City of San Diego
Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
January 11, 2018
Meeting No. 139

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE ROSTER
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Julia Brown (SEAB Chair) – At Large Member
Kendall Helm - SDG&E Representative
Hanna Grene – CSE Regional Energy
Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry
Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate
Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alternate #2

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Jason Anderson - Business Community
Sean Karafin – At Large Member
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization
Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1

VACANT SEAT(S):
Vacant – Solar Power System Manufacturer/Installer

I. Call to Order
Quorum met. Julia Brown called the meeting to order at 10:10AM.

II. Introductions
Public introductions.

III. Announcements
None.

IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment
Two public speakers requested to make comment. Julia Brown allotted three minutes to each speaker.

- Jeremy Hutman of Renew Financial provided a written handout and spoke. Regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program accomplishments and State legislation bills SB242 and AB 1284 that have been introduced to provide consumer protections and address other regulations and underwriting of the PACE program. He indicated the support from variety of local governments and organizations.
- Sebastian Sarria of CAC/SDCCA presented written Comment Letter on SDG&E’s 100% Renewable Energy Program proposal and outlined the reasons for opposition of San Diego Community Choice Alliance to the program proposed in SDG&E RFP response.

Julia Brown thanked the speakers for their comments and support.
V. **Action Items**

1. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Brown noted that she would like to add an Action Item to the discussion of the work plan regarding a comment and recommendation on the City Budget. Deputy City Attorney Fritz Ortlieb responded that given the timeframe for budget this could constitute an extraordinary item to be taken up by the Board. Approval of agenda with action on Letter on Budget for Work Plan for SEAB meeting # 139 was unanimous. No motion was made.

2. Adoption of Minutes

*MOTION* Jay Powell made motion to adopt minutes as distributed from SEAB meeting #138. Kendall Helm seconded. Motion passed 5-0-1. Eric Scheidlinger abstained, as he was absent from the December meeting.

VI. **Informational Items**

1. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

Cody Hooven spoke about the Climate Action Plan budget development and business plan for the CCA. She will brief the Environment Committee meeting on February 8, 2018. She provided updates and upcoming processes for 2018 to be presented at meeting. She explained the scope of work that is being discussed with consultants for 100% renewable energy work. She stated that mobility and the strategy moving forward were to be the focal points of conversation. Board and staff members discussed.

2. Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates

Fritz Ortlieb provided a legislative and regulatory perspective on the SDG&E general rate case for the change in Time-of-Use (TOU) period. The new period is now effective from 4:00PM – 9:00PM. He also discussed the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) proceeding and upcoming workshop. He explained Draft Resolution E-4907 which essentially governs short-term resource adequacy. He clarified that the City of San Diego intends to file an opposition letter to the resolution. Board members discussed and asked questions. Fritz Ortlieb answered questions.

3. Work Plan for 2018

Julia Brown expressed an intent to submit a letter to the Mayor regarding “Funding for San Diego Climate Action Plan (CAP)”. Board members discussed the letter.

*MOTION* Jay Powell made motion to approve letter to Mayor as amended. Eric Scheidlinger seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0-0.

Julia Brown opened the discussion for the 2018 Work Plan. She expressed that critical areas of concern were the timing of decisions to be made and how those decisions were supported. Board members discussed.

Additional questions surrounding the differences between a CCA Feasibility Study and a CCA
Business Plan were addressed by Cody Hooven. A business plan would ultimately be brought before Council during the calendar year.

Kendall Helm and Douglas Kot discussed appropriate content of the Work Plan and considered revisions. Timelines were also discussed. Jay Powell discussed long term work priorities previously adopted and presented to Environment Committee need to be addressed as key categories in the 2018 work plan and noted he has forwarded the last annotated work plan adopted by Board to staff as a reference document. Long term priority categories that should receive attention include “developing a robust energy storage program” and “Develop strategies to ensure sustainable growth in distributed energy resource (DER) systems to achieve its full potential to benefit all communities.” The latter item was discussed in terms of “communities of concern”.

Board members discussed other objectives and goals they will include or omit for the 2018 Work Plan and relative importance, priorities and timing and decisions to be made. Discussion of proposed items regarding review of the City Franchise Agreement and a proposed ballot measure were referred for off line discussion by Jay Powell with Deputy City Attorney.

It was agreed that Chair would review the input from the discussion and other input from Board members prior to February meeting and docket adoption of work plan as action item for February meeting. Kendall Helm volunteered to assist.

4. New Business

Jay Powell requested for City of San Diego staff to distribute copies of the General Operating Procedures of Advisory Boards to the SEAB Board members and support staff for review at the February Board meeting.

5. Suggest guests/presentations/tours for future meetings.

SDG&E will present on procurement mandates in February and present on their 100% renewable energy proposal in March.

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:54AM.

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