REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA) Thursday, September 9, 2021 MINUTES

Video conference and teleconference 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:
Ray Larios, Burlingame, Chair
Daniel Baerwaldt, Los Banos
Diane Bailey, Belmont
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay
Tim Bussiek, Belmont
Janet Creech, Millbrae
Joe Fullerton, Half Moon Bay
Kathryn Green, San Mateo
Terri Givens, Unincorporated Menlo Park
Alexander Melendrez, San Bruno
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City
Cheryl Schaff, Menlo Park
Desiree Thayer, Burlingame

Absent:
Morgan Chaknova, Vice Chair
Michael Closson, Menlo Park

Staff:
KJ Janowski, Director of Marketing and Community Relations
Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations
Siobhan Doherty, Director of Power Resources
Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, Deputy County Counsel
Shayna Barnes, Operations Specialist
Marc Hershman, Director of Government Affairs
Phillip Kobernick, Programs Manager
Sally Chen, Power Resources Manager
Mehdi Shahriari, Senior Renewable Energy Analyst
Sara Maatta, Renewable Energy and Compliance Analyst
Peter Levitt, Associate Manager of DER Strategy
Greg Miller, Power Resources Intern
Board Members: Jeff Aalts, Board Member

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public Comment

ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes for the August 12, 2021 Meeting

Motion Made / Seconded / Mendelson/Larios

Motion passed 10-0 (Absent: Bailey, Chaknova, Closson, Givens, Abstain: Melendrez)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Chair Report (Discussion)

No Chair Report.

3. Approving Resolution Thanking Desiree Thayer for her Services as CAC Chair (Action)

Committee members Diane Bailey, Janet Creech, and Ray Larios, thanked Desiree Thayer for her leadership. Joe Fullerton thanked Desiree for her service. Jason Mendelson thanked Desiree for her calm and rational leadership and great contribution to the Committee while serving as chair. Ray Larios tabled the action item for the next CAC meeting so that Ray could capture the resolution in writing.

4. Update on Peninsula Clean Energy goal of 100% renewable Energy on a 24/7 basis by 2025 (Discussion)

Siobhan Doherty, Director of Power Resources, provided an introduction to the topic. Greg Miller, Power Resources Intern, gave a presentation that covered Peninsula Clean Energy's organizational priorities and described how time-coincident procurement allows for deeper decarbonization because we are not using generic, non-clean energy during the morning and night hours. Greg described the difference between annual and hourly accounting of carbon free power.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Kabat
5. Consideration or recommendation to the Board of Directors of amending Peninsula Clean Energy goal to Contribute to San Mateo County reaching the state’s goal to be 100% greenhouse gas-free by 2045 (Action)

Rafael Reyes, Director of Energy Programs, gave a presentation regarding the 2045 decarbonization goal and Peninsula Clean Energy programs. Rafael covered current GHG emission sources in San Mateo County, Peninsula Clean Energy’s program portfolio and outcomes, and planning for the 2045 target and the framework to get to the 2045 target. Committee members discussed the state possibly advancing this target to 2035 due to the urgency of the climate crisis. After this discussion, the CAC made the following motion/resolution:

Whereas, Peninsula Clean Energy has been a leader in innovation: Proposing and fostering Reach codes and Programs and dedicating itself to achieving targets. And Peninsula Clean Energy continues to take the lead to make the changes that are necessary; and

Whereas, Peninsula Clean Energy continues to lead in confronting the climate emergency, and one key way is to accelerate the target dates for Peninsula Clean Energy’s goals; and

Whereas, this goal affects practical actions and demonstrates the commitment to do what is required by scientific realities; now therefore

Be it resolved, Peninsula Clean Energy CAC recommends to the Board of Directors to amend Peninsula Clean Energy’s goal to contribute to Peninsula Clean Energy service territory reaching the state’s goal to be 100% greenhouse gas-free by 2035. And take all necessary steps to meet this goal, as it is required by the climate emergency we all face.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Kabat

Motion Made / Seconded: Mendelson/Bailey

Motion passed 11-0 (Absent: Baerwaldt, Bussiek, Chaknova, Closson)

6. Marketing Report (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations, reported that the Used EV Program has launched and the Outreach Grant applications for the 2022 grant cycle are now open.

Rafael Reyes, Director of Energy Programs, reported that Peninsula Clean Energy will be posting a job application for Building Electrification Programs Manager and invited Committee members to share the position with their networks.
7. **Working Group Reports**

   Jason Mendelson provided an update from the Building Electrification working group and reported that the on-bill financing program was approved by the Peninsula Clean Energy Board. Rafael Reyes provided more context on the on-bill financing program.

8. **Upcoming Topics for Discussion**

   Kirsten Andrews-Schwind said that the Peninsula Clean Energy Board Retreat was coming up on September 25th at 9am, and invited CAC members to come and make public comment. Kirsten reviewed upcoming items for the October Board agenda including an e-bikes update, additional power purchase agreements, EV managed charging pilot, and Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion. Diane Bailey asked for an update on Peninsula Clean Energy’s strategy and programs related to distributed/local generation. Joe Fullerton volunteered to give a presentation on the San Mateo County Community College District’s Energize Colleges Internship Program that is funded by Peninsula Clean Energy.

9. **Committee Members’ Reports**

   Diane Bailey shared a website about how to avoid electrical panel upgrades when switching homes off gas to electric appliances: [https://redwoodenergy.net/watt-diet-calculator/](https://redwoodenergy.net/watt-diet-calculator/). Diane also gave reach code updates from the cities of Menlo Park and Half Moon Bay. Alex Melendrez shared the following workshop by Nonprofit Housing (NPH) on affordable housing electrification and resiliency: [https://nonprofithousing.org/events-and-programs/conference/2021-conference-workshops/#resilient](https://nonprofithousing.org/events-and-programs/conference/2021-conference-workshops/#resilient)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.