



Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Draft Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2022

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Franch, Hernandez (7:30), Lakshman, Landry (6:07), Liu, Lutz, Pacheco, Sutter, Swaminathan, and Vice-Chair Muetzenberg,

Excused: Members: Talreja, and Chair 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.

Tom Kelly requested CAC agendaize why EBCE's emissions intensity for Bright Choice is so high, and requested an invitation to address CAC next month regarding regional greenhouse gas emissions and EBCE's bad performance in that area. Tom Kelly stated MCE reports a drop of 2.5-cents per kilowatt-hour on the PCIA, which will apply to EBCE, and asked if those savings will be passed along to customers?

Blair Beekman was concerned about the October 2020 IPR report's statistical data stating that by 2023 there would be a major rise in fossil fuel uptake, with solar and storage energy flat lining, and stated that EBCE and local community energy have to fight to ensure that does not happen.

Aleta Dupree, spoke about how to increase awareness of EBCE. Aleta Dupree asked how EBCE could strive toward 100% carbon free power and is able to maintain the value proposition, because charts show a very high percentage of unspecified power with unknown emissions content. Aleta Dupree spoke about hundreds of millions of kilowatt hours being curtailed on the California grid and how to capture that energy and put it to use.

Jessica Tovar, on behalf of East Bay Clean Power Alliance, stated that EBCE should be doing better than PG&E in terms of power content, which is why EBCPA advocated for the Local Development Business Plan to do more programs and projects that create jobs and clean energy infrastructure, and reduce consumption. Jessica Tovar requested EBCE assist EBCPA in applying for large amounts of funding that could fund micro-grids and resilience hubs.

Audrey Ichinose, East Bay Clean Power Alliance and California Alliance for Community Energy, spoke concerning a shift in the way public purpose programs, such as CARE and FERA, will be financed, shifting the cost from rate payers to state tax payers. Audrey Ichinose asked why EBCE favors the shift, what are the pluses and minuses, and would the shift have any negative impact on EBCE's CARE/FERA customers?

- C3. Approval of Minutes from:**
October 18, 2021
November 15, 2021
December 13, 2021
January 18, 2022
February 14, 2022

Member Sutter motioned to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021, as presented. Member Franch seconded the motion, which passed 6/0.

Excused: Member Hernandez, Member Talreja, and Chair Eldred.
Abstained: Member Lutz, Member Pacheco, Member Sutter.

Member Sutter motioned to approve the minutes of November 15, 2021, as presented. Member Franch seconded the motion, which passed 8/0.
Excused: Member Hernandez, Member Talreja, and Chair Eldred.
Abstained: Member Lutz.

Member Sutter motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2021, as presented. Member Franch seconded the motion, which passed 8/0.
Excused: Member Hernandez, Member Talreja, and Chair Eldred.
Abstained: Member Lutz.

Member Sutter motioned to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022 as amended. Member Franch seconded the motion, which passed 8/0.
Excused: Member Hernandez, Member Talreja, and Chair Eldred.
Abstained: Member Pacheco.

Member Sutter motioned to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 as amended. Member Franch seconded the motion, which passed 6/0.
Excused: Member Hernandez, Member Talreja, and Chair Eldred.
Abstained: Member Lakshman, Member Pacheco, Member Swaminathan

C4. CAC Chair Report (15 minutes) None.

Blair Beekman clarified that the IPR report in his previous public comment was from October 2020 and that the EBCE worked on those initial statistics and had an important impact on how AB 1139 went forward and was stopped. Blair Beekman stated that the Approval of Minutes portion of the meeting should have offered public comment but did not.

C5. Local Development Update (CAC Informational Item)

Staff update on Local Development programs and activities

Jessica Tovar, on behalf of East Bay Clean Power Alliance, asked where the private capital referenced in the presentation come from, and are there any tenant protections for multi-family affordable housing to prevent displacement and gentrification? Jessica Tovar said EBCPA is excited about the pilot to address how people on a gas infrastructure can be protected from rate increases as more electrification and decarbonization occurs.

Aleta Dupree approved of the Yeti battery program, saying it could save the lives of people dependent on electricity for medical needs, and looked to EBCE to lead the way in discovering the many ways these batteries could make

homes more resilient and safe. Aleta Dupree stated the induction cooktop program is also very good and discussed to how to encourage chefs and restaurant owners to adopt induction and other forms of electricity.

Audrey Ichinose, East Bay Clean Power Alliance and California Alliance for Community Energy, hoped the local development programs discussion would continue over several sessions and with numerous bodies. Audrey Ichinose asked if the goal is for people in DACs and other low-income areas to own electric vehicles? Audrey Ichinose stated that the Community Innovation Grants could help black churches that provide hot meals get onto induction cooking.

The Committee Discussed:

- How venture capital coming into renewable energy intersects with EBCE.
- Implementation of the sales force platform.
- Targeted programs for frontline communities.
- EE Pilot program.
- Induction cooktop program.
- Call for Community Innovation Grants.
- Will EBCE engage with the tranche funds that the governor signed into the budget for the environmental justice resiliency hubs?
- EBCE becoming active in helping drivers purchase or lease EVs.
- High demand for DC fast chargers and ways to get more funding or programs to offer more incentives.
- Potential presentation on med- and heavy-goods transport and inviting community-based organizations that are impacted.
- Getting input on EBCE projects and plans from communities and working with them on strategic plans and goals.
- High interest in community resiliency hubs with micro-grids.
- Funding for EV charging projects should not come out of the limited LVBP funds.
- CEC funding for pilot projects through Community Economic Resiliency Funds.
- How to implement projects to build up disadvantaged communities without increasing gentrification.
- EBCE's investment in solar power and battery storage through its Resilient Home Program that will add storage to new solar projects and existing solar systems.

Member Swaminathan left the meeting during Committee Discussion.

C6. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC agendas

Member Landry requested items mentioned in previous minutes but not brought forward, a presentation from Tom Kelly and discussion on Bright Choice emissions, and discussion of stipends be agendized for a future meeting.

Member Pacheco requested a report on the amount of union man-hours that have been created by of EBCE's works to date.

Member Franch requested more information on the medium- and heavy-duty goods program.

C8. Adjournment to Monday, April 18, 2022