



Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

6:00pm

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Eldred, Landry, Padilla, Vice-Chair Franch and Chair Sutter

Excused: Member Pacheco

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 spoke regarding the importance of renewable energy, and its potential for affordability and resilience. Aleta Dupree also spoke in support of powering municipal infrastructure with renewable energy.

**C3. Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2020 and January 19, 2021
(5 minutes)**

Member Eldred motioned to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes.
Member Landry seconded the motion which passed 5/0. Excused: Member Pacheco

Member Padilla motioned to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes.
Member Landry seconded the motion which passed 5/0. Excused: Member Padilla

C4. CAC Chair Report (5 minutes)

Chair Sutter reported that the CAC plans discuss the Aramis Project at its March 15, 2021 meeting if it is approved by Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Chair Sutter also reported that the CAC application period has closed and that 26 applications were received. Enough applications were received to expect to find representation across all targeted areas, and to fill alternate seats. Chair Sutter said that a ten-member CAC would likely start in April.

C5. 2021 Bright Choice Power Content Procurement Floor (20 minutes, Informational Item)

Staff will update the CAC regarding the power content procurement floor for Bright Choice in 2021

The Committee discussed:

- Procurement floor content components
- Definition of grid unspecified energy
- Renewable content percentage trajectory
- New, local renewable content generation

Jessica Tovar asked what would happen if PG&E increased its renewable content more than 5% year over year.

Aleta Dupree spoke in support of increasing renewable content as much as possible while offering a less expensive product than PG&E.

C6. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Mid-Year Budget Report (30 minutes, Informational Item)

Staff will provide the CAC with a mid-year status of the annual budget

The Committee discussed:

- Variable cost line-items in budget forecast
- Mechanics of PUBA (PCIA Under-Collection Balancing Account)
- Investment Income

Blair Beekman spoke regarding the October 2020 IRP Report.

Audrey Ichinose spoke regarding CAISO's rules and regulations as a driver of price spikes and higher energy costs.

C7. Proposed Policy on Member Requests to Change the Default Product for Certain Customers (20 minutes, Informational Item)

Staff will describe the proposed policy on JPA member requests to change the default product for certain customers within their jurisdiction

The Committee discussed:

- Customer opt outs

Blair Beekman spoke regarding 2023 as a pivotal year for the implementation of renewable energy planning.

C8. Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy Update (30 minutes, Informational Item)

Staff will provide the CAC with an update to EBCE's NEM Policy

The Committee discussed:

- EBCE's equity-based programs
- Public engagement about equity programs
- Savings allocation report
- Eligibility of 2021 NEM program to low-income ratepayers
- NEM and rental housing

Jessica Tovar spoke in opposition to closing the Net Energy Metering program to enrollment to new low-income customers.

Blair Beekman spoke regarding the closure of the NEM program to new enrollment and equity-based program development in Hayward and San Jose. Blair Beekman also spoke in support of using the term "smart data".

Vaughn spoke regarding alternatives to paying for solar energy, stating that the overproduction of energy in the spring should compensate for the underproduction of energy in the winter.

Audrey Ichinose spoke in support of using proposed savings generated by the NEM program to support solar+storage installation for renters.

C9. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC agendas

Member Eldred requested to discuss her project and voluntary survey at the March 15 CAC meeting.

C10. Adjourned at 8:05pm