

**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
July 9, 2015
Meeting No. 109**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Bumgarner (Chair) – Solar Industry
Jason Anderson – Business Community
Jack Clark – Center for Sustainable Energy

Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate
Jerry Butkiewicz – San Diego Gas & Electric

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization
Vacant – At Large Member
Julia Brown – At Large Member
Vacant – At Large Alternate #2

Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry

I. Call to Order

Chair John Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M.

II. Introductions

Sean Karafin was introduced as a new At Large member. Additionally, although not present Eddie Price was introduced as a new At Large member of the Board. The new members are expected to be confirmed at the July 28, 2015 City Council meeting.

Dave Weil also introduced Alice Daniels who will now be doing the minutes in place of Donna Chralowicz who has moved to another department.

III. Adoption of the Minutes

Motion by Jay Powell to approve Meeting Minutes; second by Jack Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Announcements

Dave Weil announced that although not present, Eric Scheidlinger has also been appointed to the Board as an At Large member and will be confirmed at the July 28 Council meeting. Dave Weil will provide a current roster and terms to the Board members.

Dave Weil announced that a letter from the Chairman requesting that the City become a party to the Net Energy Metering had been sent to the Mayor's Office.

John Bumgarner asked that the new members of the Board be provided an informational binder containing the Board's charter, Brown Act requirements and other helpful information regarding the Board. Staff will prepare the binder and provide to the new members.

John Bumgarner reminded Board members that any articles for review be forwarded to staff for distribution. He also asked that anyone requesting that information be forwarded to the Board indicate whether it was specifically related to a current agenda item or general information.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Brian Henry, member of the public, asked if there is going to be a response from the Mayor's Office regarding the NEM letter that was sent? John Bumgarner responded that in general, the Board has not received feedback, but that in the future these letters and any responses would be included in the Board's reports to the Environment Committee.

Jack Clark mentioned that CSE had provided comments regarding the Climate Action Plan, and asked what the process was for responding back. Jason Anderson mentioned that Cleantech San Diego had provided comments, but had not heard anything back. Jay Powell noted that it's important for the Board to know what the process is and the associated timeline. Dave Weil indicated that he would find out and report back to the Board.

John Bumgarner mentioned that CAP discussion was going to need to be pushed to the next meeting. Jason Anderson requested that either the City Sustainability Manager, Cody Hooven or Mike Hansen from the Mayor's Office provide an update.

VI. SEAB Procedural Items

Jay Powell asked for an update on the proposed municipal code changes. Dave Weil said that staff is working on docketing the item for the August 5th Environment Committee meeting.

Jay Powell summarized his recommendations regarding Board operating procedures, task groups, Board work plan, reports to the Environment Committee and staff support to the Board. He recommended that Task Groups should be more formal, providing regular updates to the Board. He also mentioned that much of what should be covered under the operating procedures is also covered by Robert's Rules of Order, which generally guides the meetings.

Regarding staff support Dave Weil commented that one of the Division's roles is to support community energy programs including the SEAB, which is a Division priority with several staff assigned.

Jason Anderson recommended that it would be helpful if the Board could get a better understanding of the Division's priorities. Dave Weil mentioned that the Department's new Strategic Plan will help form the Division's priorities. Jay Powell mentioned that both staff and Board need to be coordinating better on priorities and work plan goals.

John Bumgarner recommended that each item in Jay Powell's recommendations be discussed individually by the group. Regarding task groups he recommended that there be an agenda item for the next meeting to reassess and reset the Board's task groups and membership of each.

John Bumgarner questioned whether a Vice Chairman had been selected. Dave Weil mentioned that Doug Kot had been elected by the Board to serve as Vice Chair, so that action was complete.

Jay Powell mentioned that since the Mayor had not appointed a chair, that the Board needed to select one. John Bumgarner stated that he was willing to continue in this capacity.

Jay Powell made a motion for Chair Bumgarner to continue to serve in this capacity, seconded by Jack Clark. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Chairman abstaining.

John Bumgarner stated that he wants to make sure the Board provides a regular update to the Environment Committee and the Mayor's Office. Also, he would like to have quarterly reviews of the work plan and task groups. It was also discussed that task groups were assigned specific tasks and

then disbanded once that task was complete. To be in line with the Brown Act, task groups are limited in size to less than a quorum of the Board membership.

Jay Powell recommended that staff forward the agenda to the Chairman a week before it needs to be posted so there is time to review and forward to the Board for planning purposes. Additionally, John Bumgarner noted that standing agenda item #10 "Suggested Topics/Guests for Upcoming Meetings" is intended to ensure that items for the next meeting are discussed. This was satisfactory to the group. Dave Weil said that staff will strive to provide minutes two weeks after the meeting.

Jack Clark questioned whether or not members of a task force needed to be members of the Board? General consensus was task group membership should be limited to Board members.

Jay Powell asked that staff provide a summary of the "operating procedure" based on this meeting's discussions. Dave Weil said that staff will work on this but may need more information from the Board. Jason Anderson recommended that staff provide a presentation on the Division's priorities.

John Bumgardner noted that a task group will be appointed at the August meeting to develop the Board's work plan for discussion and approval at the September meeting.

Jay Powell asked about the plan for reporting to the Environment Committee. After discussion, it was agreed that the Board would present a draft work plan and report on activities at the October Committee meeting, however, staff would attempt to get the Municipal Code changes to the August meeting. Staff mentioned that due to the time required for docketing, this may not be possible.

Staff mentioned to the Board that any item going to Committee would need to be docketed two weeks prior to the Committee meeting, and that all information would need to be ready for routing and review by other City departments at least two weeks prior to the docketing date.

VII. CAP Discussion and Example Building Codes – Cool Roofs and EV/PV Ready

Postponed until next meeting.

VIII. Environment Committee Progress Report

Item covered under item #VI

IX. NEM Proceeding Update

Dave Weil informed the Board that the City is now a party to the NEM proceedings and had provided comments requesting that the CPUC extend the comment period, which the CPUC has now extended to September 1st. Dave Weil also said that they would like to get feedback from the SEAB regarding proposed comments. The City is also coordinating with CSE regarding comments. Staff will forward the letter from statewide local governments requesting that NEM be extended and commenting on impacts to the solar industry and economic development if NEM is not extended.

Jack Clark provided the following updates on the NEM proceeding:

June 4th 2015 – CPUC NEM 2.0 proceeding the Commission issued ALJ's ruling

- 1 - Accepting into record energy division staff papers 8033.7 successor tariff
- 2 - Seeking party proposal for that tariff
- 3 - Setting a partial schedule for further activity in proceedings

Attached to the ALJ ruling were two energy division staff papers;

- 1 - Demonstrating how to use the public tool to evaluate options for successor NEM tariff
- 2 - Presenting proposals for alternatives to the options for that successor tariff for residential customers in disadvantaged communities.

The ALJ is seeking proposals for the successor tariff. Commissioner Picker granted a motion for an extension for comments on proposals to September 1, with reply comments due by September 15.

CPUC recognizes the interaction of the residential rate reform as it relates to NEM 2.0 so they're awaiting residential rate reform decision. Commissioners held a rate setting meeting to discuss the proposed decision and alternate proposed decision. Final version has yet to be posted.

X. Suggested Topics/Guests for Upcoming Meetings

- i. CAP update by City Sustainable Program Manager or Mike Hansen
- ii. Rate Structure update
- iii. Work Plan – Set stage
- iv. Task Group Reset
- v. Net Energy Metering
- vi. October's Environmental Meeting

XI. Legislative Update

Dave Weil and Lorie Cosio-Azar provided updates regarding the City's participation in both the ongoing "Rate Design" and General Rate Case" proceedings."

Lorie Cosio-Azar stated that the interim street light metered rate for the adaptive control street lights were protested in November but have not received a response from the CPC. The GRC General Rate case was also protested for the same reasons.

XII. City Update:

Dave Weil provided the following updates:

- The City has completed 60 energy audits of City facilities and plans to use On-bill financing to fund the measures identified in the audits.
- The City along with the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership was selected as SDG&E's 2015 "Co-Energy Efficiency Grand Champion.
- The City has selected over 100 sites for solar. Both this project and a proposed solar project at the Chollas landfill will be installed using the statewide School JPA's existing agreement with SunEdison. Changes in NEM and the ITC have made these projects time critical, using the JPA's agreement will ensure completion before these programs expire.
- YGreene was recently approved to provide their PACE program in San Diego.

XIII. The City will be contracting with CSE to help with RFP preparation for the CCA validation study. The City has received a preliminary working draft of the study from Community Choice Partners and hopefully will have a final product by the end of the month.

XIV. New Business

None.

XV. Adjourn

John Bumgarner adjourned the meeting at 12:03 P.M.