

**REGULAR MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee
of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)
Thursday, August 10, 2023
MINUTES**

In-Person, Video Conference, and Teleconference
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

PCEA Lobby, 2075 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061

Steven Booker, Half Moon Bay
Michael Closson, Menlo Park
Kathleen Goforth, San Carlos
Mele Heimuli, East Palo Alto
Gail Lee, San Bruno
Jason Mendelson, Redwood City, Vice Chair
Cheryl Schaff, Menlo Park, *Chair*
Shreyas Sudhakar, Menlo Park

*UC Merced, Sustainability Research and Engineering (SRE) 458, 5200 North Lake Rd.,
Merced, CA 95340*

Daniel Baerwaldt, Los Banos

Absent:

Diane Bailey, Belmont
Brandon Chan, South San Francisco
Aurelio Huizar, Burlingame
Margaret Li, South San Francisco
Desiree Thayer, Burlingame
Robert Whitehair, San Mateo

An in-person quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes for the July 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

Jason Mendelson, *Vice Chair*, requested that future Community Advisory Committee (CAC) minutes include staff responses to questions. Jason also suggested that staff send an email to CAC members to indicate when presentation slide decks are posted on the website.

Motion Made / Seconded: Closson / Goforth

Motion passed 9-0 (Absent: Bailey, Chan, Huizar, Li, Thayer, Whitehair)

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Chair Report (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff, *Chair*, welcomed the new Committee members and invited them to ask questions throughout the meeting. Jason Mendelson announced that the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors reviewed the deliverables for the 2022 Work Plan and approved updates to the 2023 Work Plan and objectives. Jason shared that the Board of Directors expressed keen interest in the CAC and appreciation for the Committee's contributions.

3. Member Introductions (Discussion)

Cheryl Schaff invited each member of the Committee to introduce themselves and answer the following question: "Of the three 'R's' of sustainability—reduce, reuse, and recycle—which is the most challenging for you to practice and why?"

4. Update on 24/7 Renewable Goal and Timeline (Discussion)

Mehdi Shahriari, *Planning and Analytics Manager*, presented an overview of Peninsula Clean Energy's goal to deliver 100% renewable energy annually on a 99% time-coincident basis by 2027.

Committee members discussed Peninsula Clean Energy's current electricity mix, including the contributions of solar, wind, and other renewable resources during various hours and days of the year. For example, Michael Closson, *Committee Member*, inquired about the potential role of expanded storage in achieving this goal. Mehdi explained that short-duration storage can help store excess energy produced during the day to be used in the evening and nighttime hours. He added that long-duration or seasonal storage could help shift excess energy produced in the summer to be used in the winter months.

Additionally, Committee members considered the risks involved with procuring an oversupply of electricity and the challenges towards reaching this goal, such as labor shortages and supply chain issues. Due to the limited renewable energy resources that are expected to be available, Mehdi explained that achieving this goal is not feasible in 2025 or 2026. Jason Mendelson and Kathleen Goforth,

Committee Member, requested that CAC members have the opportunity to provide input on any major changes to this strategic priority in the future.

Gail Lee, *Committee Member*, inquired about how Peninsula Clean Energy is publicizing the 24/7 renewables goal. Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, *Senior Manager of Community Relations*, responded that Peninsula Clean Energy has focused on promoting the goal to audiences in the energy industry. Committee members suggested communicating the goal to broader audiences, especially as progress is made.

5. Report Back from Staff Committee on Budget Surplus (Discussion)

Steven Booker, *Committee Member*, provided a summary of the first two meetings of the Staff Committee on Budget Surplus, which were focused on background information about Peninsula Clean Energy's goals, customer feedback and priorities, and opportunities to expand energy programs. Committee members inquired about the timeline of the budget recommendation.

6. Sign Up for CAC Working Groups (Discussion)

Jason Mendelson introduced the scope of each working group, including goals and deliverables. Committee members indicated their interest in joining working groups.

7. CAC Chair Elections (Discussion)

Jason Mendelson nominated Cheryl Schaff to serve as the CAC Chair. Steven Booker nominated Jason Mendelson to serve as the CAC Vice Chair.

Motion passed 9-0 (Absent: Bailey, Chan, Huizar, Li, Thayer, Whitehair)

8. Marketing and Community Liaison Update (Discussion)

Vanessa Shin, *Community Outreach Specialist*, shared that Peninsula Clean Energy's Refrigerator Recycling Program and Residential Solar + Storage Program have been discontinued. Gail Lee suggested SunShares for residential solar + storage installations. Kathleen Goforth requested information on alternatives for disposing refrigerants properly.

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind announced that Peninsula Clean Energy is partnering with community-based organizations on planning public engagement workshops in the fall. Peninsula Clean Energy is also collaborating with Climate Resilient Communities on a Spanish-language electric vehicle showcase.

9. Upcoming Topics for Discussion (Discussion)

Kirsten Andrews-Schwind previewed topics for the upcoming meeting of the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors, suggesting a regulatory update, discussion on a residential storage program, and report from the Staff Committee on the Budget Surplus.

10. Committee Members' Reports (Discussion)

No Committee Member Reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.