

**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 Aalfs, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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/>. 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>

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.