# Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) Meeting of January 14, 2014 Meeting No. 91

# MINUTES

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Anderson Charlie Buck John Bumgarner (Chair) Matthew Ellis Tim Golba Douglas Kot Andrew McKercher Jay Powell Alison Whitelaw Emily Wier Julie Yunker

### I. Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

#### **II.** Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve by John Bumgarner. Seconded by Charlie Buck. Passed unanimously.

### **III.** Announcements and Introductions

Emily Wier was introduced as a new member of the board. Mario Sierra, the Assistant Director of Environmental Services Department, was introduced.

### IV. Overview of Climate Action Plan (CAP):

- Doug Kot presented an overview of the CAP.
- Expected timeline: draft plan ready in February 2014 with staff and EESTF comments due soon after. Final draft ready for the CEQA review in March, which should take place until fall/end of 2014. Expected to go to City Council early 2015.

Motion by Jason Anderson for board to submit a letter to the Interim Mayor requesting that board has opportunity to provide input on the final CAP document prior to it going before CEQA review. Seconded by Matt Ellis. Doug Kot recused himself. Passed unanimously. John Bumgarner will draft letter.

Motion by Matt Ellis to form an ad-hoc working group (composed of Jason Anderson, Matt Ellis, Jay Powell and Julie Yunker) for the specific purpose of commenting on the Climate Action Plan. Seconded by Jay Powell. Doug Kot recused himself. Passed unanimously.

Any communication will be routed through City staff.

## V. Solar Permitting / Streamlining Process:

- Erica Johnson from Sullivan Solar presented its experience and difficulties with the City permitting and inspection process. The presentation also provided some recommendations to address the future growth of the solar industry.
- DSD staff noted its limitations in regards to current staffing levels.

• There was suggestion from board members that a broader examination of potential problems associated with the anticipating growth of the solar/distributed generation industry be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

Motion by Jay Powell for the board to write letter to the Interim Mayor to support including additional resources in the budget for Development Services Department to accommodate solar industry permit processing and future growth in the distributed generation industry. Seconded by Doug Kot. John Bumgarner recused himself. Passes with a majority vote of 9 to 1. An ad hoc working group consisting of Charlie Buck, Doug Kot and Jay Powell will draft letter.

# VI. PACE Update:

Item deferred due to time constraints.

### VII. Legislative Update:

Item deferred due to time constraints.

### VIII. City Update:

Item deferred due to time constraints.

# IX. New Business:

Emily Wier suggested adding an agenda item regarding a discussion of CPUC's plan to replace San Onofre and whether the board should encourage the City of San Diego to support moving towards more renewable energy.

### **X.** Roundtable Announcements:

Jason Anderson announced that CleanTech San Diego is hosting an event on February 5<sup>th</sup> regarding a one-year assessment of California's Cap-and-Trade.

### XI. Adjourn:

Chair John Bumgarner adjourned the meeting at 12:00PM.