

Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)

March 10, 2016

Meeting No. 117

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julia Brown – At Large Member

Jerry Butkiewicz – San Diego Gas & Electric

Jack Clark – Center for Sustainable Energy

Sean Karafin – At Large Member

Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization

Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate

Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1

Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Alternate #2

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jason Anderson – Business Community

John Bumgarner (Chair) – Solar Industry

Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry

I. Call to Order

Jack Clark called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

II. Introductions

No introductions

III. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes

Jay Powell moved to approve the January minutes; seconded by Andrew McKercher. Motion passed unanimously.

Members didn't have a chance to review the February minutes. Therefore, the minutes for February will be revisited at the April meeting.

IV. Announcements

No announcements

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

No public comments

VI. CAP & CCA Update

Cody Hooven stated that the Implementation Plan will be shared publically once the budget comes out April 15th. A CAP Implementation Ad Hoc Committee has been created. Councilman Alvarez is calling it a working group, the individuals were appointed. The first meeting will be March 18th. They will meet and set their priorities. Cody Hooven will get a list of the members. Julia Brown asked if the working group is different than the board's working group. Cody Hooven responded yes, it is different and she wants to make sure that the different groups reconcile so that everyone moves in the same direction. Sean Karafin is on the committee and will be able to help identify if the committee is headed in a different direction.

Cody Hooven stated that with the CCA being an implementation measure of the CAP there has been some changes made and she will be the lead working with Mario Sierra, Hossein Azar and team. So, future updates will come from her. The RFP is being reviewed by Purchasing and Contracting Department and they are being called daily; once approved then the RFP will be released.

Jack Clark stated that there's certainly some need for CAP committee coordination with the group. So, potentially this will need to be an agenda item for our next meeting. Our role & there role and how we should be coordinating. Cody Hooven stated that she will convey that to Councilmember Alvarez' office. The next Implementation Working Group meeting is March 18th so there should be some feedback that can be presented at the next SEAB meeting.

Jay Powell's concern was that the board's position by ordinance is to advise on energy. Cody Hooven stated that she has informed David Alvarez' office to let him know that, that it is a concern.

Jay Powell asked if there adequate staffing to assist in the administration and support of the board. Mario Sierra answered that there is sufficient staffing and budget for this department to continue. Cody Hooven stated that she is seeking additional staff in her budget.

Julia Brown wanted to get more information on CCAs. Jack Clark will work with staff to pull together all the materials that have been presented on CCAs. If others want to learn more about CCAs the discussion should be offline. Jay Powell mentioned that those presentations should be posted to the ESD website.

VII. CleanSpark Presentation

Hossein Azar stated that he tried to contact Aaron at CleanSpark but he hadn't received a returned call and his emails are being rejected. A member from the audience stated that Mike and Aaron are no longer with CleanSpark. Cody Hooven asked if the group wants to hear from CleanSpark or about micro grids. The consensus was that the group wants to hear about micro grids. CleanSpark has a special approach to micro grids. Sean Karafin suggested to have one meeting dedicated at to micro grids to get multiple perspectives. Jack Clark suggested to move the micro grids subject to "Suggested Guest and Presentations" section of the Agenda. Staff will reach out to CleanSpark to see where they are for April or May. Julia Brown stated that UCSD should be at the table regarding micro grids. She will get in touch with Byron at UCSD and maybe it's a possibility to have a meeting there.

VIII. New Business

Jack Clark asked Jay Powell if he would lead and work with staff regarding the operating procedures as agenda item for the next meeting.

Cody Hooven suggested that the board look through the Implementation Plan or the CAP to look for items that they need to work on. There will be ordinances residential & commercial benchmarking, energy strategies, and CCA items that fit into your work plan those are actual actions and projects that the City is working on.

Sean Karafin suggested having a standing item on the agenda to review the work plan progress to not lose sight of things that have been decided that were important because something critical comes up. Jack Clark stated that we need to update the work plan.

Jack Clark stated that there was a CAP working group already created, who is on this working group? Julia Brown answered that it is Doug Kot, Sean Karafin, Jason Anderson, Eddie Price.

Eddie Price made a motion to create Ad hoc working group to update the work plan for 2016 it was seconded by Sean Karafin. Motion passed 5-2 Julia Brown, Jerry Butkiewicz, Sean Karafin, Eddie Price, Eric Scheidlinger – opposed Jay Powell & Andrew McKercher – Jack Clark abstained.

The Work Plan working group will be Sean Karafin, Julia Brown (Chair), Jerry Butkiewicz,

Sean Karafin stated that they will not meet before the board's meeting in April. We need to incorporate what the other working groups says is important to address from the CAP and put it into a complete work plan for the next 6 months to 1 year. We will meet before the May meeting for a draft work plan that should be voted on at the May meeting.

Jack Clark asked Cody Hooven what can the board expect in terms of this CAP working group working with her and prioritizing the implementation of the CAP within the next 4 to 6 weeks and whether or not we can have some dialog between these working groups so that there is a healthy and robust work plan come our May meeting. Cody Hooven answered that the timing is really tight unfortunately. If you look at the CAP phase 1 measures are identified so there's not going to be any surprises for what we're looking at. She cannot predict what their structure will be until at least their first meeting.

Jack Clark asked if this working group can make this next draft a priority based on the phase and what the City has already adopted. Can we move this along prior to May. Sean Karafin stated that work plan working group should create work plan before we know from the CAP working group what we should weigh in on as far as the CAP. The next step should be the CAP working group telling this board and the working group for the work plan what the priorities are, then the work plan group should figure out how we set ourselves up to have meaningful recommendation on what the CAP working group said should be the priority.

Eddie Price suggested that the Chair of the CAP working group needs to call a meeting to discuss whatever needs to be discussed. Sean Karafin asked if there a Chair designated for the CAP Working Group. Jay Powell indicated that Doug Kot may have stated that he had interest in it since he had the experience chairing the CAP Task Force. Jack Clark asked Eddie Price to reach out to Doug and see if you can get a meeting & give an update at the next board meeting.

Jay Powell made a motion that Jack Clark serve as the 2nd Vice Chair to formalize seconded by Eddie Price. Motion passed 7-0 Julia Brown, Jerry Butkiewicz, Sean Karafin, Eddie Price, Eric Scheidlinger, Jay Powell & Andrew McKercher – Jack Clark abstained.

IX. Suggested Guests/Presentations/Tours for Upcoming Meetings

- EPIC presentation local and non-local REC's - Scott Andrews April meeting
- Update CAP ad hoc committee coordination – April meeting
 - Cody will not be staffing the newly formed working group each time. She will attend the first meeting. But as far as long time communications between those groups, the board may want to assign to represent both groups as a liaison.
 - Jerry would like to offer a speaker from SDG&E for the micro grid.
- Updates from working groups –April meeting
- Jay will provide some guidance on board operations – Will send something out.

- Staff is going to reach out to CleanSpark
- Broader Micro Grid for Multiple Presentation
 - Offsite meeting, potentially with CleanSpark, UCSD & SDG&E & others – May meeting. Julia will follow-up with Byron. Just micro grids

X. Legislative and City Update

Hossein Azar stated that he received an email from SDG&E. They issued an advice letter stating that they have 57 megawatts remaining in the original NEM program. In February they received an application for 32 megawatts which leaves 25 megawatts and they anticipate that they will reach their cap in April.

The City filed a motion on February 16th party status A14-205-024 PG&E Application for its Electrical Revenue Requirements the motion has been granted. PG&E (which represented all utility companies). All utility clients had the following 3 common concerns:

1. CCAs and DAs need a reasonable, reliable & transparent PCIA.
2. The need to have a sunset date for PCIA fees.
3. Confidentiality and nondisclosure agreements.

Fritz Ortlieb filed a motion party status R1312-010 Statewide Integrated Resource Planning Case on Utility long term Procurement. On October 2015 they approved a utility bundle procurement plan for PG&E, SCE and BBPS but since SDG&E didn't have a CCA they were not included in the motion so this new motion is requesting an amendment to include SDG&E to Statewide Integrated Resource Planning Case .

Jay Powell stated that there is a 2nd NEM proceeding for disadvantage communities in promoting solar installation a sector that could make a tremendous contribution to promoting solar.

Hossein Azar stated that on March 7th SDG&E, PG&E and utility workers filed a motion against NEM 2 they want to be reheard.

XI. Adjourn

Jack Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:52 P.M.

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