



**Draft Minutes**  
**Community Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Monday, March 15, 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.*

**There were no speakers for public comment.**

**C3. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2021 (5 minutes)**

**Vice-Chair Franch motioned to approve the February 16, 2021. Member Eldred seconded the motion with passed 5/0. Excused: Member Pacheco**

**C4. CAC Chair Report (5 minutes)**

Chair Sutter spoke regarding the Metrics Initiative, stating that an update of the Initiative is planned for the April CAC meeting. Chair Sutter then ceded the floor to Member Eldred, who spoke regarding a survey that she is distributing to Board and CAC Members as part of her Masters' thesis project. Member Eldred stated that the survey will be made available to interested public and staff.

**The Committee discussed:**

- Review of the Metrics Initiative's purpose and goals

**C5. Legislative Update (45 minutes, Action Item)**

Staff will update the CAC on EBCE's legislative program, bill tracker, and bill positions. The CAC will provide feedback to the board on bills that they feel should be supported or opposed.

**The Committee discussed:**

- Position on AB 1088
- Position on SB 612
- Resource Adequacy management requirements in AB 427
- Excess utility-owned generation in SB 612
- Status of CPUC's Working Group 3 which respect to SB 612.
- Funding sources for SB 31

Jessica Tovar spoke in support of AB 427 and in opposition to SB 612 and stated why she believes that SB 612 is not in the best interest of California's utility customers.

**Member Padilla motioned to approve the staff recommendation of the Legislative Platform. Vice-Chair Franch seconded the motion which passed 3/2. Members Eldred and Landry voted no, and Member Pacheco was excused.**

**C6. Overview of SMUD EnergyHELP and Connected Communities (25 minutes, Informational Item)**

Staff will provide the CAC with a summary overview of the SMUD EnergyHELP program, as an example of what a municipal utility is doing to support customers struggling to pay bills; how this does and does not apply to EBCE;

and plans for future customer payment support programs through Connect Communities.

**The Committee discussed:**

- Requirements to maintain enrollment in Arrearage Management (AMP) Program
- Assistance program funding sources and outreach efforts
- Disadvantaged Community Green Tariff (DAC-GT) and Community Solar Green Tariff (CS-GT) community sponsorship timeline

**Jessica Tovar** spoke regarding the need for additional investment to enroll eligible rate payers in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and AMP programs. Jessica Tovar stated that information about assistance programs, such as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP Plus), is difficult to find on the EBCE website. Jessica Tovar stated that assistance program information should be posted on the website prominently and in multiple languages.

**C7. Aramis Project Update (15 minutes, Informational Item)**

Staff will update the CAC on how the EBCE is involved in the Aramis Project (a 100 MW solar farm in Livermore that the Alameda County of Supervisors recently approved) and expected outcomes of the project. (The project manager, Intersect Power, indicated that the project is slated to begin construction in mid-2022 and could be operational by mid-2023).

**The Committee discussed:**

- EBCE's power allocation calculation
- Resource Adequacy
- Environmentally beneficial dual usages of solar farmland

**Aleta Dupree** spoke in support of the Aramis Project, stating that it will reduce pollution and the cost of electricity. Aleta Dupree encouraged strong advocacy to keep the project on track.

**Sue Springer** spoke in opposition to the Aramis Project, stating that the solar facility should not be placed on agricultural land along a scenic corridor. Sue Springer stated that EBCE would lose public support because of this project.

**C8. Supplier Diversity Overview & 2020 Report (25 minutes, Informational Item)**

Staff will give the CAC an overview of the California Public Utilities Commission General Order 156 requirements and Supplier Diversity Program, and review of EBCE's first report results, planned activities, and challenges.

**The Committee discussed:**

- Feasibility of utilizing zip code criteria

Jessica Tovar spoke in support of creating inclusive alternative selection criteria, such as ranking zip code information by income and employment level, to diversify supplier selection.

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

**There were no CAC Member or Staff announcements.**

**C10. Adjourned at 8:35pm.**