



Revised Draft Minutes

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023

6:00 pm

In Person:

The Lake Merritt Room
Cal State East Bay - the Oakland Center
In the Transpacific Centre
1000 Broadway, Suite 109
Oakland, CA 94607

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C1. Welcome & Roll Call

Present: Members Landry, Liu, Swaminathan, Lakshman, Souza, Lutz, Vice Chair Hernandez and Chair Eldred.

Excused: Members Hu, Talreja, Pacheco and Kaur.

Presenters and Staff:

Marie Fontenot - EBCE staff

Izzy Carson - EBCE staff

JP Ross - EBCE staff

Annie Henderson - EBCE staff

Theresa McDermit - EBCE staff

Raïssa Ngoma (Assistant Clerk)

Adrian Bankhead (Clerk)

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.

Travis Gibrael praised EBCE for its efforts in developing a virtual power plant using solar and storage technologies. Travis Gibrael also initiated a conversation with EBCE about investing in a similar program that focuses on equity and supports resilience in the most marginalized communities within EBCE's service territory.

Van Rainey commended EBCE for its efforts implementing microgrids and urged that the agency considers introducing microgrids and solar storage to local school districts.

Vaughn suggested that EBCE funds a program that assists lower income communities in investing in solar energy storage to build community independence and resilience.

Lawrence Abbott proposed that EBCE explore meter collar adapters as a new cost-effective technology for residents in homes with limited electrical panel capacity. The device controls the flow of electricity from the meter to the collar and eventually to the main panel.

Jessica Tovar inquired about EBCE's net energy metering incentive and requested EBCE's support in resourcing microgrids to provide greener energy and to build wealth in local communities.

Tom Kelly recommended that EBCE expand to local school districts for battery installs to enable schools to operate longer during power outages.

C3. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2023

Member Landry motioned to approve the minutes. Member Lutz seconded the motion which passed 8/0.

Excused: Members Hu, Talreja, Pacheco and Kaur.

C4. CAC Chair Report

Chair Eldred reported that:

- Member Kate Duggan has stepped down from the CAC. She was the alternate for the East jurisdiction.
- The Ninth Circuit overturned Berkeley's gas ban, which will impact electrification efforts in member cities.
- The Center for Biological Diversity has an available resource called "Rooftop Solar Justice" that assists in expanding rooftop solar.
- The Energy Council Stop Waste Cooperative Agreement Amendment, Treasury Report, Supplier Diversity Report Overview, and an additional resolution for the CEO to negotiate a new headquarters location are items reserved for future board meetings.
- The CPUC has prolonged Stockton's start date as the new member of EBCE's JPA. Chair Eldred encouraged staff and members of the public to advocate for Stockton to change its start date to make greenhouse gas emission reduction goals in time.

Tom Kelly supported the CPUC's decision to delay Stockton's enrollment in EBCE's JPA. Tom Kelly claimed that unless Stockton enrolls all its residents in renewable 100, its emissions would increase five times PG&E's current amount.

Jessica Tovar expressed frustration regarding the lack of investment in local communities. Jessica Tovar also questioned whether the CPUC has a process to bar a city from joining a Community Choice Program, as it appeared that the city of Tracy did not receive the same consideration.

Tom Kelly stated that the CPUC pushed back on Stockton's enrollment date due to EBCE's failure to adhere to resource adequacy obligations. Tom Kelly also noted that the CPUC's website disclosed that EBCE was fined over \$6 million since 2019 for failure to meet those obligations.

C5. Emissions Overview (CAC Informational Item)

Informational Overview on Emissions

The Committee Discussed:

- The comparison of EBCE to PG&E based on carbon dioxide equivalents per megawatt hour.
- The need for staff to provide an intelligible overview of how EBCE compares to PG&E and other CCAs based on default product.

Blair Beekman acknowledged EBCE's effort to be transparent and encouraged staff to continue in that venture especially pertaining to nuclear content.

Tom Kelly requested that EBCE provides an in-depth analysis on the difference in power prices among all CCAs. Tom Kelly also suggested that the decision to purchase power remain with the board.

Lawrence Abbott expressed that EBCE should investigate solar panels as they are cost-effective and would align with EBCE's mission to lead on low price clean energy.

C6. Resolution to Authorize CEO to Negotiate and Execute Loan to Forum Mobility for Heavy Duty Vehicle Electrification (CAC Action Item)

Requesting the board to delegate authority to the EBCE CEO to complete negotiations and sign the contract.

The Committee Discussed:

- Whether EBCE is managing or financing the project.
- The committee praised staff for the creativity of the project and encouraged an increase in electrification capacity in the years to come.

Blair Beekman acknowledged EBCE's efforts to include lower income neighborhoods in the electrification process and wished EBCE good luck with its vehicle electrification endeavor.

Member Hernandez motioned to authorize EBCE CEO to negotiate and execute loan to Forum Mobility for Heavy Duty Vehicle Electrification. Member Lutz seconded the motion which passed 7/0.

Excused: Members Hu, Talreja, Pacheco and Kaur.

Member Lakshman left the meeting at 8pm.

C7. EBCE Brand Evolution and Name Exploration (CAC Informational Item)

Brief overview of background and name ideation process

The Committee Discussed:

- The committee commended EBCE staff for the clear presentation and recommended that EBCE's purpose and geographical location be considered for the new name.

Blair Beekman complimented the presentation for its clear language and encouraged EBCE to continue with its effort to be more accountable and transparent especially concerning energy usage.

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

- **Member Landry** asked that EBCE further research meter collars, net energy meter incentives, and the potential expansion of microgrids in school districts.
- **Member Landry** asked EBCE staff to return with an update on emissions overview in 6 months.

C9. Adjournment to Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm