

**City of San Diego**  
**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)**  
**August 10, 2017**  
**Meeting No. 134**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Anderson – Business Community  
Julia Brown (Chair) – At Large Member  
Hanna Grene – CSE (Regional 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:**

Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alternate #2  
Vacant – Solar Power System Manufacturer/Installer  
Vacant – San Diego Gas & Electric Representative

**I. Call to Order**

Julia Brown called the meeting to order at 10:02 A.M.

**II. Introductions**

Public introductions

**III. Announcements**

Aaron Lu announced Tom Brill's resignation from the Board. SDG&E provided a recommended replacement to the Mayor for appointment and City Council will confirm the appointee. The Solar Industry seat is vacant and that City Council has authority to make appointments to seats vacant or expired for over 60 days.

Chairperson noted that the report to Environment Committee was acknowledged and that they have requested a presentation at their September meeting.

Julia Brown will be on travel and absent from the September meeting. Vice Chairperson Douglas Kot will chair in Julia's stead and he will be presenting at the Environmental Committee meeting in September if Chairperson Brown is on travel at that time.

**IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None.

**V. Action Items**

1. Approval of Agenda and Adoption of Minutes

Jay Powell asked for clarification on voting rules regarding distinction of regular Board members and alternate Board members. It was stated by staff that the Alternate Members were only eligible to vote if their presence was necessary to establish a quorum.

Jay Powell distributed a recommended change in the July minutes restoring the description of public comments provided in the original draft minutes that indicated speaker's position registered regarding CCA formation and adding organizational affiliation when provided. Board discussed. Agreed that affiliations could be included and positions on issues included in minutes if requested.

***\*MOTION\* Hanna Grene made motion to adopt minutes from meeting #133 with the addition of affiliation to those who spoke. Douglas Kot seconded. Motion passed 6-1. Jay Powell opposed.***

JP NOTE: Eddie Price as an Alternate At Large member not necessary for establishing quorum was not eligible to vote.

Agenda approved unanimously, although no formal motion made.

**VI. Informational Items**

1. Climate Action Plan Update

No updates.

2. Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates

No updates.

3. Continue Discussion on Pathways to 100% Renewable Energy by 2035: Community Choice Aggregation Feasibility Study

Julia Brown opened the forum for public comment and requested that comments be limited to two minutes each. It was noted that public members could request that their affiliation and their position on formation of a CCA be noted in the minutes.

Seven public comments received.

Alicia Race (Climate Action Campaign) spoke in favor of CCA formation.

Erica Morgan (San Diego Energy District) spoke in favor of CCA formation.

Tyson Siegele (San Diego 350) spoke in favor of CCA formation.

Elanie Maltz (San Diego 350) spoke in favor of CCA formation.

Lawrence Emerson (Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego) spoke in favor of CCA formation.

Jackie Stabenav (Sullivan Solar Power) spoke in favor of CCA formation.

Tara Kelly (Sullivan Solar Power) spoke in favor of CCA formation.

Julia Brown thanked everyone for his or her comments.

Eddie Price read aloud a letter he received from a community member named Jennifer White in support of CCA addressed to Mayor Kevin Faulconer. Staff will make copies of the letter to distribute to the Board.

Julia Brown opened Board discussion of the CCA Feasibility Study. She also announced the necessity of a decisive conclusion as to whether or not the Board supported the implementation of the CCA along with a document supporting its decisions by the November 2017 meeting.

This decision deemed necessary, as the staff will incorporate the Board's conclusions to the San Diego City Council in December 2017.

Board discussed their own collective questions and responses provided to them from City staff and consultants. The possibility of additional work groups and/or additional meetings were suggested. Jay Powell spoke to the different methods and avenues of submitting/receiving questions about the CCA and the possibility for further/future studies based on the questions that arise.

Lisa Vedder and Jennifer White of Willdan Financial Services, Inc., the City of San Diego's consultant regarding the CCA, answered questions from the Board remotely via phone.

The size of the potential CCA for San Diego was discussed. Phases of the CCA enrollment was explained. Comparative cities and regions current implementation of CCAs were discussed.

Electric rates and cost savings were discussed. Rate design and time-of-use rates were discussed and time-of-use rate design could alter cost savings. The comparison of potential CCA rates versus actual SDG&E rates were discussed. Social cost savings were addressed.

Eddie Price brought up the topic of risk factors of a CCA as it related to clients (customers). Consultant discussed issues of customer choice options to select energy providers.

Jason Anderson raised a concern for category zero RPS procurement sources and asked for an explanation of the various categories of the power procurement. Consultant explained that there are categories of short, medium, and long-term power procurement options for a CCA. Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) were discussed. Prevailing wages were discussed.

Sean Karafin spoke briefly as to the differences between gross and net economic development impacts in terms of employment from operating a CCA. The consultant addressed power procurement. The lack of inclusion within the CCA Feasibility Study to include the feasibility of local jobs and local construction of energy alternative sites within San Diego and the surrounding region was brought up by Jason Anderson.

Julia Brown acknowledged a bond requirement amount of \$363 million to finance the CCA project. She asked if there was a more financially feasible way of implementing the phases of the CCA. She also asked about the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and its impact on the financial performance of the project. The consultants disclaimed they cannot legally structure the bond issuance, but suggested that a financial advisor could be a more informative resource to provide such assistance and guidance. The consultants further explained some of the requirements of the CCA that would be mandatory expenses. Hanna Grene asked about the study's financial research and the forecasted financial benefits of implementation over the life span of the CCA.

Additional details of the CCA and its costs were discussed. Julia Brown reiterated the timeline for the SEAB members' definitive conclusion to be submitted to City of San Diego staff by November's meeting date.

4. New Business

Upcoming SEAB meetings between September and November were discussed. Additional meetings were considered and discussed amongst Board members. The Board decided to delay consideration of additional meetings in addition to scheduled meetings and formation of working task groups until conclusion of the September meeting.

Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFSQ) responses and presentation of responses discussed as an agenda item at a future meeting. Deadline of RFSQ responses discussed.

Structure of future meetings were discussed. Suggested guests/presentations/tours for future meetings were discussed. CCA discussions will follow organization of SEAB Recommendations for a CCA Study. Next meeting will focus on environmental impacts, and the following meeting will focus on economic impacts. Board also decided to solicit comments from Sempra Services Corporation and Climate Action Campaign through submissions that do not take up meeting time.

5. Suggested guests/presentations/tours for future meetings

- i. Continue Discussion on Pathways to 100% Renewable Energy by 2035
- ii. Additional Economic Development from 100% Renewable Energy Presentation

**VII. Adjourn**

Julia Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:04 P.M.

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