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Community Advisory Committee Meeting

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7:00pm

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Eldred, Franch, Laundry, Padilla and Chair Sutter

Excused: Members: O'Connell, Pacheco and Thomas

C2. Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any EBCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Committee are customarily limited to three minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic [speaker slip](#). The Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

C3. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2020 (5 minutes, CAC Action Item)

Member Franch motioned to approve the February 18, 2020 Minutes. Member Landry seconded the motion which carried 5/0; Excused: Members: Pacheco, O'Connell and Thomas

C4. CAC Chair's Report (5 minutes)

Chair Sutter spoke regarding - EBCE's COVID-19 Community Grants program and expressed the CAC's interest in participating in the grant evaluation process.

Member O'Connell joined the meeting at 7:10 pm

C5. Power Content Procurement Floor (45 minutes, CAC Action Item)

EBCE Board is being asked to amend the Bright Choice power content guidelines to instill the clean energy procurement floor starting in 2020. The CAC will hear from staff about this recommendation and provide advice to the EBCE Board regarding the amendment.

The Committee discussed:

- Procurement floor timelines
- Content Label- Carbon- Free vs Renewables
- Bright Choice power content comparison modeling
- Power Content and energy sources
- Procurement spending and deficit budgeting
- Discussion timing
- CAC questions submitted to Staff
- Budget deficit scenarios if nuclear allocation is rejected

Al Weinrub spoke in favor of postponing discussion about Bright Choice power content guidelines until after the Carbon-Free Allocation decision has been made.

Barbara Stebbins spoke in support of increase of renewable content and in opposition to amending the Bright Choice power content label during a public health emergency and stated that the change will result in a dirtier energy mix for disadvantaged communities.

Audrey Ichinose recommended additional discussion about the power content procurement floor and requested additional information about the merits, if any, of including nuclear power on the power content label.

Jessica Tovar spoke in support of equitable access to clean energy for low-income communities.

Mark Haussener requested additional information on the carbon-free allotment.

Chair Sutter motioned that the CAC recommend to the Board to hear the Power Procurement Floor item as an Informational item. Member Franch seconded the motion which carried 6/0 Excused: Members: Pacheco and Thomas.

C6. PG&E Carbon-Free Allocation Decision (50 minutes, CAC Action Item)

Staff will provide the CAC with information about using this year's choice for subsequent year offers and the CAC will advise the EBCE Board on nuclear / hydro resource allocations for this year and for subsequent years.

The Committee discussed:

- The CAC's December 16, 2019 recommendation to Board to reject nuclear allocations.
- Responses to questions submitted to staff Mechanism to track interim vs long-term impact of allocations.
- The May 7th CPUC Advice Letter.
- The need for an additional CAC meeting after the CPUC Advice Letter decision is made.

Barbara Stebbins spoke regarding concerns about nuclear energy, including the long-term impact of the Board's decision, and the limited savings that can be achieved in the current calendar year.

Audrey Y Ichinose spoke regarding a statement that she will circulate to the Board in support of the early closure of Diablo Canyon.

Jessica Tovar spoke regarding a letter from EBCPA in support of the early closure of Diablo Canyon, citing seismic and safety issues.

Al Weinrub spoke regarding PG&E's cost containment strategies with regards to nuclear power, and the effort to sell nuclear power to community choice aggregators.

Member Landry motioned that the CAC recommend that the Board accept Allocation Option B. Chair Sutter seconded the motion as amended:

- A. Include that staff return to the Board for future allocations if there are material differences from the initial allotment.**

Motion carried 4/1; Opposed: Member Padilla; Excused: Members: Pacheco, Thomas and O'Connell.

C7. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC Agendas

Member Eldred recognized staff for their hard work and leadership in EBCE's response to Covid-19. The community grants have made a serious and material difference in the lives of organizations working directly with communities that are being impacted. Chair Sutter seconded the sentiment.

C8. Adjourned