# Clean Energy Alliance - Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes August 25, 2022, 2:00 p.m. City of San Marcos | Virtual Meeting Teleconference Locations Per Government Code Section 54953(3) (Assembly Bill 361)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Becker called to order the regular meeting of the Clean Energy Alliance at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board Members: Musgrove, Acosta, Inscoe, Vice Chair Druker, Chair Becker

**FLAG SALUTE:** Board Member Musgrove led the flag salute.

ITEM 4: Motion by Board Member Musgrove, second by Board Member Acosta, to move Item 4 to be considered at this time.

Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

Item 4: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-005 Approving Amended and Restated

Amendment No. 1 to Clean Energy Alliance Joint Powers Agreement

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-005 Approving Amended and Restated Amendment No. 1 to Clean Energy Alliance Joint Powers Agreement.

Motion by Board Member Musgrove, second by Board Member Inscoe, to adopt Resolution No. 2022-005 approving Amended and Restated Amendment No. 1 to the Clean Energy Alliance Joint Powers Agreement adding the cities of Oceanside and Vista as members to the Clean Energy Alliance and becoming parties to the CEA JPA.

Motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

# OATH OF OFFICE - CITY OF OCEANSIDE & CITY OF VISTA PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBERS

**ACTION:** Interim Board Secretary Susan Caputo administered the Oath of Office to incoming Board Member Joe Green and Alternate Board Member Katie Melendez of the City of Vista and Board Member Ryan Keim of the City of Oceanside. Incoming Alternate Board Member Kori Jensen will take the oath at a later date.

**BOARD COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Board Members Acosta and Inscoe extended greetings and welcomed the new Board Members to the CEA.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

Clean Energy Alliance One-Year Anniversary Video Presentation - CEO Barbara Boswell shared the video presentation highlighting the accomplishments of CEA in its first year of operation.

Report from Clean Energy Alliance Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair Dwight Worden – CAC Meeting August 4, 2022 – CAC Chair Worden reported that the CAC discussed outreach and social media and how to quickly combat misinformation which was identified as a major issue; how CAC can help identify community groups in their city and that CAC would like to have a presence at community events; possibly penning articles for local publications on CEA activities; meeting with and informing school districts on CEA activity; reaching out to SDG&E direct access customers to ensure awareness of what CEA has to offer; and providing informational handouts for each of the member cities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None** 

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 28, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion by Chair Becker, second by Vice Chair Druker, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 28, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously, 5/0 with Board Members Keim and Green abstaining.

# **Consent Calendar**

Item 1: Reconsideration of the Circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency to Determine Whether the Legislative Bodies of Clean Energy Alliance will Continue to Hold Meetings Via Teleconferencing and Making Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54943(e)

# RECOMMENDATION

Continue meetings by teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54943(e), finding that: (1) the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic; and (2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

Item 2: Clean Energy Alliance Treasurer's Report

# RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file Clean Energy Alliance Treasurer's Report for June 2022 activity.

Item 3: Consider Scheduling Clean Energy Alliance Special Board Meeting for September 22, 2022, and Canceling the Regular Meeting of September 29, 2022

#### RECOMMENDATION

Schedule Clean Energy Alliance Special Board Meeting for September 22, 2022, and cancel the regular meeting of September 29, 2022.

Item 4: Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-005 Approving Amended and Restated Amendment No. 1 to Clean Energy Alliance Joint Powers Agreement

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-005 Approving Amended and Restated Amendment No. 1 to Clean Energy Alliance Joint Powers Agreement. (This item was considered at the front of the agenda.)

Item 5: Ratify San Diego Gas & Electric Confirmation for the Long-Term Voluntary Allocation of Renewable Energy Credits

# RECOMMENDATION

Ratify San Diego Gas & Electric Confirmation for the Long-Term Allocation of Renewable Energy Credits.

Item 6:

Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2022-006 Attesting to the Veracity of the 2021 Power Source Disclosure Reports and 2021 Power Content Label Addressing the Clean Impact, Clean Impact Plus and Green Impact Retail Service Offerings

# RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2022-006 attesting to the veracity of the 2021 Power Source Disclosure Reports and 2021 Power Content Label addressing the Clean Impact, Clean Impact Plus and Green Impact Retail Service Offerings.

Item 7: Consider Approval of Clean Energy Alliance Policy #CEA-019 Check Handling Policy

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve Clean Energy Alliance Policy #CEA-019 Check Handling Policy.

Motion by Board Member Green, second by Board Member Inscoe, to approve Items 1-3, and 5-7 of the consent calendar.

Motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

# **New Business**

Item 8: Consider Appointment of Clean Energy Alliance Interim Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

# RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Andy Stern as Interim Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

CEO Barbara Boswell presented the item commenting that CEA has had the pleasure of having Marie Berkuti serve as the Interim Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since her retirement from the City of Solana Beach. Marie has been essential in the launch of CEA and setting up an accounting system and developing internal processes and procedures. Ms. Berkuti will fully retire as of August 31 and CEA staff has found and determined that Peninsula Clean Energy Chief Financial Officer retiree Andy Stern possesses the experience and expertise to benefit CEA in its growth as the new Interim Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

Ms. Berkuti expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Board and CEO Boswell in launching CEA and welcomed Mr. Stern.

Motion by Board Member Green, second by Board Member Keim, to approve recommendation and appoint Andy Stern as Interim Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

Motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Item 9: Clean Energy Alliance Chief Executive Officer Operational, Administrative and Regulatory Affairs Update

#### RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file Community Choice Aggregation Update Report from Chief Executive Officer and Regulatory Affairs Report from Special Counsel Tosdal APC.

CEO Boswell provided an update commenting on the first annual Net Energy Metering (NEM) True Ups for CEA solar customers who had their anniversaries in May and June. Per CEA policy If generation exceeds usage a Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) is earned; a check is issued if NSC exceeds \$100; less than \$100 is rolled forward. Ms. Boswell noted that over 1500 checks were issued. For the coming year, CEA has worked with San Diego Gas & Electric to change its billing process. In each month if a customer incurs a charge due, the charges will be presented on the bill and the customer has the option of paying when due or allowing charges to roll to the end of the relevant period.

Erin Hudak of Tosdal APC, provided the legislative and regulatory update highlighting the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 commenting that this recently passed bill will address energy and climate change goals by lowering consumer energy cost and increasing energy security as well as investing in decarbonizing all sectors of the economy with tax credits for clean energy sources and technology; regarding the SDG&E General Rate Case (GRC) commenting that the prehearing conference focused on scoping issues, mainly the question of cost functionalization methodologies and should they be reviewed in Phase 1 as proposed by joint CCAs noting that cost allocation among customer classes is out of scope referring to the process by which costs are allocated across various utility functions. The final scoping memo is anticipated to be released September/October; regarding New CPUC Demand Flexibility Rulemaking commenting that a significant overhaul to demand response rules with updates to rate design principles, guidance principles for demand flexibility streamline of niche rates and programs to expand the use of demand flexibility beyond early adopters is anticipated; and lastly the status update on NEM 3.0 included the comments schedule and anticipated CPUC proposed decision.

Board comments/inquiries included inquiry and confirmation of forthcoming CEA staff to procure grant funds and comment on delay NEM 3.0 decision, continuing to follow and consideration of sending a letter to CPUC to express support of renewable energy.

CEA Board received and filed report.

Item 10: Appoint Del Mar and Solana Beach Community Advisory Committee Members

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint City of Del Mar Community Advisory Committee Member for term through December 31, 2022, and City of Solana Beach Community Advisory Committee Member for term through December 31, 2023.

CEO Barbara Boswell made introductory comments and noted that the Del Mar appointment will be through the end of the current calendar year and the Solana Beach appointment will be through December 31, 2023.

Motion by Vice Chair Druker, second by Board Member Inscoe, to appoint Dolores Davies Jamison to represent the City of Del Mar on the Community Advisory Committee for a term through December 31, 2022, and to appoint Greg Coleson to represent the City of Solana Beach on the Community Advisory Committee for a term through December 31, 2023, as recommended by respective Board Members. Motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Item 11: Declare Community Advisory Committee Vacancies for the Cities of Oceanside and Vista

# RECOMMENDATION

Declare Community Advisory Committee vacancies for the cities of Oceanside and Vista for terms ending in 2024 and 2025 and direct the application period to be open through September 30, 2022, for appointments October 27, 2022.

CEO Boswell presented the item commenting that per the CEA CAC Policy two CAC members are selected from each member agency to serve staggered three-year terms. Applicants are required to be residents or business owners withing the city appointing membership, are subject to conflict of interest laws, and must have relevant background in electricity, community outreach or engagement or public advocacy, and must be committed to serving on the CAC and attending CAC meetings.

Motion by Board Member Keim, second by Chair Becker, to declare vacancies on the Community Advisory Committee for the cities of Oceanside and Vista for terms ending in December 2024 and December 2025 and direct the application period to be open through September 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Item 12: Consider and Provide Direction Regarding Amendment to Clean Energy Alliance Joint Powers Agreement Setting Chair and Vice Chair Term Limits

# RECOMMENDATION

Consider and provide direction regarding amendment to Clean Energy Alliance Joint Powers Agreement setting Chair and Vice Chair term limits.

CEO Barbara Boswell gave an overview of the item and requested direction of the Board.

Following discussion Board consensus to consider Chair and Vice Chair terms via administrative policy rather than JPA amendment. The proposed administrative policy will be brought to the board for consideration at the October Board meeting.

Motion by Board Member Green, second by Vice Chair Druker, to return an administrative policy for Board consideration reflecting that the number of consecutive terms for the Chair and the Vice Chair be two years.

Motion carried unanimously, 7/0.

Board Member Acosta indicated that with the approval of the Special Board Meeting on September 22 and cancellation of the Regular Board Meeting on September 29, she is not able to attend, and Alternate Board Member Priya Baht-Patel will be attending.

**ADJOURN:** Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

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Susan Caputo, MMC
Interim Board Secretary