



Draft Minutes

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022

6:00pm

In Person:

The Lake Merritt Room
Cal State East Bay - the Oakland Center
in the Transpacific Center
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Oakland CA 94607

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members: Hernandez, Hu, Kaur, Lakshman, Landry, Liu, Lutz, Pacheco, Souza, and Chair Eldred

Excused: Members: Swaminathan, Talreja, and Vice-Chair Muetzenberg.

Member Kaur served as an alternate for Vice Chair Muetzenberg.

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.

Jessica Tovar spoke regarding the proposal at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to change the compensation that customers can receive from the sale of their excess solar. Jessica Tovar stated the proposal will reduce compensation for the sale of excess solar by 75%. Jessica Tovar further stated that the CPUC will vote on this proposal on December 15, 2022.

Tom Kelly spoke regarding EBCE's power content label, stating that it falls on the CAC to make the case to the Board and staff to clean up the EBCE power supply and Bright Choice.

C3. Local Programs Update (CAC Informational Item)

Staff will provide an update on Local Programs

Tom Kelly stated that the switch from PG&E to EBCE electricity will increase total greenhouse gas emissions. Tom Kelly requested that staff provide evidence that the program will produce greenhouse gas emissions savings.

Audrey Ichinose spoke regarding equity access across municipalities to the municipal electrification program and stated that partnerships should be organized between cities to finance projects.

The Committee Discussed:

- Factors that impact EBCE's greenhouse emissions rate, such as its rejection of a nuclear allocation
- Whether JPAs can receive electrification loans
- Methods to create awareness about the municipal electrification loan program
- Pay for measure vs pay for performance
- Electrification of rental vs occupant-owned dwellings.
- E-bike maintenance and-training budgets

C4. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2022

Member Landry moved to approve the minutes. Member Lutz seconded the motion. The motion passed 8/0. Excused: Members Kaur, Swaminathan, Talreja, and Vice-Chair Muetzenberg. Abstained: Member Pacheco.

C5. CAC Chair Report

- Chair Eldred discussed the end of the state of emergency and stated that the Board will need to decide whether meetings will be held under Brown Act rules or AB 2449. Chair Eldred stated that she would recommend that the Board hold meetings using Brown Act rules.
- Chair Eldred provided an update on SB 846, which permits a Diablo Canyon power plant life extension for five years beyond its planned retirement.
- Chair Eldred stated that Board Members recommended that the Board provide direction for CAC requests for staff time. Chair Eldred encouraged CAC members to express their thoughts about this question at the December 2, 2022 Executive Committee.

Jessica Tovar stating that it is important that staff and community representatives work together to create a strong Community Choice program that represents the needs of the community.

Audrey Ichinose stated that EBCE's structure favors staff, partly due to the highly technical nature of the work, but also due to turnover in the CAC, Board, and advocate bodies. Audrey Ichinose stated that EBCE should create a space for non-competitive and non-free market approaches and solutions.

Tom Kelly stated that the CAC has served as a conduit for the public to express its concerns about EBCE. Tom Kelly also stated that Chair Eldred has rights as a Board member that should be protected.

The Committee Discussed:

- Board member appreciation for the CAC
- Reasons why the CAC needed the jobs report
- Staff bandwidth
- The history of communication between the BOD and CAC
- Impact of EBCE growth rate

C6. Health-E Communities (CAC Action Item)

Staff will describe a plan to develop a program proposal to deploy \$15,000,000 in local development funds to deliver home electrification to households where one or more residents suffers from asthma

Nyah Tisdell spoke regarding asthma rates in the EBCE service territory and stated the \$15 million surplus should be earmarked for low-income electrification, specifically in disadvantaged communities. Nyah Tisdell requested that staff provide information about metrics and timelines.

The Committee Discussed:

- Dangers of benzene from gas stoves and carbon monoxide from furnaces
- Shell improvements in addition to electrification upgrades.
- Engagement with community-based organizations and local agencies
- Renter outreach
- Addressing needs in unincorporated communities
- Partnering and providing matching grants to non-profits to improve health outcomes
- Displacement avoidance, including distributing renters' rights information as well as energy efficiency opportunities in rental communities.
- Energy efficiency as part of rental housing.
- Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) hosted a panel on November 16, 2022 regarding tenant protections around home electrification.

Member Pacheco motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Member Souza seconded the motion, which passed 9/0. Excused: Members Liu, Swaminathan, Talreja, and Vice-Chair Muetzenberg.

C7. CAC Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future CAC agendas

Member Lutz requested to agendaize a discussion between Tom Kelly and staff about the cleanliness of EBCE's electricity.

Member Lutz requested to agendaize a presentation about best practices to improve engagement between EBCE staff and city Sustainability Managers.

Member Landry requested a status update about the in-house call center, and especially if there would be any pending budget requests for the coming year.

C8. Adjournment to Monday, December 12, 2022 at 6:00 pm