

**City of San Diego**  
**Sustainable Energy Advisory Board (SEAB)**  
**July 12, 2018**  
**Meeting No. 145**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Julia Brown (Chair) – At Large Member  
Kendall Helm – SDG&E  
Hanna Grene – CSE Regional Energy  
Jay Powell – Environmental Advocate  
Eddie Price – At Large Member Alternate 1  
Eric Scheidlinger – At Large Member Alternate  
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**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jason Anderson – Business Community  
Sean Karafin – At Large Member  
Douglas Kot – (Vice Chair) U.S. Green  
Building Council  
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 10:00AM.

**II. Introductions**

Public introductions

**III. Announcements**

Jay Powell announced a webinar on the subject of increasing solar adoption in disadvantaged communities, presented by the CA Public Utilities Commission.

Julia Brown announced that the Climate Action Campaign is hosting a seminar at UCSD in September on Community Choice Aggregation.

**IV. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

None

**V. Action Items**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

Jay Powell proposed deferring Action Item V. 3. to after Informational Item VI. 4.

***\*MOTION\* Eddie Price made motion to approve agenda as amended with the change that item V. 3. is moved after item VI. 4. Julia Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.***

## **2. Adoption of Minutes**

Kendall Helm clarified that her name was spelled with two “L”s instead of only one. She raised a question regarding the procedures of questions and answers from Board members to Staff members. She further commented on the inaccuracy of content within the footnotes.

***\*MOTION\* Jay Powell made motion to adopt minutes from SEAB meeting #144 as amended. Hanna Grene seconded. Motion passed 6-0-0.***

## **VI. Informational Items**

### **1. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update**

Cody Hooven provided updates. She stated that the CAP annual report is scheduled for release in September. She mentioned that the City has also adopted their FY19 budget to allow for the creation of the new Office of Sustainability, a department combining the Energy Division from Environmental Services Department and the Climate Action Plan group from Economic Development Department. Cody described the Bloomberg grant and that staff is applying. She mentioned a grant worth \$7700 recently awarded to the City for staff training in sustainability efforts. The Environmental Committee meeting is scheduled for 1:00PM today – Cody, Jack Clark, and Aaron Lu will attend. Jack and Aaron will present the Building Energy Benchmarking Ordinance and an Energy Regulatory Update. Cody will present a 100% renewable work update. The PCIA exit fees proposed decision is expected at the end of July. Cody and staff are also actively conducting community outreach.

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

Fritz Ortlieb restated that the City had filed a brief for the PCIA Proceeding and the document has been posted online and distributed to the board. An ex parte meeting was held with Commission Peterman’s advisor. Cody Hooven, Jack Clark, and Fritz attended the meeting on behalf of the City.

Aaron Lu spoke about SB-100. He said it was passed by the Senate in the last legislative session but it was left in the Assembly. He highlighted two provisions of the bill: (1) changing the current RPS goal of 50% to 60% and (2) providing an aspirational goal or a process to reach 100% free carbon or zero carbon emissions / eligible resources, including nuclear and large hydro-electric generation stations. Aaron also spoke about SB-237 which is a bill that wants to lift the cap for direct access for medium and large commercial/industrial customers. Fritz further explained the details of this cap and the pros/cons to the City of San Diego. Hanna Grene spoke about the cap and the possible effects to residential customers.

Eddie Price asked when the PCIA decision was to be released and Fritz responded that the decision was to be made at the end of the month. Cody Hooven added that it could be expected more realistically on the 31<sup>st</sup>, at the very end of the month.

#### **i. Municipal Energy Strategy**

Lorie Cosio-Azar provided a presentation on the Municipal Energy Strategy.

Jay Powell asked several questions, predominantly of which was to clarify whether the same presentation would be given to Council and when? Staff answered that the presentation would indeed be given to Council this fall, and is already scheduled on the docket.

Eddie Price commented about Communities of Concern and the laws surrounding the legislation of Title VI from 1964. He inferred that the benefit of the Municipal Energy Strategy was not focused or simply did not include the Communities of Concern in its projection goals. Hanna Grene added a further explanation to Eddie's point.

### **3. California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project**

Andy Hoskinsen of the Center for Sustainable Energy provided a presentation about electric vehicles in California.

Board members asked questions regarding the implementation of the infrastructure in the San Diego region and Andy clarified that the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project would not be directly implemented in San Diego County. Rather, the project would be implemented in adjacent Southern California regions including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties, among other areas of the state.

### **4. 100% Renewable Energy Pathway and Action Item # V.3. "SEAB Request for Information from SDG&E on Renewable Energy" (taken out of order)**

Julia Brown asked Jay Powell to present the memorandum proposed to be sent by the SEA Board to SDG&E representatives titled "SEAB REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM SDG&E" which was distribute for and continued from the June 14 SEAB meeting.

Jay Powell described the requested information being sought from SDG&E including requests for information sent through staff to SDG&E from the SEAB Working Group reviewing the SDG&E 100% Renewable Energy Proposal and request to clarify the process for seeking information in the future, stated that the procurement of resources available and the way in which they are to be attained and used should be further clarified by SDG&E. Julia Brown stated that SDG&E had given a presentation on their procurement process at a previous SEAB meeting.

Kendall Helm suggested that another discussion and/or Q&A session by SDG&E on the City's RFP could be provided for the Board at a time deemed appropriate by the City, given it is the City's RFP process. She clarified that SDG&E was not obligated to provide information to the Board, nor were they required to answer data requests from individual members. She stated that the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board does not have authority to require SDG&E to provide information to the Board.

Julia Brown commented that information on SDG&E's procurement process and SDG&E's proposal has been provided previously and did not see a need to send another request at this time. Kendall Helm stated that if more information on the CPUC's Procurement Review Group (PRG) process (one of the questions forwarded by the Working Group in its review) is requested, if it is placed on the SEAB meeting agenda, she can have someone from SDG&E come in to speak about it. Hanna Grene commented that she could appreciate further explanation on both the parts of SDG&E as well as the CCA. Jay Powell again stated that he

did not feel the response from SDG&E was sufficient, but will comply with the will of the Board.

Kendall Helm made a motion to not sent the request for information memorandum to SDG&E. The motion was seconded by Eddie Price. Chairperson Brown asked for a vote. Hanna Grene stated she had a clarifying question and had not been able to review the memorandum sufficiently. Julia Brown asked if Hanna Grene would then abstain. She indicated she would. Eric Scheidlinger also indicated that he would abstain since he had not been able to fully review the memorandum. Hanna Grene asked what specific questions had not been addressed by SDG&E.

Julia reviewed her understanding of the requests in the memorandum and SEAB's interaction with SDG&E over the last several months as follows: SDG&E made a presentation to SEAB on the process and requirements of procurement. SEAB received a copy of SDG&E's response to the city's RFP and had several weeks to review it. SEAB members submitted questions in advance of SDG&E's presentation of their proposal for attaining the city's renewable energy goal. SDG&E presented the proposal at a SEAB meeting earlier this year and provided responses to SEAB's questions. A SEAB working group prepared a detailed response to SDG&E's proposal which was reviewed and approved by the full SEAB board. It has been submitted to city staff, the Mayor and City Council. She reviewed her understanding of submitting requests for information and asked if that was correct.

Kendall Helm stated that she thought requests needed to be stated within a clear timeframe and process. Eddie Price described his experience in the Working Group and reviewed his understanding on directing questions through staff. Jay Powell made a substitute motion that SEAB clarify the process in accord with the process described by Eddie Price. Kendall Helm asked question regarding the description of the process and Hanna Grene stated that going forward we should direct questions in accord with the SEAB Work Plan schedule and clarify the timeframe for data requests.

Julia Brown reviewed the history of requesting information from SDG&E and stated that SEAB had many opportunities to ask questions. She reviewed the role of SEAB as an advisory board and stated that we do not have the authority to compel answers to our questions. Hanna Grene stated that we should be able to seek clarification if we are unclear about the response or if questions are not answered.

Kendall Helm questioned what the requested information was needed for at this time since the Working Group completed its assessment and the Board has acted on the item until such time as new information is made available.

Eric Scheidlinger asked that the issue be moved to the September meeting. Jay Powell made a motion to table the issue until September. No second or action was taken on either of the substitute motions offered.

## **5. New Business**

This item was not discussed.

## **6. Suggested Items for Future Meetings**

This item was not taken.

## **VII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

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