

**REGULAR MEETING of the Citizens Advisory Committee  
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)  
Thursday, August 11, 2022  
MINUTES**

Video conference and teleconference  
6:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Daniel Baerwaldt, Los Banos arrived at 7:32 p.m.  
Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay  
Brandon Chan, South San Francisco  
Michael Closson, Menlo Park  
Michael Garvey, San Carlos  
Kathleen Goforth, San Carlos  
Katie Green, San Mateo  
Edward Love, Half Moon Bay  
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City, *Vice Chair*  
Cheryl Schaff, Menlo Park, *Chair*  
Desiree Thayer, Burlingame  
Bryan Tran, South San Francisco

**Absent:**

Diane Bailey, Belmont  
Joe Fullerton, Half Moon Bay  
Margaret Li, South San Francisco

**A quorum was established.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

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

- 1. Approval of the Minutes for July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Adopt Findings Pursuant to AB 361 to Continue Fully Teleconferenced  
Committee Meetings Due to Health Risks Posed by In-Person Meetings**

Motion Made / Seconded: Garvey / Chan

**Motion passed 11-0 (Absent: Baerwaldt, Bailey, Fullerton, Li)**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

No Chair Report

### **4. 24/7 Renewable Goal and Modeling Discussion (Discussion)**

Mehdi Shahriari, *Senior Renewable Energy Analyst*, overviewed Peninsula Clean Energy's goal to deliver 100% renewable energy each and every hour of the day by 2025. After introducing the current framework of clean energy procurement, in which Peninsula Clean Energy purchases supplies to meet customer demand on an annual basis, Mehdi described how Peninsula Clean Energy's 24/7 renewable goal advances the decarbonization of the electricity grid. Mehdi also reviewed the use of modeling to identify the least-cost portfolio of energy resources that achieve this goal.

Sara Maatta, *Senior Renewable Energy and Compliance Analyst*, introduced the purpose and timeline of Peninsula Clean Energy's Integrated Resource Planning process. Sara also reviewed the goals and principles guiding Peninsula Clean Energy's planned procurement, such as preference for projects with environmental benefits or the use of competitive solicitations to identify the most cost-effective resources.

Committee members asked questions about Peninsula Clean Energy's current energy sources and discussed the role of various resources, including energy storage, large hydro, and nuclear, in meeting the 24/7 renewable goal.

### **5. Gov PV Solar Program Discussion (Discussion)**

Peter Levitt, *Programs Manager*, described the purpose of Peninsula Clean Energy's Gov PV Solar Program: to accelerate local renewable energy development at local government facilities in the agency's service territory. Peter explained how the innovative financial model employed by this program lowers the cost and complexity of installing solar and storage for local public agencies.

Committee members asked questions about the timeline of the program and number of projects that include storage. Committee members also inquired about the geographic distribution of participating jurisdictions as well as the plans to expand the program to serve other public entities.

### **6. Marketing and Community Liaison Update (Discussion)**

Vanessa Shin, *Community Outreach Specialist*, acknowledged Committee members for participating in user testing for the Zero-Percent Financing program

and highlighted the planned launch date of October 2022. Vanessa also announced that the Youth Climate Ambassadors Program is currently accepting applications from high school students in San Mateo County.

#### **7. Working Group Reports (Discussion)**

Jason Mendelson, *Vice Chair*, shared that the Building Electrification Education working group convened to coordinate outreach for the upcoming reach code adoption cycle. Desiree Thayer, *Committee member*, communicated that the Education Initiatives working group met to discuss existing education initiatives and brainstorm new ideas for engaging with schools, especially in Los Banos.

Jason Mendelson signed up for the Demand-Side Strategies for 24/7 Grid Decarbonization working group.

#### **8. Planning Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion Policy Workshop (Discussion)**

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Senior Manager of Community Relations*, provided an update on Peninsula Clean Energy's community workshop on Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion. The workshop is scheduled for the next Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on September 8, 2022.

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

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind reviewed the topics planned for the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors retreat on September 22, 2022 and reviewed the opportunities for CAC members to participate.

Michael Closson, *Committee member*, requested a discussion on Peninsula Clean Energy's goal of creating a minimum of 20 megawatts of new local power by 2025.

#### **10. Committee Members' Reports (Discussion)**

Desiree Thayer shared information about the Youth for Climate Action Rally in San Mateo on August 23, 2022.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.