



Draft Minutes

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Eldred, Landry, Pacheco, Padilla, Vice-Chair Franch, Chair Sutter
Excused: none

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.

Aleta Dupree asked the CAC to be strong advocates of public power. A. Dupree cautioned against high rates and delivery charges, and advocated for EBCE to consider becoming a municipal utility district

Barbara Stebbins spoke about the vacancies on the CAC and advocated that the CAC should be included in CAC governance decision-making bodies.

Vaughn asked who can be contacted to discuss long-term storage options.

Blair Beekman spoke about San Jose's Hummingbird solar storage facility energy project. B. Beekman encouraged staff to explore new and inventive ideas around renewable energy, sustainability and accountability.

Eddie Price asked to start a conversation with Chair Sutter about how to deepen community involvement. E. Price is Chair of the Community Advisory Committee for San Diego Community Power.

C3. Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2020 (5 minutes)

Member Eldred motioned to approve the minutes. Member Landry seconded the motion which carried 5/0.

C4. CAC Chair Report (5 minutes)

The Chair informed the body about updates that are being made to the CAC appointment policy. These updates will be discussed at the September 25 Executive Committee meeting, which Chair Sutter encouraged Members to attend. The policy update will address how Members will be appointed from New Communities, and make adjustments to the length of terms, although the eight year term cap will not change. Chair Sutter also noted that prior CAC recommendations to the BOD to include CAC members in appointment policy decision-makings have been denied.

Member Landry requested that updates to the appointment policy are discussed by the CAC before votes are taken.

Blair Beekman spoke about EBCE's project to supply microgrid individual storage packs for homes.

C5. Brilliant 100 Options for 2021 (45 minutes, CAC Action Item)

Staff will describe the options for Brilliant 100 and the CAC will advise the board on options.

The Committee Discussed:

- Member cities consideration of nuclear allocation in response to the PCIA
- The status of the April 22, 2020 Board of Directors vote to reject Item 12: PG&E's Carbon-Free Allocation Decision
- Will nuclear be included on the power content label and joint rate mailer?
- The ability of Member Cities to choose products for their jurisdictions
- Timing of BOD decision on Brilliant 100
- Status of Brilliant 100 product
- Alternative local product offerings

Tom Kelly spoke regarding PG&E's power content and rate comparisons to EBCE.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding the power content label and timing for changes to Brilliant 100 and requested community engagement when these topics are discussed.

Barbara Stebbins spoke in opposition of EBCE accepting nuclear and expressed concern that individual cities could accept a nuclear allotment. Barbara Stebbins recommended that Hayward enroll in Bright Choice 100.

Audrey Ichinose expressed concern that accepting the nuclear offer will lock in the PCIA. Audrey Ichinose recommended that Hayward should enroll in Bright Choice 100 and promote Renewable 100 to support the city's climate goals.

Jessica Tovar reiterated that nuclear energy is not a real solution for climate change. Any form of energy that exacerbates environmental racism and injustice is not a solution. PG&E's nuclear allocation does not create jobs or build a clean energy infrastructure.

Vaughn spoke regarding the technological limitations of battery packs as a solution for long term energy solution. Vaughn also spoke in opposition to nuclear energy.

Aleta Dupree spoke on behalf of EBCE maintaining a nuclear-free value proposition that is competitive with PG&E and that supports 100% renewable energy.

Member Landry motioned to recommend that the Board oppose a new product, Option 3 (nuclear power), direct staff to review other content and cost scenarios, potentially increasing large hydro options. Member Pacheco seconded the motion which failed 3/3

C6. Update of Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Filing (25 minutes, CAC Informational Item)

Staff will inform the CAC on the IRP Compliance filing.

The Committee Discussed:

- Why nuclear was not included in the IRP.
- The intention of the Board when they rejected the nuclear allotment.

Tom Kelly noted that the word "nuclear" is mentioned several times in the IRP filing which states that there will be no nuclear in EBCE's power mix,.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding the IRP process and ensuring community/ratepayer engagement.

C7. Establishment of a Rate Stabilization GASB 62 Fund (25 minutes, CAC Informational Item)

Staff will describe the proposed GASB62 fund to the CAC so the CAC is informed of this EBCE accounting practice.

The Committee Discussed:

- Revenue deferral account management strategies
- LDPD funding stabilization strategies

C8. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC agendas

Member Landry requested additional discussion of Item C5 on Brilliant 100 including staff results. Member Landry also requested a copy of the April 22, 2020 Board of Director's vote on Item 12 - PG&E Carbon-Free Allocations Decision.

C9. Adjourned.