



Executive Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

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1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Directors: Arriola (Tracy), Kalb (Oakland), Lopez (San Leandro) and Chair Martinez (Emeryville)

Excused: Director Mei (Fremont)

Director Mei joined the meeting at 12:26pm.

2. Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Executive 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 Executive Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

Audrey Ichinose spoke regarding AB 1139, stating that the legislation will dampen enthusiasm for rooftop solar, and that will tighten PG&E's grip on the transmission system. Audrey Ichinose stated that many of EBCE's programs rely on the expansion of rooftop solar, and that these programs will be undermined by this legislation. A.

Ichinose stated that under AB 1139, EBCE customers will be vulnerable to PG&E transmission charges, a main cause for rate-payer bill increases.

Jessica Tovar, on behalf of the East Bay Clean Power Alliance, spoke in opposition to AB 1139, stating that the legislation seeks to eliminate local rooftop infrastructure. Jessica Tovar stated that local clean energy is a solution for infrastructure that causes wildfires. Jessica Tovar stated that AB 1139 will negatively impact the Solar on Multifamily-Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program.

Jessica Tovar also spoke regarding the EBCE December 16, 2020 vote ([Agenda Item 13. Carbon Free Allocation 2021](#)) to accept PG&E's carbon free allotment with the provision that profits go towards increasing EBCE renewable content or local development. Jessica Tovar requested transparency with regards to the sale of that energy, how much money was made from it, and how its proceeds are being allocated.

Ann Harvey spoke in opposition to AB 1139, stating that it will take us backwards with regards to building out distributed renewable resources.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from April 30, 2021 as amended:

- A. Replace “discuss the creation of a legislative branch youth leadership development program with “expand legislative lobbying opportunities”.

Chair Martinez motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Director Arriola seconded the motion which passed 4/0. Excused: Director Mei.

Director Mei joined the meeting at 12:26pm

4. Draft Budget Review (Informational Item)

Review of the current status of the FY 2021-22 draft budget

The Committee discussed:

- Budget location for Renewable Portfolio Standard eligible programs.
- Possible need for budget line item to account for LDBP project premium differentials.
- Resilient Home behind the meter solar cost subsidies for low-income customers.
- GASB-62 Revenue Deferral fund allocation

Blair Beekman asked questions about the October 2020 Integrated Resource Plan report.

Barbara Stebbins spoke regarding the CALeVIP program, stating that EBCE should move away from funding vehicle charging stations that mostly benefit individual electric vehicle owners. Barbara Stebbins also stated that the LDBP budget should be increased to fund outreach efforts to Arrearage Management Plan (AMP) eligible customers.

Jessica Tovar spoke in support of increased funding for resilience hubs, particularly off-grid solar and batteries storage. Jessica Tovar stated that the Critical Facilities program does not provide funding for community-based, community trusted resilience hubs. Therefore, J. Tovar asked that EBCE engage in dialogue with community-based organizations about how to ensure that Critical Facilities act as resilience hubs in frontline communities.

5. Legislative Update (Informational Item)

Update on legislative matters of interest to EBCE

Barbara Stebbins spoke in opposition to AB 1139, stating that the bill would impose a mandate on the decision from the PUC to reimburse solar customers at the wholesale rate only. Barbara Stebbins also stated that AB 1139 would impose a monthly grid access fee of \$80 per month, which would make solar more expensive for many customers than not having solar.

Blair Beekman spoke in support of increased investment in solar+storage to prepare for upcoming natural disasters.

Jessica Tovar spoke regarding a draft resolution in opposition to AB 1139 that she submitted to EBCE. Jessica Tovar stated that EBCE should support policies that incentivize local clean energy to create jobs and jumpstart the transition to a local clean energy economy.

6. Office Investment (Informational Item)

Discussion of potential real estate investment

Member Arriola left the meeting at 1:34

The Committee discussed:

- Which CCAs own their headquarters
- Satellite office and multi-site strategy
- Synergistic clean energy community partnerships
- Building rehabilitation and scalability of use cost analyses
- Parameters for

Blair Beekman spoke in support of creating a wi-fi communications line for public use during an emergency.

Jessica Tovar recommended that EBCE partner with local community groups to utilize the new headquarters as a Chinatown-based resilience hub.

7. Energy Resilient Public Facilities (Informational Item)

Update on Energy Resilient Public Facility program to develop solar and storage to serve EBCE's communities

Blair Beekman spoke in support for increased funding for solar+storage.

Jessica Tovar spoke in support of deploying schools, community centers and potentially food banks as Critical Facilities in the most vulnerable frontline communities within Alameda County and the city of Tracy. Jessica Tovar also stated that EBCE has not committed to funding community-based and trusted resilience hubs, and asked how funding, resources, and technical assistance from EBCE can be secured for this purpose.

8. Committee Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board Agendas

Director Kalb requested that staff provide an analysis of AB 1139 at the June 16 Board meeting. Director Kalb also requested that staff include the perspectives of the California Solar+Storage Association (CALSSA) and the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in its analysis.

Chair Martinez requested that staff attach the proposed resolution about AB 1139 as a public comment to the staff report when it comes to the full Board.

Chair Martinez requested that staff bring to the Board specific information about whether the building purchase for EBCE headquarters would require upgrades or capital investments before it can be used.

CEO Chaset requested that Executive Committee Agenda Item 7, Energy Resilient Public Facilities, return to the Board as an agenda item.

9. Adjourned at 2:09pm