

City of San Diego
Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)
June 14, 2018
Meeting No. 143

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Julia Brown (Chair) – At Large Member
Douglas Kot – (Vice Chair) U.S. Green
Building Council
Hanna Grene – CSE Regional Energy
Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate
Jason Anderson – Business Community
Kendall Helm – SDG&E Representative
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization
Sean Karafin – At Large Member
Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alternate
#2

VACANT SEAT(S):

Vacant – Solar Power System Manufacturer/Installer

I. Call to Order

Quorum met. Julia Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05AM.

II. Introductions

Public introductions.

III. Announcements

Julia Brown announced that she took a tour of the PureWater Demonstration Facility at East-gate Mall and recommends the tour for those who has not taken it.

IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None.

V. Action Items

1. Approval of Agenda

Jay Powell proposes defer Action Item V. 3. to after Info Item VI. 4., because Julia Brown has some concerns with annotations suggest regarding the SEAB recommendations the SDG&E 100% Renewable Energy proposal. Kendall Helm suggests that item VI. 4. should not be discussed until other City staff members that may arrive late to the meeting can participate.

****MOTION* Jay Powell made motion to approve agenda as with the change that item V. 3. is moved after item VI. 4. Hanna Grene seconded. Motion passed unanimously 9-0-0.***

2. Adoption of Minutes

****MOTION* Jason made motion to adopt minutes from SEAB meeting #142 as distributed. Hanna Grene seconded. Motion passed 7-0-2. Jason Anderson and Kendall Helm abstained as they were absent from meeting #143.***

VI. Informational Items

1. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

Cody Hooven is at a conference so no updates from City Sustainability Officer for this meeting.

2. Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates

Aaron Lu stated that the City filed a brief for the PCIA Proceeding and the document has been posted online and distributed to the board. In summary, the City is supportive of making amendments to the PCIA, making short term changes through amending price benchmarks, reviewing auction mechanisms in a later phase. The City is not supportive of IOU proposal because of lack of burden of proof.

Kendall Helm read the City brief and asked what specific evidence the City is seeking. Aaron Lu responded that the City is looking for quantitative impacts of IOUs' proposal. The only impacts the City has discovered through the proceeding so far is an analysis completed by the Direct Access parties from data gathered through a data request. The analysis only shows impacts for 2018. Kendall Helm asked whether the City had signed an NDA to access the data room, clarifying that significant quantitative data and forecasts on different methodologies has been provided. Upon additional questioning by Kendall Helm, Aaron Lu did confirm that City staff has signed NDAs with the IOUs to access the data room.

Aaron Lu announced that City staff is scheduled to go before the Environment Committee on June 21 to provide an energy regulatory update and he invited board members to attend. Hanna Grene requested staff to distribute the list of proceedings covered by the update. The City is either a party and/or tracking all the proceedings. The Environment Committee starts at 1 pm.

3. City's Building Energy Benchmarking Ordinance

Aaron Lu of the City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department, Energy & Sustainability Division gave a presentation on the proposed Building Energy Benchmarking Ordinance. The ordinance is aligned with AB 802 and stems partly from the recommendations that SEAB provided to the City in their white paper. Staff has undertaken extensive stakeholder outreach as part of the ordinance development process.

Board members discussed and asked questions. Aaron Lu answered questions including consideration of phasing the square footage requirement to 20,000 square feet to reach additional buildings and energy savings in a later phase, what is the process for building owners to take to

benchmark their building, the appropriate biotech organizations to reach out to on this topic, etc. The power point presentation will be posted to the SEAB website and SEAB is welcome to attend the June 21 Environment Committee where this item will be brought forth.

4. 100% Renewable Energy Pathway Discussion

Aaron Lu announced that Jack Clark and Fritz Ortlieb will not probably be able to attend this meeting so SEAB can determine if the group still wants to discuss this topic. Julia Brown asked Kendall Helm if she could report on the status of information requests and meetings with the City on the SDG&E Renewable Energy Program proposal. Kendall Helm explained that SDG&E is working with the City and meeting regularly to design the program. She suggested that City staff who are running the RFP process should determine when and how information from those meetings should be provided to the public.

Given that City staff were not present, members discussed a path forward whereby the City should provide an update next meeting on the status of the City-SDG&E discussions, goals for the remainder of the year, and when it would be appropriate to provide SEAB with an update. Kendall Helm suggested that SEAB can then reengage on this topic at that time. Kendall Helm noted that SDG&E is willing and available to help with answering additional questions once the City has determined the appropriate time and venue.

Julia Brown expressed that she thought there are certain risks associated with setting up the CCA that could be mitigated if SDG&E gave a viable alternative. She hopes to have two complete proposals on getting to 100% renewable energy for a side to side comparison but that is not where we are at right now. SEAB is anticipating getting the CCA Business Plan in early Fall and Julia Brown hopes that SDG&E can provide SEAB with an updated proposal at the same time. Kendall Helm suggested that, pending additional guidance from the City, SEAB could tentatively plan for an SDG&E update in the September meeting.

Jay Powell presented his memo titled “SEAB REQUESTS for INFORMATION from SDG&E” previously distributed to the board; his memo outlines existing requests directed at SDG&E by SEAB and what is the process to obtain that information, including information on resources procurement, transmission, and the SDG&E “Procurement Review Group. After discussion by the Board, Jay Powell indicated he is willing to continue the discussion in the next SEAB meeting after the board has had additional time to review his memo. Jay Powell asked if SDG&E has responded to the questions in the Chief Sustainability Officers memo which was provided to SEAB and the Working Group in their analysis and when was the last meeting of City staff with SDG&E. There was additional discussion on scheduling responses to questions and updates on the SDG&E proposal and concern was expressed with SEAB waiting until September to answers to questions and status of discussion. Additional discussion between board members took place on role of SEAB in this process.

SEAB requested an update from the City to summarize progress up to date and clarification of schedule moving forward from City staff at the next meeting.

5. Approval of Semi-Annual Report Memo to Environment Committee* (Moved out of order)

Julia Brown reminded the board that the last semi-annual report submitted was in July of 2017 and

presentation to the Environment Committee in November. The recommendation letter on CCA Feasibility in November also served as other semiannual report for 2017. Julia Brown drafted the Semi-Annual Report letter for 2018 and it was circulated and Jay Powell provided some edits. Julia Brown indicated she had no issues with first few edits submitted. The annotated letter with suggested edits was shown and Board members discussed other items.

Board discussed footnote regarding that SDG&E cannot provide comments on CCA development and the amendment to the footnote that Sempra Services, the independent marketing division of Sempra Energy had provided comment.

Julia Brown feels that it is extremely important for the board to be fair and balanced and regrets her vote on the recommendation letter on the SDG&E Proposal because she was not as heavily involved in the previous month's discussions of the Working Group presentations. Julia Browns feels that the recommendation is too negative and prefers to amend the language. Board discussed. Board decided to remove statements (three paragraphs) restating recommendations from Working Group regarding the SDG&E proposal and to refer to the SEAB letter that had been submitted with recommendations to the Mayor, City Council and staff.

Doug Kot reminded the board that there is still a vacant board seat for Solar Installer/Manufacturer. Jay Powell stated that all SEAB seats have expired. Aaron Lu announced that the newly established Office of Board and Commissions will take over coordination of boards. It was noted that Board members continue to serve until they are reappointed or another appointment is made to that designated expired seat. It was agreed that the Board should include notice that the terms of all seats for the board have expired and the note in original draft that there is a provision for the City Council to make appointments after a specified period which has expired.

There was discussion with respect to which items of work were being pursued and it was agreed to not list individual items but to refer to and attach the adopted Work Plan and seek input, comment or direction from the Environment Committee on work plan items.

****MOTION* Doug Kot made motion to approve the Semi-Annual Report letter as amended. Jason Anderson seconded. Motion passed 9-0-0.***

6. New Business

Jason Anderson asked for a report from Eddie Price on a special meeting on Communities of Concern hosted by Grid Alternatives. Eddie Price provided details on how the meeting came to be, what topics were covered, and next steps. It was agreed that SEAB should build on this for its meeting currently set for September on Socio Economic Equity Issues to include Communities of Concern, Low Income programs, Enviro Screen and related topics. An additional new business item was reported by Jay Powell regarding the City issuance of an RFP for "Electric and Gas Franchise Agreement Consultant" and that this item was relevant to the presentation on Franchise Agreements by staff in the adopted SEAB Work Plan.

7. Suggest guests/presentations/tours for future meetings

Hanna Grene volunteered team at CSE to present on electric vehicle charging program. Jason Anderson proposed it may be a good idea to bring in CSE to present on various items in a single meeting. Jason Anderson described CEC meeting that Eddie Price facilitated. Eddie Price provided

details on how the meeting came to be, what topics were covered, and next steps.

- i. Socio Economic Equity Goals (tentative for September)
- ii. SDG&E Proposal of 100% Renewable Energy Program (tentative for September)
- iii. Water-Energy Nexus/PureWater
- iv. CSE programs
 - v. Transportation and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- vi. Franchise Agreement
- vii. Energy Storage

VII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 AM.

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