



Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

Monday, September 20, 2021

6:00pm

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Hu, Laundry, Liu, Swaminathan, Lakshman, Talreja, Pacheco, Muetzenberg, Vice-Chair Franch and Chair Sutter

Excused: Member Eldred

Member Hu served as an alternate for Member Eldred.

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 July 19, 2021 (5 minutes)

Member Franch motioned to approve the minutes. Member Talreja seconded the motion which passed 7/0.

Excused: Member Landry

Abstained: Members Hu and Muetzenberg

C4. CAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

CAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections were rescheduled to the October 18, 2021 CAC meeting.

C5. CAC Chair Report (15 minutes)

- Chair Sutter discussed the process by which a decision will be arrived at whether the CAC will resume in person meetings or remain virtual.
- Chair Sutter spoke regarding the options that are being considered to retire the peaker plant near Jack London Square.
- Responding to a question about the status of the call center, Chair Sutter announced that SMUD renegotiations will be discussed at the Board at the October 20 meeting.
- Responding to a question about the status of vehicle electrification, Chair Sutter highlighted two consent items on the September 22, 2021 Board agenda:
 - Consent Item 9. Municipal Fleet Electrification: Frontier Energy CSA Amendment
 - Consent Item 10. CALSTART Consulting Services Agreement

The Committee discussed:

- Reasons why PG&E ended its contract to replace the peaker plant near Jack London Square.

C6. 2020 Power Source Disclosure Annual Report and Power Content Label (20 minutes, CAC Informational Item)

Staff will provide the CAC with information on the 2020 Power Source Disclosure Program Annual Report (PSDR) and the 2020 Power Content Label (PCL).

The Committee discussed:

- How does the Power Content Label compare to the California Utility Average?
- Nuclear energy component in Bright Choice
- Energy Resources as a percentage of total customer base
- Emissions factor for Unspecified Power
- Bright Choice Unspecified Power make-up
- Power Content Label customer education and messaging
- Break down of renewable energy from long-term contracts
- Emissions per megawatt hour calculation
- Bright Choice greenhouse emissions relative to California Utilities Average
- Role of hydroelectric power in power content label

Vaugh asked the hourly component of the power content label, about the impact of drought on hydroelectric power, and about how battery storage is counted on the power content label.

Jessica Tovar spoke regarding the presence of nuclear component on the power content label and asked for a commitment to procure 100% renewable energy.

C7. LMI Electrification (45 minutes, CAC Action Item)

This is an informational item for the board. Staff will describe an opportunity to Invest \$1 M and offer \$400k in incentives to support low to moderate income building electrification in EBCE service area. The CAC will use this as an action item to advise the board on this item for when it does come up as a board action item.

The Committee discussed:

- Number of households this program will cover
- Timeline for dispersal of funds
- Will eligibility criteria adjustments consider changes in access to credit due to Covid?
- What is the plan for marketing and outreach for multilingual, multi-family and renter populations?
- “Low and moderate income” definition
- Budget leverage expectations for LMI Electrification program
- Who repays the loan?
- “Low to moderate-income” in dollar terms
- Outreach to non-English and multi-lingual households
- Possibility to create guarantees that rent will not increase because of LMI Electrification

Ceyda Durmaz Dogan spoke in support of the LMI Electrification program and raised two questions: 1. What happens when building owners don't save enough on their electricity bills to pay back the loan? Is there protection in place that will make sure that people who sign up for this do not end up paying more than expected because of inaccurate payment savings expectations? 2. Will a utility bill payment history be required to sign up for this program?

Vaugh asked if there is an economic benefit to implementing a LMI Electrification program on a neighborhood rather than household basis?

Jim Lutz asked if there are any restrictions on rent increases if rental property was upgraded through the LMI Electrification program. Jim Lutz also asked if the LMI Electrification program designers were working with representatives from cities that have climate action plans. Jim Lutz also asked if this program could be combined with a variety of energy savings programs.

Member Swaminathan motioned to support the LMI Electrification program as an opportunity for EBCE pending program design. Member Pacheco seconded the motion which passed 8/0.
Excused: Members Eldred and Talreja

C8. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC agendas

JP Ross announced that the Marketing and Account Services team hired a new Program Marketing Manager, Lori Dynes.

C9. Adjournment to Monday, October 18, 2021