

**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
December 10, 2015
Meeting No. 114**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julia Brown – At Large Member	Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization
John Bumgarner (Chair) – Solar Industry	Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate
Jerry Butkiewicz – San Diego Gas & Electric	Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1
Jack Clark – Center for Sustainable Energy	Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alternate #2
Sean Karafin – At Large Member	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jason Anderson – Business Community
Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry

I. Call to Order

Chair John Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

II. Introductions

Mario Sierra introduced Hossein Azar, Project Officer 2 Environmental Services Department. Hossein will be the point of contact for the CCA efforts, as well as helping with SEAB coordination.

III. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes

Jay Powell noted that it should be cited on the agenda that there are two sets of minutes for adoption September 24th and November 12th.

Jay Powell moved to adopt the September 24th minutes; seconded by Eric Scheidlinger. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay moved to adopt November 12th minutes with recommendation that “Assembly Bill 790” be changed to “Senate Bill 790” in the CCA discussion; seconded by Julia Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Announcements

No announcements

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Will Johnson, San Diego Home Inspector spoke in support of the requirement to disclose historical utility rates at time of purchase.

VI. CAP Update

Dave Weil stated that the CAP will go to City Council on December 15th at 2:00 and that staff are providing responses to questions received from the Council members regarding the CAP.

Jay Powell noted that he had submitted updated information to both the Environment Committee and the Planning Commission regarding the SEAB’s original CAP comments. Specifically addressed was the need to avoid conflict between the installation of solar energy systems and open space. John Bumgarner stated that he had received the updated content and would be working on an addendum to the SEAB’s original

letter. Following this there was further discussion on the Environment Committee recommendations as well as the Planning Commission's recommendation to City Council regarding the Climate Action Plan.

Board members also discussed the need to better understand where solar projects, especially utility scale, are currently located in both the San Diego and Imperial Counties and their impact on land use and open space. Additionally, it was suggested that it would be beneficial to better understand the cost benefit of utility scale and distributed solar installations. John Bumgarner noted that SEIA has a good interactive map showing the location of solar projects. He will forward the link to staff for forwarding to the Board members. He also suggested that this topic should be discussed further at the January meeting, and asked Jack Clark if CSE could help find or provide a speaker for the next meeting. Specifically, it would be good if the location of projects, types of land used and zoning for large scale utility projects, as well as the cost benefit analysis could be provided.

VII. CCA Comments & Discussion

Mario Sierra, Director, Environmental Services Department provided an update on the status of the CCA feasibility study. He also noted that CSE has been asked to consider what other programs, either as part of the CCA study or as a standalone study, there may be that would help the City achieve the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035. Board members commented that any additional study should not impact the schedule of the CCA study.

Jay Powell presented the Working Group's recommendations regarding proposed changes and revisions to the SEAB's CCA Priority Guiding Principles, as well as the Group's recommended minimum performance criteria. The Board discussed the proposed CCA Guiding Principles, the need for local distributed generation, potential impacts/benefits for local job creation and how or if RECs should be included.

Jay Powell motioned to adopt the Guiding Principles with the minimum performance chart to be included in the RFI/RFP as background for those documents; Sean Karafin seconded. No vote was taken on this motion as worded.

Sean Karafin motioned to postpone the discussion until the next meeting; seconded by Andrew McKercher. Motion failed 2-4-3 Karafin, McKercher in favor/Brown, Powell, Price, Scheidlinger opposed/Clark, Butkiewicz and Bumgarner abstained.

Jay Powell amended his original motion to change the language under the environmental section from "No Unbundled RECs" to "Minimize non-local RECs;" seconded by Eddie Price. Motion passed 5-1-3 Brown, Karafin, Powell, Price, Scheidlinger in favor/McKercher opposed/Clark, Butkiewicz and Bumgarner abstained.

VIII. New Business

Jay Powell recommended that the Board look at other CCAs and the percentage of portfolios that come from RECs. John Bumgarner stated that the Board should look at capacity, what a San Diego CCA will need, how many rate payers are there, how many people opted out, current residential kilowatt- hours consumed, how much capacity is needed and technology available.

IX. Suggested Guests/Presentations/Tours for Upcoming Meetings

John Bumgarner asked the Board members to provide guest speaker suggestions via email to staff.

X. Legislative and City Update

Fritz Ortlieb, Deputy City Attorney, commented on discussions between the City and SDG&E, noting that both parties were in agreement regarding SDG&E representative's conduct on the Board with respect to participating in matters related to CCA. He also mentioned that SDG&E has asked the California Public Utilities Commission for authority to establish an Independent Marketing Division.

Fritz Ortlieb also noted that a final decision on Net Energy Metering (NEM) successor tariff is expected by the by the end of December.

Sean Karafin asked about SB350 and its impacts on CCAs. John Bumgarner asked if Sean Karafin could provide a speaker to address SB350.

XI. Adjourn

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

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