



Draft Minutes

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2021

6:00pm

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

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

Excused: Member Pacheco

C2. Oath of Office for New CAC Members

The following new CAC Members and Alternates took the Oath of Office: Members Liu, Duggan and Muetzenberg, and Alternate Members Souza and Ratia.

C3. 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 increasing demand for renewable energy in order to prevent the curtailment of renewable energy output. Aleta Dupree stated that the curtailment of renewable energy could be prevented by expanding building and kitchen electrification, and electrical vehicle charging programs. Aleta Dupree stated that renewable energy demand must be expanded equitably.

Vaughn stated that Tri Valley Area climate action plans will require strategically planned spaces to build long-duration energy storage facilities. Vaughn asked if municipalities have planned for these spaces to be available in five years when the long-term storage facilities will be built.

Jessica Tovar spoke about the utility debt that has accrued since the pandemic. Jessica Tovar provided examples for how CCAs have helped their customers to manage utility debt, such as increasing enrollment in the CARE and FERA programs and issuing bill credits to customers and small businesses. Jessica Tovar requested EBCE's support for East Bay Clean Alliances' fight for debt relief programs at the state and federal level. J. Tovar also asked EBCE to create a shut-off prevention program and to invest in community resilience hubs with islandable solar+battery storage.

C4. Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2021 (5 minutes)

Member Landry requested to amend the minutes as follows:

- A. Bring the discussion of a possible EBCE Bill Relief program to the June 16, 2021 CAC meeting.

Vice-Chair Franch motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Member Padilla seconded the motion, which passed 5/0. Excused: Member Pacheco. Abstained: Alternate Member Souza, Member Liu and Member Muetzenberg

C5. CAC Chair Report (15 minutes)

There was no chair report.

C6. Discussion of the City of Oakland Equity Climate Action Plan (25 minutes, Informational Item)

Shayna Hirshfield-Gold will be joining the CAC to discuss the City of Oakland Equity Climate Action Plan (ECAP). The City engaged in a three-year process to

develop an equitable climate action plan that can provide helpful insights into equity metrics for EBCE.

The Committee discussed:

- Public transit electrification
- Townhall meeting facilitation of equity differences

Aleta Dupree spoke in support of the City of Oakland Equity Climate Action plan. Aleta Dupree stated that equity should not be limited by strict definitions, but be defined broadly to include everyone. Aleta Dupree stated that the need for equity can be found everywhere, because anyone can get sick or experience a financial reversal.

Jessica Tovar stated that equity should start with communities that have been hit “first and worst” and that have been shut out of the clean energy economy. Jessica Tovar spoke in support of creating clean energy jobs and investing in local solar, wind, battery storage and energy efficiency, and for building islandable solar+storage resilience hubs. Jessica Tovar also spoke in support building out local clean energy resources to create savings for customers who have been shut out of the clean energy economy.

Jim Lutz recommended Oakland’s Racial Equity Impact Assessment + Implementation Guide (REIA) as a template for equity metrics. Jim Lutz asked EBCE to support projects in the ECAP that address clean energy and climate change. Jim Lutz also asked EBCE and the City of Oakland to lobby the state and the California Public Utilities Commission to advocate for policies that support the rapid and equitable rollout of solar+storage for community resilience hubs.

Vaughn spoke regarding PosiGen CT, LLC, a company that installs solar power in low-income communities. Vaughn also recommended several recent recorded webinars on the Department of Energy website that focus on equity and renewable energy.

Audrey Ichinose asked how stakeholder disagreements over equity issues are resolved.

C7. Discussion of CAC Chair/Vice-Chair Transition (20 minutes, Informational Item)

CAC will discuss whether to move the voting of the new CAC Chair/Vice-Chair to a later date to allow new CAC members to participate in 2-4 more meetings prior to choosing new CAC chair and vice-chair. Typically, this choice is made in the July meeting. Additional meetings will enable new CAC members to better

understand how the CAC works and to help them make a decision on whether to put their name forward for either position.

The Committee discussed:

- CAC membership numbers
- Relationship between Board and CAC transition processes

C8. Draft Budget Review (45 minutes, Informational Item)

Staff will describe the draft budget and CAC members can ask questions regarding budget.

The Committee discussed:

- Reserve level forecast over three to five years
- Power supplies cost
- When to expect a detailed budget breakdown for Local Development, community engagement and vehicle electrification
- Fiscal year start date
- Impact of commodity cost inflation on renewable power procurement
- Brilliant 100 discontinuation

Aleta Dupree expressed concern about hedging in the budget to prepare for extreme weather events, and recommended overbudgeting to prepare for possibility of severely high prices during the summer months.

Vaughn asked where the reimbursement for the overproduction of rooftop solar is accounted for in the budget.

Ceyda Dogan asked for a breakdown of the sponsorship budget and if EBCE has received funding from the CEC for its participation in the California Vehicle Incentive Program.

Audrey Ichinose asked why the debt relief program is placed in the Local Development budget. A. Ichinose also asked for EBCE's current CARE enrollment numbers, and for the percentage of enrolled to eligible CARE customers.

Jessica Tovar stated that she would like to see a detailed breakdown of program area budgets in order to ensure that investments that address equity in low-income communities are funded and prioritized.

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

Member Eldred invited interested parties to login on Friday, May 17 to watch the livestream of the ribbon cutting for Goodness Village, a 28-unit sustainable housing community in Livermore, CA. Member Eldred stated that former Supervisor Scott Haggarty will attend this event, and she thanked EBCE for its work on behalf of this project.

C10. Adjourned at 8:42pm.