's rate discount, program delays, and PCE's commitment to workforce training.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Kabat

4. Discussion of Revised Policy 1 on Legislative Initiatives and PCE Legislative/Regulatory Platform for Calendar Year 2021 (Discussion)

Jan Pepper reported Joseph Wiedman, former Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, has left PCE, and a Legislative Analyst position has been posted on the website. It was noted that Open job descriptions are posted at <https://www.peninsulacleanenergy.com/join-our-team/>

Jan reviewed proposed changes to Policy 1 to reference a new Legislative Platform that will be presented to the Board. Jan reviewed the eight key areas of the platform, including Governance and Authority, Decarbonization, IOU (Investment Owned Utility) Charges and Exit Fees (PCIA), Resource Adequacy, Environmental Justice, Community Resilience, Local Economic Development, and California Energy Market Structure.

Committee members discussed reductions in carbon emissions reflected in the Decarbonization section, climate justice, electrification and energy optimization.

5. Building Electrification Programs Update (Discussion)

Shraddha Mutyal, *Programs Manager*, reviewed programs objectives, portfolio, and budget. She reviewed incentives and application details of the PCE heat pump water heater rebate program, income qualified home upgrade program, and the Harvest Thermal Technology Pilot program.

Committee members discussed limitations in apartments and condos, and the Power On Peninsula program that provides portable back-up batteries for medically eligible customers in high risk PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff) areas.

6. Updating CAC Work Plan (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews Schwind asked CAC members to provide topics for new working groups that will be structured as short-term projects with specific tasks and completion dates. Committee members discussed getting feedback from staff on the 2020 working groups, how to best assist PCE, potential DER (Distributed Energy Resources) projects, research and development, and matching CAC expertise with staff. Kirsten reported that the proposed list of CAC Working Group projects will be presented to the Executive Committee for feedback, and then will be brought back to the CAC.

7. Work Group Reports (Discussion)

Michael Closson reported the DER Work Group met with staff, who identified four potential projects.

Diane Bailey reported for the Building Electrification Work Group, reporting on current reach codes efforts by the cities, and the next wave of reach codes "2.0".

Joe Fullerton reported that the Education Work Group reviewed potential new directions, including taking action with Project Read, energy auditing tools, and youth ambassador programs.

8. Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)

Committee members reviewed the draft Board agenda, discussed a building electrification panel in March, and discussed getting an update on CALeVIP (California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project) program at a future meeting.

9. Committee Members' Reports

Diane Bailey reported that the Redwood Energy guidebook on home electrification is coming out soon. Joe Fullerton reported that SMCCCD (San Mateo County Community College District) launched the Energize Colleges internship program. Janet Creech reported that she is giving presentations on PCE at Woodside High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.