

**City of San Diego**  
**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)**  
**December 14, 2017**  
**Meeting No. 138**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Anderson (Business Community)  
Julia Brown (Chair) – At Large Member  
Kendall Helm - SDG&E Representative  
Hanna Grene – CSE (Regional Energy)  
Douglas Kot (Vice Chair) – Building Industry  
Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate  
Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sean Karafin – At Large Member  
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization  
Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alt. #2

**VACANT SEATS:**

Vacant – Solar Power System Manufacturer/Installer

**I. Call to Order**

Quorum met. Chairperson Julia Brown called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

**II. Introductions**

Public introductions.

**III. Announcements**

Chairperson Julia Brown thanked everyone for their participation in the preparation of the recommendations document sent to City Council.

**IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None.

**V. Action Items**

1. Approval of Agenda

Jay Powell made a proposal to move Action Item 3: *Approval of Resolution forwarding SEAB recommendations on CCA to Mayor and City Council* to after Informational Item 2: *Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates*. Board members agreed on proposed modification of agenda and unanimously approved agenda.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Chairperson Julia Brown, brought up a mistake on a motion made on the minutes of meeting #137.

Action Item 1 should have the vote count 6-1-2. Action Item 3 should have the vote count 6-1-1. Board members discussed and agreed. Staff member, Aaron Lu, agreed to make changes to minutes.

***\*MOTION\* Jay Powell made motion to accept the minutes of meeting #137 as distribute;, Second by Jason Anderson. Chairperson Julia Brown noted that the vote count for Item VII. 1. Should read 6-1-2. Motion with that correction passed, Jason Anderson abstaining due to not at that meeting.***

Action Item 3: *Approval of Resolution forwarding SEAB recommendations on CCA to Mayor and City Council* moved to follow Informational Item 2: *Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates* and public comment.

## **VI. Informational Items**

### 1. Climate Action Plan Update

Cody Hooven provided information on the Climate Action Plan and related updates. She specifically addressed the SEAB group informing the Board that many documents were uploaded and placed online including the SDG&E proposal provided for a restricted RFP. Next steps were outlined. The pathway for CCA was discussed and a business plan for CCA will be prepared. In calendar year 2018 the Environment Committee will be briefed on status of the CAP and CCA at their February 8 meeting. The active engagement of staff in PCIA and other proceedings was discussed. All information regarding options and alternatives to achieve 100% Renewable Energy goal will be presented to City Council at end of calendar year 2018. Jay Powell, Douglas Kot, and Eddie Price asked questions. Cody Hooven answered. Discussion ensued.

Jay Powell indicated that he did not recall that SEAB was informed of the RFP. He thought it would have been helpful and appropriate to have the staff inform the board that a restricted RFP had been issued. He asked if the RFP included the guiding principles and minimum criteria adopted by SEAB and included in the CCA Feasibility Study. Staff indicated that was not included. He noted portions of the memo from Director of Economic Development Department regarding the process of review of options to achieve the 100% Renewable Energy CAP goal previously distributed by City Staff and asked about the role of the SEA Board in reviewing these options. He noted that the SEA Board had been specifically tasked by action of the Environment Committee in November 2013 to outreach and engage stakeholders on the issue of CCA. Cody Hooven clarified that the SEAB was not the only means to achieve input of stakeholders. Douglas Kot clarified his understanding of the engagement responsibilities and tasks given to the Board by the Environment Committee and associated stake holder representatives. Cody Hooven explained that, due to procurement rules during this process, she could not share information with the Board prior to completion of the RFP response. She further explained that upon closing the procurement process, findings could now be shared openly with the Board. Jay Powell asked clarifying questions about the RFP and the third-party review, and peer-review. Eddie Price provided some clarification of his understanding about the review process. Board members openly discussed the topic for a few more minutes. Chairperson Julia Brown moved forward to the next agenda item.

Jay Powell sought clarification on the procedures for public testimony on action items. Douglas Kot clarified the process followed by City Boards and Commissions and the City Council. Chairperson Julia Brown agreed to accept agenda related public comment AFTER Fritz Ortlieb's *Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates*.

### 2. Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates

Fritz Ortlieb began with information about legislative updates and how the City was currently engaged in a PCIA workshop meeting, accepting input and options for the PCIA proceedings. He explained that the workshop was informational in nature. Before January 19, 2018, the Commission will host a second workshop which would hold more data-based discussions before a final meeting is scheduled to be held in March. The City intends to participate in the PCIA proceeding.

Moving on to regulatory updates, Fritz Ortlieb explained a draft resolution called E4907 which has to do with the Commission's jurisdiction over managing implementation plans for CCAs under section 366.2 of the Public Utilities code. It has to do in general with resource adequacy (RA). There is a short turnaround time for comments as they are due December 29, 2017.

Kendell Helm provided clarification that E4907 addresses the filing deadlines of an implementation plan of a CCA but does not alter the RA requirements. Fritz Ortlieb provided further details about the deadlines, resource adequacy, and the comparative regulations surrounding a CCA versus a municipal utility for implementation.

Board members raised questions as to similar processes were required of municipal utilities and their implementation that might benefit the City of San Diego's own CCA implementation. Jay Powell had more questions and comments. Kendell Helm and Fritz Ortlieb, as well as Douglas Kot explained the process and timelines.

Jason Anderson raised the question of community perspective on actual implementation by January 1, 2019. Kendell Helm explained that, according to E4907, if a new CCA does not file its implementation plan before January 1, 2018, then it will not be able to begin serving customers until January 2020, assuming it is able to file its implementation plan by January 1, 2019.

Jay Powell indicated that this was the type of a significant policy issue that SEAB should review and consider providing comments to the City Council. It appears that due to the holidays and impending deadlines and date of the CPUC hearing on January 11, this would not be possible. Board members discussed.

Eddie Price asked what the average or normal ramp-up time was for implementing a CCA, based on similar successfully implemented plans. He further questioned the load of the energy possibilities. Douglas Kot explained that the schedule is tight, but that a real timeline has not yet been established just yet. Jay Powell noted that the City of San Jose and other jurisdictions that have moved faster on the process of implementation would be exempt from provisions of the resolution. Cody Hooven noted that comments are being put together and will be ready for the Council.

Jay Powell asked a clarifying question on how the Action Item 3 would be considered including the introduction and public comments.

### **V3. Approval of Resolution forwarding SEAB recommendations on CCA to Mayor and City Council. (Taken out of order)**

#### **Public Comment**

Members of the San Diego Community Choice Alliance presented a written set of recommendations regarding Community Choice Aggregation implementation and three speakers reviewed those

recommendations:

The first speaker, *Sonya Robinson* representing *San Diego Community Choice Alliance*, spoke in favor of the Community Choice Aggregation.

The next speaker, *Sabastian Saria*, representing *San Diego Community Choice Alliance*, spoke in favor of the Community Choice Aggregation.

The third and last speaker, *Erika Morgan* of *San Diego Energy District*, also spoke in favor of the Community Choice Aggregation.

Chairperson Brown thanked all speakers for their comments and support.

Eddie Price responded to public commenters that he would personally like to have something written on paper so that he might take action on their requests and suggestions.

Jay Powell was asked to introduce the proposed resolution that had been distributed at the November meeting. He noted the public comments made, the support given, the timeframe, the role of SEAB as a forum for public engagement and input, and the purpose of the resolution to provide recommendations a timeframe for formation of a CCA for fiscal year 2019. It was decided to review the proposed resolution item by item and make suggested changes on the projected copy.

Douglas Kot inquired about the date range of the fiscal year for City of San Diego, versus calendar year time frames. Kendell Helm asked for clarification on a part of the resolution paper where it incorrectly characterized the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment as negotiable. Jay Powell stated he had no objections to the suggested revision. Douglas Kot discussed costs and how the paper was vague about its description of costs.

Eddie Price raised the concern and question that a letter had already been sent to the City Council and Mayor on the position of the feasibility study. Board members discussed. Eddie stated he didn't think that this resolution draft paper was necessary – perhaps that it might even be considered to be redundant. Board members discussed the resolution draft paper and its importance, and continued to suggest edits and revisions.

The dates and timelines for completion of items such as the business plan as an introductory implementation plan were discussed amongst Board members. Hanna Greene expressed that she did not feel comfortable with the timelines laid out within the paper and thought that some of the items should be addressed to review of the business plan and SEAB work plan.

Chairperson Julia Brown suggested that the resolution be taken off-line at this time. Jason Anderson added that sending two similar letters, in such a short amount of time, may not be appropriate and may even be confusing to the City Council and Mayor and ultimately counterproductive to implementation of a CCA.

Chairperson Julia Brown stated that she would take the resolution off-line at this time and move it to a future meeting. Jay Powell agreed that aspects of the resolution may be more appropriate in conjunction with review of the proposed CCA business plan and other work plan items. Jason Anderson stated that the resolution paper would need to be rewritten as a whole, as it is too closely related to the feasibility study, rather than the actual business plan of the implementation of a CCA for the City of San Diego.

### **VI.3. Work Plan for 2018**

The Board continued to converse over the topic of the CCA and the necessary contents of what should be reviewed or considered amongst the Work Groups for 2018.

Fritz Ortlieb discussed the collaborative efforts of SDG&E and the City of San Diego for energy storage around the City at various sites – both at the meter and at dedicated storage substations.

Board members discussed topics of environmental justice and energy democracy for the work plan. Jason Anderson asked about disadvantaged communities – Eddie Price answered that he was a representative for all of these areas which he prefers to be referred to as “communities of concern” for trying to find resolutions to energy efficiency and affordability. Education, engagement and participation was noted as being paramount to community involvement.

*Sonya Robinson*, the first speaker for public comment added that she was from District 4 and Assemblywoman Dr. Shirley Weber was considered to be a leader of this area. Jay Powell discussed the City Heights area and his time serving the local community there. He mentioned that the proposed resolution previously discussed included an emphasis on what he refers to as “opportunity communities”– not disadvantaged communities. Hanna Grene discussed the tools used at the California Public Utilities Commission and how Cal-Enviro-Screen mapped certain districts and zip codes for energy potential and pricing points.

Douglas Kot mentioned that individual community members from these areas need to attend future meetings to provide their input so to provide a more equal representation of the City of San Diego as a whole.

Jay Powell discussed Municipal Energy Strategy. He stated that this topic should be a topic for future meetings in 2018 in order to follow-up on and revisit. Cody Hooven stated she would revisit the Climate Action Plan for the report to the Environment Committee and invited other Board members to attend the February 8<sup>th</sup> date. Douglas Kot agreed that reports to the Environment Committee and Climate Action Plan updates should be added to the 2018 Work Plan. He added that the SDG&E proposal to achieve 100% renewable energy goal would need to be reviewed using the guiding principles and minimum performance criteria requirements that were adopted by SEAB for the CCA feasibility study and business plan and implementation of a CCA. He mentioned that the Green Building Expedite Program was now in an undocumented place and has essentially been moved off the books. So, as another Work Plan item for 2018, this Green Building Expedite Program should be revisited.

Chairperson Brown and Vice Chairperson Kot agreed to provide a draft work plan for review at the next meeting and solicited Board member input via staff.

#### 4. New Business

No new business.

#### 5. Suggested guests/presentations/tours for future meetings

Chairperson Julia Brown acknowledged that a lot of what was covered in Information Item #3 (Work Plan for 2018) was also some of the future meeting topics of Informational Item #5 (Suggested

guests/presentations/tours for future meetings).

**VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM. Next meeting date: January 11, 2018.

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