



Summary Minutes
Community Advisory Committee – Inaugural Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
6:00 pm
Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Ave, Castro Valley, CA

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1. Roll Call (Bruce Jensen, CDA)

Present: Anne Olivia Eldred, Chair; Nick Gigliotti, Vice-chair; Members: Rev. Ken Chambers, Cynthia Landry, Megan O’Neil, Monica Padilla and Chuck Rames and Subin Varghese

Excused: Member Ken Platt

2. Chair’s Introductory Statement

3. Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda (Chair)

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Policy Discussion re: Implementation Plan Elements (Action Item) -

This is a follow-up discussion to the July 6, 2017, meeting item of the same name, in which CAC members were able to provide recommendations for certain Implementation Plan elements, while others required more information, specifically the financial values contained in an upcoming Draft Budget. That Budget is available as part of the Staff report.

[Attachment](#)

Recommendation(s):

- a) **Governance**
- b) **Administration and Finance**

- c) **Financing Plan**
- d) **Rate Design and Process**
- e) **Customer Enrollment/Phase In Strategy**
- f) **Power Products Offering and Clean Power Targets**
- g) **Complementary Energy Programs**

3) Tariff Structure and Rate Design

3 a.

Member Varghese motioned to:

Add “or other categories of residential customers such as low-income.”

Member O’Neil seconded the motion which failed 4/3/0; Ayes: Members:

Chambers, Varghese, O’Neil, and Padilla; Noes: Members: Gigliotti, Landry, and Rames;

Abstained: Chair Eldred; Excused: Member Platt.

Chair Eldred made a substitute motion to:

Add “and to better serve customers based on their needs”.

Member Varghese seconded the motion which carried 8/0; Excused: Member Platt

Member Padilla motioned to recommend that rates be set to be competitive with PG&E.

Member Rames seconded the motion which carried 6/1/0; Ayes: Vice-chair Gigliotti,

Members: Landry, O’Neil, Padilla, Rames, and Varghese; Noes: Member Chambers;

Abstained: Chair Eldred; Excused: Member Platt.

3 c.

Member Padilla motioned to recommend:

The EBCE Board at a minimum, on an annual basis, will hold a public meeting and written public comment process to review and update its basic rate structure and review the special need, for example, NET Energy Meetings, Feed-in Tariffs, time of use rates and other appropriate rate forms.

Member Landry seconded the motion which carried 7/0; Abstained: Chair Eldred;

Excused: Member Platt.

4) Customer Enrollment/Customer Phase-in Strategy

4 a.

Victor Uno - Thanked the CAC and made recommendations for customer phase-in.

Al Weinrub - Spoke to the importance of generating revenue early in the program and the need for more budget information to make informed decisions.

The committee request more budget information/difference scenarios from EES in order to make informed decisions.

The committee recommended phasing in customers with the highest margins and the lowest risk of dissatisfaction, working with the Local Business Development Plan team and CEO to refine as necessary, as more granular Budget and Load Data becomes available and balancing the need for revenue generation and sustainable roll out.

Member Padilla motioned to recommend a three phase roll out. Member Chambers seconded the motion which carried 6/2; Ayes: Members: Padilla, Chambers, Landry, Rames, Vice-chair Gigliotti, and Chair Eldred Noes; Members: Varghese and O'Neil; Excused: Member Platt.

The committee did not recommend a phase-in end date.

5) Power Product Offerings and Clean Power Targets

5 a.

The committee recommended not to charge CARE customers a premium if they opt-up to 100% renewable products.

Members of the public spoke against recommending communities enroll at 100% renewable to allow for more community choices.

Chair Eldred motioned to recommend not including option for communities to enroll in 100% renewable product as the default product. Member Varghese seconded the motion which carried 4/3; Ayes: Members: O'Neil, Chambers, Rames, Varghese; Noes: Members: Padilla, Landry and Vice-chair Gigliotti; Abstained: Chair Eldred; Excused: Member Platt.

Member Varghese motioned to recommend "if a voluntary opt-up product is included that it be offered to CARE customers without a premium above the default product." Member Landry seconded the motion which carried 8/0; Excused: Member Platt.

Al Weintraub – Provided clarification on premium products.

6) Energy Programs

Victor Uno – Spoke regarding the importance of providing and requiring strong language stating EBCE will provide programs.

Chair Eldred motioned to add "as is consistent with recommendations from the LBDP". Member O'Neil seconded the motion which carried 8/0

5. **Role of Chair and Vice-Chair** – Discussion item
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Continued to next meeting

6. **Formal Request for Appointment of Alternates for CAC members** – request by CAC that the Board allow CAC members to select alternates, for appointment by the Board, to serve in their absence.
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7. **Formal Request that CAC Chair, as Board Member, be able to call other CAC members as Committee Representatives** – request by CAC that Chair be able to call other CAC membership at Board meetings as topic experts to represent the CAC as extensions of the Chair’s Board seat.
Continued to next meeting

8. **Board Member and Staff Announcements**
Staff reminded the committee of the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, 7/19/17

9. **Adjournment to Date TBD**