

**City of San Diego**  
**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)**  
**March 8, 2018**  
**Meeting No. 141**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kendall Helm – SDG&E Representative  
Hanna Grene – CSE Regional Energy  
Sean Karafin – At Large Member  
Douglas Kot (SEAB Vice Chair) – Building Industry  
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization  
Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate  
Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1  
Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alternate #2

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jason Anderson - Business Community  
Julia Brown (SEAB Chair) – At Large Member

**VACANT SEAT(S):**

Vacant – Solar Power System Manufacturer/Installer

**I. Call to Order**

Quorum met. Douglas Kot called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

**II. Introductions**

Introductions were to make sufficient time for the agenda items

**III. Announcements**

Aaron Lu made an administrative announcement regarding making contact with the Mayoral staff on SEAB membership terms and appointments and membership renewals.

**IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None.

**V. Action Items**

1. Approval of Agenda

Sean Karafin inquired about action item # V.3. “100% Renewable Energy” and Chairperson Kot suggested moving Action Item V.3 to after Informational Item VI.4, to follow the SDG&E presentation.

***\*MOTION\* Jay Powell made motion to approve agenda as modified with Action Item V.3 moved to after Informational Item VI.4. Eddie Price seconded. Motion passed unanimously 8-0-0.***

2. Adoption of Minutes

***\*MOTION\* Jay Powell made motion to adopt minutes as distributed from SEAB meeting #140. Eric Scheidlinger seconded. Motion passed 6-0-2. Hanna Grene and Andrew McKercher abstained as they were absent from meeting #140.***

3. 100% Renewable Energy

Action Item moved to follow Informational Item VI.4.

**VI. Informational Items**

1. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

Cody Hooven stated there were no CAP updates. However, on the 100% renewable energy front work is continuing on the CCA business plan. The business plan scope of work will be shared with the Board as it becomes available.

Jack Clark spoke about the progress of the municipal energy strategy. He discussed the outreach efforts concerning the commercial building ordinance. Results and further details will be presented at the Environment Committee in June and to Council in July. More details can be provided to the Board during the May meeting.

Andrew McKercher spoke about the economic advantages of producing energy related products locally noting Los Angeles requirement for rapid transit vehicles to be manufactured in their county.

2. Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates

Fritz Ortlieb spoke about the ongoing Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) proceeding and that City staff and consultants signed non-disclosure agreements to analyze joint utilities data. The joint utilities filed a petition for modification of the decision on the Community Choice Agreement (CCA) Code of Conduct to modify its decision to prevent lobbying with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) using ratepayers' funds.

Jay Powell noted that CPUC was holding an all parties meeting on proposed decisions on programs to promote distributed solar electric systems in "Disadvantaged Communities". Doug Kot noted that the CEC was promulgating guidelines on expansion of electric storage. It was noted that SDG&E has indicated opposition to SB 100 due to concerns about cost containment.

3. Development Services Department Presentation on Solar Permitting and Green Building Policy

Douglas Kot introduced guest speaker, *Kelly Eisenstein, Assistant Deputy Director* in the Development Services Department. She provided a presentation on Solar Permitting and Green

## Building Policy.

Board members asked questions and identified issues including promotion of solar on multifamily buildings, permitting of battery storage systems, certification of solar electric installers, and status of the expedite program. Ms. Eisenstein noted area being streamlined, use of the Excella data processing system for permits and consolidation of inspection training and duties, assignments. She indicated she could do further presentations on the multifamily and storage issue areas when those SEAB work plan items are docketed

### 4. SDG&E Presentation on 100% Renewable Energy Program Proposal

Douglas Kot introduced guest speaker, *Emily Shults, Vice President of Energy Supply* of SDG&E. She provided a presentation on SDG&E's Proposal for a 100% Renewable Energy Program. *Jennifer Summers*, also of SDG&E assisted and provided a supplemental hand-out sheet to the Board with information pertaining to *SEAB Recommended Guiding Principles*.

Douglas Kot opened the forum for *Agenda Public Comments*. He called for speakers to make comment and provided two minutes of speaking time to each *individual* speaker and allotted twelve minutes of speaking time (including ceded time) for *group comments* from four speakers.

Individuals presenting comments critical of the SDG&E proposal included: *Larry Emerson (Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego)* and *Daniel Wise (350.org)*. The following individuals ceded time to representatives of an organized presentation critical of the SDG&E proposal: *Elaine Maltz (SD350)*, *James Ferguson (SD350)*, and *Karen Hughes (SD350)*.

Group commentary included: *Eryn Wilson (ASD and SDCCA)*, *Tara Kelly (Sullivan Solar Power and SDCCA)*, *Ryan O'Connor (SDCCA and SD350)*, *Sebastian Sarria (CAC and SDCCA)*, and *Sonja Robinson (Green Power and SDCCA)*.

Sean Karafin commented that he felt public comments were disrespectful and excused himself from the rest of the meeting due to a previous engagement.

Two additional individual commenters providing critical points on the SDG&E proposal were allotted two minutes each to speak: *Erika Morgan (San Diego Energy District Foundation)* and *Ty Tosdal (Tosdal Law Firm)*.

Douglas Kot asked for SDG&E representatives to respond to previously submitted written questions submitted by SEA Board members as well as to answer additional questions from the Board.

Board members and SDG&E personnel discussed additional questions and answers. SDG&E will follow-up with written responses to pre-submitted written questions.

Douglas Kot suggested the formation a working group to further review and consider drafting a formal response and comments on the SDG&E proposal.

**\*MOTION\* Jay Powell made motion to form a working group to review and formulate comments on the SDG&E proposal. Eddie Price seconded. Motion passed 6-0-1. Kendall Helm abstained. Sean Karafin did not vote, as he had already departed from the meeting. Eric**

*Scheidlinger, Eddie Price, Jay Powell, and Douglas Kot will participate in the working group.*

5. New Business

None.

6. Suggest guests/presentations/tours for future meetings.

- April Meeting
  - City filed comments on Joint Utilities Petition for Modification of CCA Code of Conduct to be discussed at April's meeting.
  - Third-party review of SDG&E's proposal to be discussed at April's meeting.
  - CCA Business Plan Scope of Work outline to be available for discussion at April's meeting.

**VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.

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