

**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
Meeting of October 14, 2014
Meeting No. 100**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julia Brown	Andrew McKercher
John Bumgarner (Chair)	Jay Powell
Jack Clark	Alison Whitelaw
Douglas Kot	Emily Wier
Julie Yunker	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jason Anderson	Matthew Ellis
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I. Call to Order

John Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

II. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Sarah Ruiz from the Government Grass Roots Affairs Committee attended the meeting and announced that a distinguished lecturer is visiting from Penn State and is available for a presentation to the SEAB group in February on the Building Energy Quotient (BEQ) Program, if there's interest.

III. Adoption of the Minutes

Motion to approve by Jay Powell. Seconded by Andrew McKercher. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Announcements and Introductions

None

V. Workshop on "Future Initiatives for SEAB" continued

- i.** What is the product that we can produce?
- ii.** What are the elements of efficacy?
- iii.** If we're going to meet with the Mayor's office and the Council President, who will be attending those meetings?
- iv.** Should we go to 60 day meetings and should we meet at a different location?

John Bumgarner has reached out to Mike Hansen from the Mayor's Office and will work on getting SEAB a bigger voice with the Mayor's office.

It was suggested that something related to the Climate Action Plan (CAP) that was specific and goal-oriented might be worth SEAB's undertaking. And, SEAB members should choose 2-3 elements of the CAP where they want to have the most influence.

Items in the CAP that were significant to the group:

- “100% Renewables target by 2035.”
- Assisting with the drafting of the ordinances needed to implement the energy measures outlined in the CAP.
- Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Dave Weil mentioned that the City was in the process of hiring a Program Manager for the CAP and that individual would be the coordinator and work with all of the City Departments on the actions related to CAP. Also, this individual would get the necessary input and draft the ordinances and take them forward to Council Committee and the City Council.

John Bumgarner outlined 3 things, as to the product that SEAB could produce:

1. Consolidated opinions of the Board put forth as recommendations in the form of letters
2. Guidance on specific ordinances
3. Creating community awareness and outreach

It was discussed that moving the meetings to a different location may not necessarily improve council or public participation. And, it would be good to define further as to the need for getting Council or public participation for specific meetings.

John Bumgarner summarized SEAB’s short-term goals:

1. Facilitate CAP related ordinances
2. Work towards a closer relationship with the Mayor’s office
3. Work towards a semi-annual report to Council Committee on the Environment
4. Work towards getting regular feedback from the Mayor’s office and responses to our submissions

As to the frequency of the meetings, it was decided that it was best to continue meeting on a monthly basis. The location of the meetings would continue to be at the Ridgehaven offices for the time being until it was determined that a specific meeting should be held downtown.

A vote was taken to see if “Thursday meetings” would work for everyone present at the meeting. “Thursday meetings” were approved unanimously.

Additional items mentioned:

Jack Clark mentioned that some of the disclosure information in the CAP was consistent with what the State is already looking at and it would be good to have consistency among various jurisdictions across the State.

Andrew McKercher mentioned that if renewables are to be raised to 100%, there is an opportunity to create good paying jobs.

Jay Powell mentioned that “San Diego Workforce Partnership” is a key agency that is supposed to monitor data on jobs.

John Bumgarner mentioned that “large scale distribution networks” may be a way to bring local high paying jobs.

Jack Clark mentioned that SDGE and CSE were providing a seminar on “Energy Storage” on 11/20/14 at the Energy Innovation Center which will include:

1. Case studies on storage applications around the County
2. “Zero Net Energy” goals and how storage fits into that picture
3. Resiliency
4. Integration with Renewables

VI. Update on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

Dave Weil mentioned that Samuel Golding from the Community Choice Partners was a little behind on his deadline but a draft should be available by the end of October. Once the draft is available, it will be provided to the CCA working group to get their feedback and then provided to the full SEAB. The City is also reviewing a proposal from Lean Energy to help guide the City with the processes related to CCA.

VII. Climate Action Plan Ordinance Stakeholders Identification

Dave Weil will present a list of ordinances related to the CAP at the next SEAB meeting. He will also prepare a list of stakeholders with help from CSE and Douglas Kot. This will assist in identifying working groups for each ordinance and in identifying stakeholders.

VIII. TAC Committee Meeting Update

Douglas Kot attended the last TAC Committee meeting held in September. Bob Vacchi and Afsaneh Ahmadi provided a similar presentation to the TAC Committee as was provided to SEAB last month. Items discussed included:

1. Goals for the Development Services Department in relation to operational efficiencies
2. PV self certification process and extended hours
3. Noise Ordinance Update
4. 9th Update cycle for the Land Development Code

The next meeting scheduled for October 15th has been cancelled.

IX. Suggested Guests for Upcoming Meetings

It was decided that the following requests for presentations would be made:

November: Presentation on “Resource Allocation Planning” by SDGE

December: Presentation on “Building Energy Master Planning” by Douglas Kot

Early 2015: Presentation by CSE’s new “Clean Energy Workforce Training Manager” on green technology and jobs in the U.S.

Future: A tour of the Electrical Training Center

X. Legislative Update

Dave Weil reported that a panel had interviewed potential consultants for the CEQA process related to CAP. It would probably take around 6 months for the actual CEQA process to be completed, including public comment. Once that is completed, it would go to City Council Committee and City Council for approval. The goal is to be ready to go to City Council by summer of 2015.

As to the ordinances related to the CAP, it was discussed that they should be ready to go to City Council by October, 2015 at the latest in order to be implemented by mid-2016.

XI. City Update:

Dave Weil reported that the City was looking at large Solar projects at Arizona Street and Chollas landfills. The City had completed “Solar assessments” on 58 buildings. The City hopes to have a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) out within the next 6 months.

Dave Weil also mentioned that they were working with the Public Utilities Department on other larger scale projects such as a pump storage project @ San Vicente Dam. And, he mentioned that the “Pure Water Program” will be a big energy driver.

XII. New Business

Allison Whitelaw will get more information on the potential lecturer for February and provide it to the SEAB members for discussion at the November meeting.

XIII. Round-Table Announcements

None.

XIV. Adjourn

John Bumgarner adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.