

Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)

February 11, 2016

Meeting No. 116

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jason Anderson – Business Community
John Bumgarner (Chair) – Solar Industry
Jerry Butkiewicz – San Diego Gas & Electric
Jack Clark – Center for Sustainable Energy
Sean Karafin – At Large Member

Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization
Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate
Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Julia Brown – At Large Member
Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Alternate #2

I. Call to Order

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

II. Introductions

Hossein Azar announced that Dave Weil is no longer with the City of San Diego. Hossein Azar is the point of contact and Perita Ammerlahn will assist him with the CCA and other projects. An email will be sent with Perita's contact information. As a reminder when emailing do not reply to all. Send all emails through City staff.

III. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes

Jay Powell requested that the agenda reflect that there were two minutes to approve December 10th & January 14th.

Jay Powell moved to approve the December minutes as revised and presented by staff; seconded by Doug Kot. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay Powell stated that he had some corrections to January 14th minutes; he will provide comments to the staff to clarify a couple of aspects. Therefore, the minutes for January will be revisited at the March meeting.

IV. Announcements

Hossein Azar announced that the CPUC has a workshop on March 8th in San Francisco. Fritz Ortlieb filed a motion for the City to participate in the workshop. There are 5 questions that he will respond to regarding the PCIA exit fee which is part of the CCA process.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

No announcements

VI. CAP Update

Cody Hooven stated that they are still working on the implementation plan and will share it with everyone at Council along with the Budget in April.

There was further discussion on viewing the budget and the budget process. Cody Hooven stated that all department's budget proposals will go to Council at the same time which is April 15th and cannot be

released prior to that date. There will be budget hearings for the first two weeks in May. Cody Hooven suggested that the board look at the CAP work plan to make recommendations to Council so that they can take them in to consideration when they look at the budget and when weighing different options. Cody Hooven stated that she is not sure when she'll have the work plan ready but will get it to the board as soon as it's done.

Doug Kot recommended that the board form an ad hoc group to prepare commentary to bring to the full board prior to the May session. Cody Hooven stated that the board could also submit something in writing in advance of the May budget hearings and that it should be specific to the budget process and what the board recommends seeing funded.

Board members noted that CAP budget items might include items associated with the CCA feasibility study, Residential Benchmarking and Urban Forestry. Cody Hooven stated that there's the Energy & Water Efficient side, the Commercial and Residential Benchmarking Ordinances that will be brought forward. Cody Hooven stated that Urban Forestry is considered to have a CAP cost. She asked that the board put some comments together and consider being present at the May hearing.

Jack Clark mentioned it would be good in the ad hoc working group to revisit the internal SEAB work plan to update and make sure that we are in sync with timelines and responsibilities.

John Bumgarner stated that there are two ad hoc groups that have not been dissolve CAP and CCA working groups. He suggested that there be a reset of the existing groups.

John Bumgarner stated that, he will follow up with Mike Hansen and team regarding the changes to the ordinance. He will send an email to City Council President_Sherri Lightner and staff to make sure that they are aware that the board has recommended changes to the Municipal Code ordinance.

John Bumgarner suggested dissolving the CAP, CCA and Working Plan groups with the intent to form a more current ad hoc working group to address the preparation for comments and responses on the CAP budget.

Jason Anderson motioned to dissolve all ad-hoc working groups; seconded by Sean Karafin. Motion passed 6-0 Buckiewicz, Clark, Karafin, Kot, McKercher, Price – Bumgarner and Powell abstained.

Jason Anderson motioned to create an ad hoc working group on CAP Implementation; seconded by Sean Karafin. Motion passed 7-0 Buckiewicz, Clark, Karafin, Kot, McKercher, Powell, Price – Bumgarner abstained.

The ad hoc working group for the CAP Implementation are: Doug Kot, Eddie Price, Sean Karafin, and Jason Anderson. John Bumgarner suggested that the group meet between now and March to review the stated work plan and align it with what is anticipated budgetary items. Jason Anderson suggested that they meet whenever they have a draft implementation work plan. Cody Hooven encouraged the board to look at the Climate Action Plan and the phasing of CAP. She will try to get the work plan to the board as soon as possible.

Jay Powell asked that staff provide a copy of the adopted SEAB work plan that was presented to the Environment Committee and the SEAB adopted Operating Procedures. Chairman Bumgarner

suggested that each meeting could begin with Work Plan slide as part of the agenda each month. Add as a component of the meeting. Jay Powell requested that a paper copy of the SEAB work plan and operating procedures be provided to all board members. Hossein Azar asked for Jay Powell to forward it to him.

VII. CCA Comments & Discussion

Hossein Azar stated that the CCA RFP is with Purchasing and Contracting and the City Attorney's office, once reviewed the RFP will be advertised at the end of February or the beginning of March. There will be a mandatory pre-proposal meeting for questions from potential consultants two weeks after the 30-day advertisement is posted. At the same time the City is in the early stages of preparing the RFI for "other programs" which will be a parallel process to the CCA RFP.

Fritz Ortlieb, Deputy City Attorney filed a motion to be a party to the PCIA workshop in San Francisco. The hearing is March 8th he is working on responses to 5 questions that must be sent to the CPUC by next week. Jack Clark mentioned that the SEAB meeting is March 10th so potentially there will be a discussion resulting from the hearing at large. It was requested that a copy of the City response to questions be provided to the Board. John Bumgarner stated that he will make sure that PCIA discussion is part of next month's agenda.

The board discussed San Mateo's CCA. A member of the public stated that San Mateo has distributed a draft ordinance to all the Cities and Towns around them to join their Joint Power of Authority to create larger pool and they're in the process of doing that and by the end February they expect to have vote in all of their Cities and Towns.

Jay Powell distributed an article about Solar City's CEO in regards to another kind of proposed entity to manage localized energy and electricity generation. John Bumgarner mentioned the newspaper advertisement that Jay Powell distributed at last month's meeting that was placed by the Regional Chamber of Commerce and that this is something that should be brought up in a future meeting. Sean Karafin stated that it is a NEM issue. Jack Clark & John Bumgarner suggested continuing the discussion in the Legislative and City update.

VIII. EPIC Presentation

Scott Anders, Director Energy Policy Initiatives Center, University of San Diego School of Law did a presentation on the energy calculations and assumptions used in the CAP.

- Sources of Electricity Data – City of San Diego only
- Mission Factors – Energy Consumed by Customers from the Grid
- Projections
- Other Considerations for Calculating Reductions from various measures

The Board asked clarifying questions, engaged in discussion and asked for more information regarding the generation of energy locally.

John Bumgarner will review CleanSpark's presentation when he meets with them next week. If anyone has anything that they would like to include in CleanSpark's presentation please email John Bumgarner. EPIC will do a presentation on RECs in April.

IX. New Business

None

X. Legislative and City Update

Eddie Price asked if there was an update on the \$12,000,000 solar pilot program with Sun Edison. Hossein Azar answered that there are 30 slots that are being moved forward. There are also other sites that they are doing RFPs for. It is not his project, but as far as he knows they are moving forward with RFP with the rest of the project and we are soliciting with a value storage and solar.

Andrew McKercher asked if the City is concerned with Sun Edison having such financial problems. Hossein Azar answered that when the City brings a contractor on board they make sure that they are licensed and bonded but he will find out.

XI. Suggested Guests/Presentations/Tours for Upcoming Meetings

- CleanSpark - Distributed generation through micro grids and building type systems from a regional approach – March meeting.
- PCIA & NEM Update
- Presenters recommended by EPIC – Presentation on RECs in April (further definition of RECs and non-local RECs.)
- Find presenter to explain Regional Chamber of Commerce article regarding individuals paying \$340 per year for other's solar energy.

XII. Adjourn

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

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