

City of San Diego
Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
June 8, 2017
Meeting No. 132

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Brill – SDG&E	Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate
Sean Karafin – At Large Member	Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1
Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry	Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alt. #2
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jason Anderson – Business Community
Julia Brown (Chair) – At Large Member
Hanna Grene – CSE (Regional Energy)

I. Call to Order

Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) called the meeting #132 to order at 10:04 A.M.

II. Introductions

Public introductions.

Douglas Kot read a letter addressed to the Board, written by Julia Brown, which she had asked him to read in her absence about the importance of climate action plan work undertaken by the Board.

III. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes [Action]

Douglas Kot opened discussion to move forward with minutes from meeting #131 and agenda of meeting #132.

Agenda approved. Jay Powell added that he had some items to add to agenda item VII regarding the Performance Audit on City Advisory Boards presented by the City Auditor to the City Audit Committee.

**MOTION* Jay Powell moved to accept the minutes as distributed for meeting #131. Seconded by Eric Scheidlinger. Motion passed 4-0-2, Tom Brill and Andrew McKercher abstained as members were not present.*

IV. Announcements

No announcements.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

VI. CAP Update

Ashley Rosia from Economic Development Department provided a brief update. Timeframe for release of the annual report expected by end of summer/beginning of fall 2017. Details of CCA

Feasibility Study and RFI timeline given by Jack Clark. Anticipated delivery of presentation to the Board is set for the July 2017 SEAB meeting. RFI updates to be given at July 2017 SEAB meeting as well. Peer-review process will be complete when study is brought forward. Expected completion and delivery to be ready by end of July 2017.

VII. Legislative Regulatory and City Updates

Aaron Lu announced the release of a Request for Statement of Qualifications for solar + battery + electric vehicles integration, from the City of San Diego. It is available on the City's website. The SEA Board has provided recommendations on both residential and commercial ordinances for the conservation energy disclosure to City staff. The City of San Diego is also currently working with the Center for Sustainable Energy on moving forward with recommendations for ordinances including stakeholder outreach. The commercial ordinance is to be brought before Council by the end of the calendar year.

Jack Clark reaffirmed that the estimated date the Municipal Energy Strategy study would be brought before City Council Environment Committee would be before the end of the calendar year.

Jay Powell discussed the performance audit of the City's Advisory Boards and distributed copies of some excerpts of the report. He reported that the Auditor expressed concern for the availability of public notice of the Board's meetings and made recommendations of the elements and process for presentation of annual reports by Advisory Boards. The small Agenda Box located outside of the City Administration Building downtown is simply not adequate. He emphasized the need to have more documentation available online to reach a greater percentage of the public and stakeholders. Tom Brill recommended that any documentation distributed at the Board should be made equally available online to the public. The Board discussed options and practical implementation. Staff agreed with posting all relevant SEAB documents and presentations on the SEAB website maintained by the City and providing backup information on agenda items to interested members of the public.

VIII. Smart Street Lighting Presentation

Presentation provided by Lorie Cosio-Azar, Program Manager, Energy & Sustainability Division of the Environmental Services Department, City of San Diego.

Board members discussed topics of presentation with questions and comments about the presentation.

IX. Presentation on CCA by Scott Anders USD

Presentation of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) given by Scott Anders, Director, Energy Policy Initiatives Center, University of San Diego. Ty Tosdal of Tosdal Law provided additional information about current CCA programs including development and acquisition of renewable energy resources.

Board members discussed presentation topic and exchanged questions/answers with presenters.

Ty Tosdal explained additional regulatory issues of a CCA. Tom Brill stated that not all viewpoints were being discussed; utility operators who have been quiet but not out of agreement have not advised

technical aspects. SDG&E and Sempra have never provided informed input to the consideration of CCA issues. It was noted that Sempra has formed what is supposed to be a separate, shareholder-funded department to address CCA issues.

It was further noted that CPUC has conducted En Banc on CCAs where a variety of related issues were discussed and that this information might be helpful to have available as part of consideration of CCA and other programs before the CCA Feasibility Study does to the City Council for an official vote.

****MOTION* Sean Karafin made a motion that SEAB send a letter to the Mayor and City Council suggesting they may want to request the CPUC to hold one of their En Banc hearings on CCAs in San Diego before November 2017. Seconded by Eddie Price. Motion passed 5-0-1, Tom Brill abstained.***

Douglas Kot indicated that he would add a presentation by a Sempra entity on CCA to the list of possible presentations for the August meeting.

Douglas Kot moved meeting forward to next agenda item XI (taken out of order).

X. Approval of Letter for SEAB Report to Environmental Committee

Douglas Kot discussed the letter as composed by Julia Brown. Jay Powell indicated that he had suggested some edits to the letter by email to Julia Brown regarding the inclusion of certain items in annual reports as recommended by the Auditor in the Advisory Board performance audit. A copy of the suggested edits was distributed. Board discussed the letter and its contents. Douglas Kot stated that recommended edits to the letter would be held over for the next meeting upon Julia Brown's return.

XI. Development Services Department Technical Advisory Committee Lead and Alternate

(Taken out of order.) Douglas Kot discussed the background and purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Development Services Department. Board members asked questions.

Eddie Price volunteered as Lead for the Technical Advisory Committee.

****MOTION* Eddie Price to be the Lead representative for the Technical Advisory Committee. Seconded by Douglas Kot. Motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.***

Eric Scheidlinger volunteered as Alternate for the Technical Advisory Committee.

****MOTION* Eric Scheidlinger to be the Alternate representative for the Technical Advisory Committee. Seconded by Eddie Price. Motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.***

XII. New Business

Summary presentation of the CCA Feasibility Study by City of San Diego Staff.
June 22, 2017 – City of San Diego to host Smart City “Hack-a-thon”.

Adjourn: Douglas Kot adjourned the meeting at 12:01 P.M.

Note: An audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.