



**Draft Minutes**

**Community Advisory Committee Meeting**

Monday, April 19, 2021

6:00pm

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**C1. Welcome & Roll Call**

**Present: Members: Eldred, Landry, Padilla, Vice-Chair Franch, 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 in support of using tools such as time of use pricing, demand pricing and energy-use dashboards to educate the public about the advantages of switching to inexpensive renewable energy products.

**Jessica Tovar** advocated that EBCE address COVID-19 related utility debt, create a shut-off prevention fund, and work with non-profits to sign-up eligible customers to debt-relief programs such as CARE, FERA and Li-HEAP.

### **C3. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2021 (5 minutes)**

#### **Member Eldred motioned to approve the Minutes as amended:**

- A. Correct Item C4 - CAC Chair Report to state that an update rather than a full review of the Metrics Initiative is planned for the April CAC meeting.

**Member Franch seconded the motion, which passed 5/0. Excused: Member Pacheco.**

### **C4. CAC Chair Report (15 minutes)**

Chair Sutter provided an update about the main outcomes to date of the Metric Initiative. Chair Sutter stated that she is working with JP to structure a public meeting about environmental and social justice metrics, currently scheduled to happen in late May or early June. Chair Sutter also stated that JP would like to collaborate with the CAC to find ways to encourage frontline community participation for possible program participation. The Chair also provided an update about the status of new CAC members.

#### **The Committee discussed**

- New Member trainings and workshops
- Metric Initiative volunteer opportunities

### **C5. Approval of Legislative Positions (20 minutes, CAC Informational Item)**

Staff will give the CAC an update on PCIA and any recommended legislative positions that have changed since last month (when staff presented on the EBCE bill tracker and positions).

#### **The Committee discussed**

- Legislative position on SB 67.
- PCIA Working Group 3 Proposed Decision to prohibit resale of allocated Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS)

**Audrey Ichinose** asked if the number of PCIA projects is increasing, and about the PCIA's vintaging timeframe for departing CCAs.

**Jim Lutz** asked if the PCIA should be declining given the age of the contracts. J. Lutz also asked if the PCIA applies to all types of energy loads.

**C6. Extension of Temporary Revision to Terms and Conditions Section "Failure to Pay" and Temporary Suspension of Delinquent Accounts and Collections Policy (25 minutes, CAC Informational Item)**

Staff will provide the CAC with a description of the update to this policy.

**Ceyda Durmaz Dogan** requested that debt-relief program information be made easily available from the EBCE homepage. **C. Dogan** also spoke in support of creating a bill relief credit program for CARE, FERA and AMP eligible customers.

**C7. California Community Choice Financing Authority Joint Powers Authority (CCCFAJPA) (25 minutes, CAC Action Item)**

Staff will describe the structure and purpose of this JPA to the CAC and the CAC will indicate to the board whether they support or have reservations about the JPA.

**The Committee discussed**

- Community values and the JPA
- Impact of JPA on reserve funds and the LDBP
- Percentage of energy portfolio that will be included in JPA
- Public accountability governance mechanisms

**Aleta Dupree** spoke in support of the CCCFAJPA, stating that the smaller size of the CCAs necessitates partnerships with organizations with common goals and values.

**Jim Lutz** asked if the CCCFAJPA could avoid purchasing fixed rate energy on thirty-year contracts, given the declining cost of power generation.

**Vice-Chair Franch motioned to support the staff recommendation. Chair Sutter seconded the motion, which passed 3/0. Excused: Member Pacheco. Abstained: Members Landry and Padilla**

**C8. Community Solar Green Tariff (CSGT) "Community-based Organization Engagement Plan" (25 minutes, CAC Informational Item)**

Staff will describe the EBCE proposed outreach plan (including goals, activities, and timeline) and preliminary list of community-based organizations to let the CAC know about the opportunity to sponsor a CSGT project. Additionally, staff is looking to the CAC for any possible additional community-based organizations that they could add to the outreach list.

**Ceyda Durmaz Dogan** asked about the ownership structure of the CSGT program. **C. Dogan** also asked if the 20% discount is based on current service

plan or Renewable 100, and about what EBCE expects from customers who sign up for this program.

**Aleta Dupree** spoke in support of scaling up the CSGT program, stating that the program is a way to develop renewable energy and provide it to people who need it the most.

**Audrey Ichinose** spoke in support of the CSGT program.

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

**Member Landry requested to discuss a possible EBCE bill relief program at the June, 2020 CAC meeting.**

**C10. Adjourned at 8:06pm.**