

**City of San Diego**  
**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)**  
**May 10, 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  
Sean Karafin – At Large Member  
Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate #1  
Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alternate  
#2

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jason Anderson – Business Community  
Kendall Helm – SDG&E Representative  
Andrew McKercher – Labor Organization

**VACANT SEAT(S):**

Vacant – Solar Power System Manufacturer/Installer

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Introductions**

Public introductions.

**III. Announcements**

Julia Brown announced her affiliation with the National Advisory Board for the Union of Concerned Scientists. She discussed a recent group visit to New Mexico to review plans for the transition from coal energy to renewable energy, as part of the Prosperity Project. She mentioned that a potential San Diego meeting may be coming soon and solicited for suggestions for sites as part of the meeting.

Eric Scheidlinger announced he now works for DPR Construction.

**IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None.

**V. Action Items**

1. Approval of Agenda

***\*MOTION\* Hanna Grene made motion to approve agenda as distributed. Jay Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0-0.***

\*Eddie Price and Douglas Kot arrived to the meeting late.

2. Adoption of Minutes

**\*MOTION\* Sean Karafin made motion to adopt minutes from SEAB meeting #142 as distributed. Hanna Grene seconded. Motion passed 5-0-2. Julia Brown and Eric Scheidlinger abstained as they were absent from meeting #142.**

3. Report and Recommendations from Working Group on “SDG&E 100% Renewable Program Proposal”

Julia Brown provided Douglas Kot the floor to present the recommendation letter to Mayor and City Council regarding the SDG&E 100% Renewable Program Proposal as he was the lead for the SEAB Working Group. The revised draft letter had been distributed to the Board prior to the meeting.

Douglas Kot discussed the analysis that the group took to review the proposal. Changes to the Draft presented at the April SEAB meeting included an analysis of whether the proposal was responsive to the RFP stated Objectives and Specifications and to what extent SDG&E had responded to the questions posed in the Peer Review and those set forth by the SEA Board. There were questions regarding the timing of the recommendation and specific language used in the in the proposed recommendation.

Sean Karafin added that the statements that Douglas Kot had made were summarized well and that the memo that the Working Group had drafted was clear and concise. Jay Powell stated that he was prepared to make a motion on the draft letter of recommendation.

Julia Brown opened the forum for comment and discussion. Board members asked and answered questions amongst one another.

Sean Karafin provided printed hand-outs of two different articles relating to CCA emergence in California to support his opinion that the recommendation should not be forwarded until more information was available regarding the outcome of the PCIA hearings at the CPUC. One article was from *Bloomberg* and the other article from *The Sacramento Bee*.

It was noted by Working Group members that there had been ample time for SDG&E to address the questions posed by the City Staff, the Peer Review Report and SEAB needed to indicate that the responses were lacking and the proposal could not be supported for the reasons delineated in the proposed recommendation letter which concludes that “SEAB cannot recommend the enterprise partnership that SDG&E has proposed”

Jay Powell made a motion to adopt the recommendation letter to the Mayor and City Council and City Staff as submitted by the working group. Eddie Price seconded.

Julia Brown interjected and brought up a concern on the language stating one of the risks of the proposal would be “Potential lost revenue for the City”. Hanna Grene proposed that the item read “Potential loss of future revenue for the City” and she also proposed revised language for the opening “Summary” statement leading the recommendation letter to read: “**The Sustainable**

**Energy Advisory Board (SEAB) for the City of San Diego finds the (SDG&E) proposal for a 100% Renewable Energy Program incomplete at this time.”**

After further consideration and deliberation these amendments were discussed and accepted by the maker of the motion and the motion second.-Julia Brown returned to the motion as made by Jay Powell and seconded by Eddie Price. With revised language, the motion was restated.

***\*MOTION\* Jay Powell made a motion to adopt the recommendation letter to Mayor and City Council regarding the SDG&E Renewable Energy Program Proposal as amended. Eddie Price seconded. Motion passed 6-1-0. Sean Karafin opposed.***

**VI. Informational Items**

1. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

Cody Hooven stated that the Mayor announced a new department: *The Office of Sustainability* in the FY19 budget. The new department combines key personnel from the Economic Development Department, CAP team and Environmental Services Department, Energy & Sustainability Division. Four new positions as well as a Director will be added. Unique to the new Department, a Program Coordinator for 100% renewable energy and a Social Equity Program Manager position will be added.

Jack Clark announced other new positions for the Department; a Municipal Energy Strategy Program Manager, focused on retrofitting and adding solar to existing buildings and facilities, as well as adding electric vehicle charging stations; a new Benchmarking Specialist position to handle the commercial benchmarking ordinance; an Associate Management Analyst position will be added for supporting utility billing and consumption; and an IT position will be added for software updates and data transparency on projects. All of these positions have already been included as part of the Mayor’s proposed FY19 budget.

The City of San Diego PureWater Program and of how it related to the Municipal Energy Strategy was explained. Fritz Ortlieb discussed the North City Water Reclamation Plant for the PureWater Program of the City of San Diego and it was noted how the Municipal Energy Strategy was related. Cody Hooven agreed that a briefing on Pure Water Program projects and proposed costs with more in-depth analysis could be provided at a future meeting

A Citywide Mobility Survey was also discussed by Cody Hooven. Approximately 4,000 responses have been received and a report is being generated to determine the results.

There were questions regarding whether the SEAB would be provided staff support by the new Sustainability department. There may be potential restructuring of Boards and Commissions as noted in a report from the City Auditor and there may be a recommendation on this as part of the Mayor’s proposed FY 2019 budget. It was noted that the recommendations by SEAB to update the pertinent sections of the Municipal Code regarding SEAB duties have still not been acted upon and that there are seats on the Board which expired over a year ago and the Solar Industry/Manufacturer seat has been vacant for over one year.

2. Legislative, Regulatory, and City Updates

Fritz Ortlieb provided legislative, regulatory, and City updates. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is undergoing proceedings on the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) regarding exit fees methodology; the hearings are happening this week. The City of San Diego is contemplating testimony of all the parties, including the joint utilities, some of the non-governmental groups, and CalCCA. The City plans to file a brief by June 1. A decision is projected for July.

Hanna Grene explained the Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolio Proposed Decision was up for a vote at the CPUC and has been held until May 31. If voted through, it requires utilities to bid out 60% of the portfolio to third parties for a more innovative, nimble market portfolio.

Jack Clark stated that the Energy Commission approved a requirement that all newly constructed residential homes to have solar photovoltaic systems incorporated as part of their build plan.

i. Solar Energy Innovation Network Award

Bryan Olson, *Senior Civil Engineer* of the City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department, Energy & Sustainability Division gave the presentation on the scope and context and products expected from the SEIN award project. The study will identify potential sites for distributed solar resources in the City and bring forward a feed in tariff to encourage additional adoption of DG.

Board members discussed and asked questions. Bryan Olson answered questions including the feature that the program will have cohorts sharing information on the other aspects of promoting distributed energy generation they are pursuing over the term of the project. The power point presentation will be posted to the SEAB website and SEAB will be updated as the project progresses.

3. 100% Renewable Energy Pathway Discussion  
i. SDG&E Proposal

Aaron Lu announced that there would not be a presentation for the SDG&E Proposal as indicated on the agenda, as most of the SDG&E team was in San Francisco for the CPUC hearings on PCIA. Jay Powell noted that the Working Group reviewing the SDG&E proposal had requested through staff that a representative of the "Procurement Review Group" SDG&E cited in their response to the MRW Peer Review be requested to present to SEAB on their review of the proposal and that the Working Group has formally requested through staff that SDG&E provide the additional resource information requested by the working group. He requested that a future presentation from that review group and on the resource information requested be provided to the Board.

ii. CCA Business Plan Outline

Aaron Lu stated that this agenda item was carried over from the previous meeting as this was to be discussed, but was not previously covered. Douglas Kot acknowledged that the outline was touched upon, but not discussed in detail.

Cody Hooven stated that the City is working on the plan. October time frame given as expected delivery date. Fritz Ortlieb restated that the results of the CCA Business Plan will depend to a large extent upon the decision of the CPUC hearings on PCIA exit fees.

#### 4. New Business

Julia Brown announced the semi-annual report to the Environment Committee is due June 21. Jay Powell requested more information on the undergrounding program and the franchise agreement with SDG&E since these facilities and resources from surcharge fees will need to be able to accommodate the infrastructure improvements identified in the SEIN project for expansion of distributed energy resources.

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

Board and staff referred to the adopted SEAB work plan in review of future agenda topics. It was agreed that topics regarding low income programs, enviro screen and communities of concern and achieving CAP socio economic equity goals should be set for expanded presentations and discussion at a future meeting. Other topics previously mentioned were cited for inclusion in the following list.

- i. Staff presentation on Building Energy Benchmarking Ordinance (June)
- ii. Staff Presentation on Municipal Energy Strategy (July)
- iii. Socio-economic equity goals including Low Income Programs, enviro-screen, and Communities of Concern (September)
- iv. CCA Business Plan Update (October)
- v. Presentation on PureWater Program Energy Plan (to be determined)

#### **VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

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