

Executive Committee Meeting

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1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Public Comment

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REGULAR AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2022
- 4. Health-E Communities Partnership (Informational Item)
- 5. Municipal Electrification Financing (Informational Item)

- 6. Committee Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board Agendas
- **7. Adjournment** to December 2, 2022 at 12:00pm



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Draft Minutes

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1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Directors: Arriola (Tracy), Kalb (Oakland), Martinez (Emeryville), Mei

(Fremont), and Chair Lopez (San Leandro)

Excused: None.

Member Kalb left the meeting at 1:44pm

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Tom Kelly spoke regarding EBCE's JPA, stating that the Board should direct EBCE staff to comply with its provisions or strike the recitals that staff believe are no longer obligatory.

Jessica Tovar, East Bay Clean Power Alliance, stated that EBCE should not give away public money, but should instead work with community groups to decide how rate-payer funds are invested.

Nyah Tisdell, Local Clean Energy Alliance, spoke in opposition to the Benioff Children's Hospital grant proposal, stating that the initiative lacked transparency. Nyah Tisdell stated that EBCE should invest in its Local Development Business Plan, which serves as a roadmap to build resilience and create equitable access to clean energy.

Neha Bazaj, Emerald Cities Collaborative, stated that the allocation of funds for local development and grants should be determined through an open and transparent process and that it should be aligned with EBCE's Local Business Development Plan. Neha Bazaj stated that rate payer funds should be used to support efforts that reduce pollution and increase climate resiliency, such as building electrification and community grants for clean energy projects.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from June 24, 2022:

Member Kalb motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Director Arriola seconded the motion which passed 5/0.

4. Health-E Communities Partnership (Informational Item)

Barbara Stebbins, California Alliance for Community Energy, asked questions about the timeline, structure, and goals of the Health-E Communities Partnership. Barbara Stebbins also spoke about the importance of equitable outcomes to the success of the partnership.

Melissa Yu, Sierra Club, spoke in favor of investing in alternative LDBP projects that would reduce asthma-triggering emissions.

Audrey Ichinose, East Bay Clean Power Alliance, spoke in opposition to the Health-E Communities Partnership, stating that the proposal does not utilize EBCE's primary expertise. Audrey Ichinose asked questions about study methodology and design and stated that funds and staff time could be put to better use.

Jane Kelly stated that EBCE should comply with its legally defined mission as stated in the JPA rather than engage in public health philanthropy. Jane Kelly spoke regarding conclusions arrived at from Public Records Act requests and stated that EBCE should prioritize the reduction of all carbon emissions associated with EBCE-procured electricity.

Tom Kelly spoke in opposition to the Heath-E Partnerships Initiative, stating that EBCE would only have a small part to play as public health research partner.

Jessica Tovar, East Bay Clean Power Alliance, requested that EBCE apply for funding to study the holistic replacement of gas in homes. Jessica Tovar also spoke regarding access for renters to the building electrification program, and asked how renters can be protected from displacement, or made to absorb the costs of building electrification.

June spoke in opposition to the Heath-E Communities Partnership, stating EBCE should use the funding to provide building electrification for the most impacted, low-income communities that need the support.

The Committee Discussed:

- Inclusion of renters in addition to single-family homes
- Ratio of budget from ratepayers and surplus.
- Complications arising from focus on multi-family homes
- Identifying and recruiting vulnerable communities to participate in program
- Assessing utility of Heath-E Communities Partnership relative to LDBP programs.
- 6. Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Update (Informational Item)
 Informational update on progress in IRP analysis ahead of October meeting in which
 Board must review and approve EBCE's compliance filing, due November 1

There were no speakers for public comment.

Update to Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy (Informational Item)
 Review proposed changes to the Net Energy Metering Policy to include an annual true-up option

There were no speakers for public comment.

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

There were no announcements or requests to place items on future Board agendas.

8. Adjournment to October 28, 2022 at 12:00pm

Health-E Communities Partnership



Health-E Communities Partnership Goals

- Deliver +1,000 home electrification retrofits into households where one or more resident suffers from asthma w/ explicit emphasis on low-income and disadvantaged communities
- Establishment necessary partnerships to reach these households
- Pair home electrification program with necessary research to support scaling up home electrification as a part of public health response to Asthma and pulmonary disease
- Serve as a scalable demonstration project for intersectionality of home electrification and public health



Health-E Communities Partnership: Aligning EBCE Scope with EBCE Expertise

- Focus EBCE funding and engagement on funding electrification retrofits (induction cooking, heat pumps)
- Recruit partners that can leverage external funding to support research goals, customer/community engagement, integration of home electrification into public health services and scaling of program learnings
- Bring in external funding partners (ex: U.S. EPA, U.S. HHS, CA ARB, Health/Climate philanthropy) to fund costs of public health partner participation in program



Health-E Communities Partnership Framework

Board Action: Direct EBCE staff to move forward to develop a full proposal to implement Health-E Communities Partnership with EBCE funding up to \$15m towards home electrification projects that benefit residents with asthma – over the next 3 year – and return to the Board of Directors for review and approval of the full proposal in 2023

Allocate up to \$15m to fund residential electrification projects (e.g. induction cooking, heat pumps) for households where one or more residents suffers from asthma.

Why \$15m? \$15m aligns with current EBCE Health-E Homes program incentive and loan levels (up to \$10k for incentives and \$5k per household in low interest loans) when scaling target participation to 1,000 participants. This funding level was also analyzed during the budget setting process and determined to be fiscally feasible

Other Program Parameters

Prioritize funding in low-income households and multi-family housing

Establish partnerships with ecosystem of electrification equipment and deployment partners to enable project deployments

Establish partnerships with local, state and federal agencies working at the nexus of public health, asthma care and home electrification to support all phases of this project

Establish partnerships with one or more public health partners to support acquisition of their patients into program

Establish partnerships with one or more PHPs to design and implement a coordinated research program to evaluate long term benefits of home electrification for asthma patients

Support efforts by PHPs to secure necessary funding to participate in Health-E Communities Partnership



Municipal Electrification Financing Program



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 \$2m set aside in FY '22-'23 Budget to fund Municipal Electrification projects

 Intent is to provide funds through no/low interest financing to municipalities to pursue electrification projects with cities able to submit project proposals to EBCE during 'open-season' for projects that will commence construction within next 12 months

- City of Piedmont has near term opportunity to leverage \$500k of these funds to support electrification of municipal pool and is seeking EBCE commitment of funds before end of 2022
- Staff proposes to begin working with Piedmont to structure \$500k of financing while in parallel launching 'call for projects' that is open to all EBCE member cities. If EBCE receives more than \$1.5m in project proposals, staff recommends increasing the budget for this program – up to an NTE of \$6m

