

**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
November 12, 2015
Meeting No. 113**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jason Anderson – Business Community
Julia Brown – At Large Member

I. Call to Order

Chair John Bumgarner called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M.

II. Introductions

Dave Weil introduced Mike Ferry, Chad Reese and Elizabeth Kennedy from the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE), who will be providing an overview of the CCA process. Also introduced were Deputy City Attorney Fritz Ortlieb, who will discuss the CCA Code of Conduct for utilities, and Bill Powers from the Protect our Communities Foundation (POCF) who will provide a presentation on Protect Our Communities' Community Choice Aggregation report.

III. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of the Minutes

Motion by Jay Powell to adopt the revised minutes for October 8th; seconded by Doug Kot. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Announcements

John Bumgarner noted that staff are working to finalize the minutes from the September special session. Dave Weil noted that it would be helpful for staff if in the future the final wording of any motions can be clearly stated so they be captured in the minutes.

V. Non-Agenda Public Comment

No comments

VI. CAP Update

Cody Hooven, City Sustainability Program Manager stated that the CAP comment period has closed and that City staff are responding to comments and making minor adjustments based on feedback. The following are tentative dates regarding the CAP approval process:

- November 30, 2015 – Environment Committee will review the CAP.
- December 3, 2015 – Planning Commission will review the CAP.
- December 15, 2015 – CAP will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

Jay Powell stated that the submitted letter for comments left out an item. Doug Kot stated that a revised letter was submitted. John Bumgarner noted that the proposed municipal code changes will be moved forward after the CAP is approved by the Council.

VII. Environment Committee Feedback

John Bumgarner provided a recap of his presentation to the Environment Committee, noting that the Councilmembers hoped to engage more with the Board in the future. There was thanks to all on the Board for their service. Councilman Alvarez asked that the Board reach out to staff and the committee to engage with them more next year. The presentation is expected to be annual rather than semi-annual.

VIII. CCA Discussion

Mike Ferry, Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) provided an overview of CSE's role in the City's Community Choice Aggregation process, as well as the general timeline and background. CSE will assist City staff by providing technical assistance, project support, subject matter expertise, and will help City staff in ensuring an open and transparent process.

Fritz Ortlieb provided a summary of Senate Bill 790, which required the CPUC to develop a code of conduct for utilities with respect to Community Choice Aggregation. The general rule is that the Utilities cannot lobby against CCAs except through an independent marketing division that's shareholder funded and not rate payer funded. SDG&E may provide factual responses about approved programs or tariffs including but not limited to rate analysis in answers to questions.

Jay Powell mentioned that SEAB has a designated SDG&E representative on the Board. Per Fritz Ortlieb the SDG&E representative on the Board should abstain from discussing or voting on matters related to CCA.

Jay Powell summarized the work of the CCA Working Group. The Group met on October 15th and November 6th to discuss the components of the feasibility study and the Priority Guiding Principles for the City's study. During the SEAB meeting there was discussion regarding the Guiding Principles and what should be included. Specifically, local jobs creation and local distributed generation should be included as priorities, although it was noted that further definition of what this means may be needed.

There was also discussion regarding the budget for the study and concern that given the complexity of San Diego's study the budget should be reviewed. It was also mentioned that an RFI is being considered as a method for gathering additional input for the RFP to make sure that everything is considered. The Working Group was also asked to consider whether or not the requirement to define "Model CCA is an opt-out program" still needs to be included in the Guiding Principles.

Andrew McKercher passed out recommendations from the California Labor Federation that they would like to see in the CCA. John Bumgarner asked Andrew McKercher to provide electronic copy of the information to Dave Weil for forwarding on to the Board.

Bill Powers, Protect Our Communities (POC) provided a presentation on POC's Community Choice Aggregation Report. During the presentation he provided some of the recent history of local power generation and deregulation, as well as the regions past study of Community Choice Aggregation and a summary of other successful CCAs that have been adopted in the state. He also discussed the economics identified in the POC report, as well as the need for the City to conduct its own study to validate the POC report pro forma and further investigate and evaluate the costs that might affect a CCA in San Diego.

After the discussion of the CCA, the Chairman opened the meeting to public comment with eight speakers providing comments:

1. Dan Collinworth spoke in support of Community Choice Aggregation as an effective means for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Ty Tosdal commented on SB 790 and the CCA Code of Conduct and provided a copy of a letter he had sent to the Mayor regarding this as well as a copy of the Utility Code of Conduct.
3. Cesar Rios spoke regarding the complexity of San Diego's study and concerns regarding the proposed budget.
4. Luciana Da Silva commented on the impact that potential changes in Net Energy Metering is having on the solar industry, noting that a CCA would provide the public more direct input regarding issues like this and the type of energy they use.
5. Joyce Lane spoke on behalf of a CCA program in San Diego as a way to help the City reach its climate action plan goal of 100% clean energy by 2035.
6. Erica Morgan spoke on behalf of the CCA, noting that a CCA is a good vehicle for accelerating the transition to a clean energy economy through 100% renewables and that the consultant should look closely at the PCIA.
7. Peter Hasapopoulos spoke in support of the recommendations provided by POCF's CCA report and the need to keep the proposed timeline.
8. Tom Brill noted that SDG&E does not have a desire to lobby, but rather to provide accurate responses to questions, inviting the Board and City to ask SDG&E for information during the process. He also disagreed with the definition of lobbying provided earlier in the meeting.

It was noted that written comments can be sent to energy@sandiego.gov through November 19th .

IX. New Business

John Bumgarner stated that the next meeting will be December 10th. He asked that all information regarding a possible recommendation for the RFP study be provided to Board members by December 3rd so that the Board could vote on any recommendation.

Jay Powell confirmed that there will be another meeting of the CCA Working Group prior to the December 10th SEAB meeting. He also asked that any written comments be provided to the Working Group for their deliberations.

X. Suggested Guests/Presentations/Tours for Upcoming Meetings

None discussed.

XI. Legislative and City Update

Not discussed.

XII. Adjourn

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

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