

Update on Metrics Initiative

This document provides an update on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair and Vice-Chair's metrics initiative. This update is being presented during the 4/19/21 East Bay Community Energy Community (EBCE) CAC Meeting.

Background

The CAC's 2020/2021 chair and vice-chair chose to work on a *Metrics Initiative* between November 2020 and June 30, 2021 (which is the end of their term).¹

The goal of the CAC Metrics Initiative is to 1) understand and comment on the measurement and reporting methodologies proposed; and 2) understand the current status of and timeline for reporting out Stage 1 metrics.

The metrics initiative focuses on the first of the three broad area (beneficial pillars) described in the CAC Workplan² and draws on the stages and metrics laid out in the LDBP. The LDBP has three stages that roughly align to fiscal years and cover the first five years of EBCE operations. (EBCE is finishing up Stage 1 in 2020/2021.) The LDBP went through an extensive public process. Therefore, this initiative does not revisit the established metrics, but instead has three goals:

1. **Document** where EBCE stands in terms stage 1 efforts. This is expected to be a "qualitative" documentation (meaning staff will provide a high level, subjective, description of the status of the multiple efforts).
2. **Document and track** the values ascribed to the LDBP metrics
3. **Describe** how the beneficial pillar principles of social equity and just transition are being addressed through the activities, LDBP or other, of EBCE.

Main Outcomes to Date

From November 2020 to April 2021, the vice-chair (Jane Franch) and/or chair (Mary Sutter) held eight 1-hour long meetings with the EBCE director (JP Ross) to help meet the metric initiative goals. The majority of discussion revolved around Goal 3. As of April 19, 2021, outcomes of these meetings by goal are:

Goal 1 – Document EBCE in terms of stages

- Determined that this goal is best handled outside of this process as it touches on multiple EBCE organizational activities, while our effort is more targeted.

Goal 2 – Document and track LDBP metrics (already in the LDBP)

- Learned that EBCE has been moving forward to input EBCE program specific information into the software used within the LDBP scenarios (IMPLAN) for certain metrics (e.g., jobs created), but that this approach may change if too costly.

Goal 3 – Describe how beneficial pillar principles of social equity and just transition are being addressed

- Helped to structure a public meeting on Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) metrics that is planned for May/June. Discussed the use of a facilitator for the meeting as well.

¹ See the full metrics initiative document on the November 16, 2020 CAC meeting, Item C6

https://res.cloudinary.com/diactiwk7/image/upload/v1605550649/C6_-_Metrics_Initiative_and_LDBP_Projects_Corrected_cpbnpu.pdf

² https://res.cloudinary.com/diactiwk7/image/upload/fl_sanitize,q_auto/cac-workplan_final.pdf

- Clarified that JP would like to collaborate with CAC members to increase participation Frontline Communities. This idea will be brought back to the CAC for further discussion of a possible point group on community outreach who could work with an EBCE staff person to help EBCE consider how to reach various groups for possible program participation (and bring back information during CAC meetings for further discussion).
- Learned that there has been extensive community engagement amongst many groups during the development of City's Climate Action Plans and other regional planning efforts (not EBCE) around ESJ and these groups have arrived at agreed upon terminology.
 - JP's team has reviewed the documentation that arose from many of these ESJ discussions and have a specific set they expect to use. As such, terms such as "ESJ communities" most likely will be "Frontline Communities".
- Discussed how possible metrics could be grouped to help measure the Climate Equity Impacts of EBCE programs.
 - Determined that it would be good to discuss whether EBCE is seeking to fulfill certain metrics at the same rate or a higher rate (based on population) within Frontline Communities as compared to outside of Frontline Communities.