CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE **MINUTES**

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda
July 30, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
Leucadia Wastewater District, Board Room
1960 La Costa Ave, Carlsbad, CA 92009

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Melendez called to order the Regular Meeting of the Clean Energy Alliance at 2:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board Members: Spelich, Bhat-Patel, Nunez, Becker, Joyce, Garcia, Melendez.

FLAG SALUTE: Chair Melendez led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes.

BOARD COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 25, 2026

Motion by Board Member Bhat-Patel, seconded by Board Member Nuñez, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried, 7/0.

Consent Calendar

Item 1: **Clean Energy Alliance Treasurer's Report for May 2026**

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive and file the Clean Energy Alliance Treasurer's Report for May 2026.

Item 2: **Amending the Clean Energy Alliance Position Control Listing and the Clean Energy Alliance Salary Schedule**

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt Resolution No. 2026-035 Amending the Clean Energy Alliance (CEA) Position Control Listing and the CEA Salary Schedule.

Item 3: **Notice to Board – Adoption of Out-of-Region Remote Work Administrative Policy**

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors accept and receive this notice of adoption of an Out-of-Region Remote Work Administrative Policy.

Item 4: **Approving the Professional Services Agreements with Chapman and Cutler LLP and Authorizing Execution of the Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt Resolution No. 2026-036 approving the proposed Professional Services Agreements (Agreement) with Chapman and Cutler LLP to provide prepay and disclosure counsel services, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Agreement.

Motion by Board Member Bhat-Patel, seconded by Board Member Nuñez, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried, 7/0.

Reports

Item 5: Clean Energy Alliance Chief Executive Officer Operational and Administrative Report

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive and file the report.

CEA Board received report.

Item 6: Programs Report

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive and file the report.

CEA Board received report.

Item 7: Risk Oversight Committee Report

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive and file the report.

CEA Board received report.

Public Hearings

Item 8: Amending Clean Energy Alliance Rate Schedule to Update the Wholesale Market Access Tariff Rate Effective August 1, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:
1) Conduct the Public Hearing: Open the Public Hearing, Receive Public Testimony, and Close the Public Hearing
2) Approve Resolution No. 2026-037 Amending Clean Energy Alliance Rate Schedule to update the Wholesale Market Access Tariff Rate to $.10000 per kWh Effective August 1, 2026.

Chair Melendez opened the Public Hearing at 2:35 p.m.

Finance Manager Kristina Byrd presented the item.

Chair Melendez closed the Public Hearing at 2:39 p.m.

Motion by Chair Melendez, seconded by Board Member Nuñez to close the public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 2026-037. Motion carried, 7/0.

New Business

Item 9: Regulatory Update

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive the Regulatory update from Keyes and Fox.

Keyes and Fox Partner Jake Schlesinger provided the update and answered questions from the Board.

Alternate Board Member Joyce left the dais at 2:42 p.m.

Alternate Board Member Joyce returned to the dais at 2:45 p.m.

CEA Board received the report.

Item 10: Awarding and Approval of 25-Year Energy Storage Service Agreement with GEM A-CAES LLC and Authorizing Finalization and Execution of the ESSA

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt Resolution No. 2026-038 awarding and approving a 25-Year Energy Storage Service Agreement (ESSA) with GEM A-CAES LLC for CEA's 60MW portion of an advanced compressed air energy storage facility and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute the ESSA.

Energy Contracts & Compliance Manager Sophia Alcaraz presented the report.

Board Member Kristi Becker left the dais at 2:56 p.m.

Board Member Kristi Becker returned to the dais at 2:58 p.m.

Energy Contracts & Compliance Manager Sophia Alcaraz answered questions regarding the contract negotiations.

Motion by Board Member Becker, seconded by Board Member Joyce to adopt Resolution No. 2026-038. Motion carried, 7/0.

Item 11: Legislative Update from Staff

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive the update.

Senior Regulatory Analyst Emily Fabick provided an update.

Board Member Bhat-Patel left the dais at 3:15 p.m.

Board Member Becker left the dais at 3:17 p.m.

Board Member Becker returned to the dais at 3:19 p.m.

Board Member Bhat-Patel returned to the dais at 3:19 p.m.

The Board discussed a potential extension of Diablo Canyon operations. Comments reflected varying viewpoints, including conditional support subject to safety, reliability, greenhouse gas reduction, and renewable energy considerations; concerns regarding consistency with the Agency's clean energy objectives; and interest in further Board discussion prior to establishing a position.

Board Member Spelich left the dais at 3:38 p.m.

Staff reported that additional information would be provided for future Board consideration. Legal counsel advised that individual Board input could be received and shared in compliance with the Brown Act. The Board also emphasized the importance of public outreach and transparency. Staff clarified that any legislative action extending Diablo Canyon operations would not require changes to the Agency's policies or Joint Powers Agreement and would not obligate the Agency to procure power from Diablo Canyon.

CEA Board received the report.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEXT MEETING: The Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2026, Leucadia Wastewater District, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad, CA 92009.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Melendez adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.

Ana Alarcon
_____
Ana Marie Alarcon
Clerk to the Board/Executive Assistant