Clean Energy Alliance - Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
City of Oceanside, Council Chamber
300 North Coast Hwy, Oceanside CA 92054

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

ROLL CALL: Board Members: Sanchez, Becker, Melendez, Bhat-Patel, Garcia, Chair Druker

**FLAG SALUTE**: Member Becker led the flag salute.

**BOARD COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: None** 

PRESENTATIONS: Recognition of Ty Tosdal, Tosdal APC for Service to Clean Energy Alliance

Chair Druker presented a Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing Regulatory Counsel Ty Tosdal.

Board Members and CEO Boswell expressed gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Tosdal for all the work accomplished on behalf of CEA.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Addressing the Board was Mary Oren regarding solar energy; and Lane Sharman regarding recruitment of CEO and staff, procurement from Sempra Energy SD Gas and Electric, and thermal batteries.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

May 25, 2023 – Regular Meeting June 29, 2023 – Special and Regular Meetings

Motion by Member Bhat-Patel, second by Member Becker, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023, regular meeting and the June 29, 2023, special and regular meetings.

Motion approved unanimously, 6/0.

Consent Calendar

CEO Boswell pulled Item 3 to be moved to a future meeting.

Item 1: Clean Energy Alliance Treasurer's Report for May 2023

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file Clean Energy Alliance Treasurer's Report for May 2023.

Item 2: Receive and File Report on Clean Energy Alliance Policies

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file report on Clean Energy Alliance policies.

Item 3: Consider Approving Agreements with Participate. Energy, LLC, and Tesla, Inc. for Distributed Microgrid Solar + Battery Storage Program

### RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Approve Power Purchase Agreement with Participate. Energy, LLC for Distributed Microgrid Solar + Battery Storage Program and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents subject to General and Special Counsel approval.
- 2) Approve Program Management Agreement with Participate. Energy, LLC for Distributed Microgrid Solar + Battery Storage Program and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents subject to General Counsel approval.
- 3) Approve Program Support Agreement with Participate. Energy, LLC for Distributed Microgrid Solar + Battery Storage Program and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents subject to General Counsel approval.
- 4) Approve Framework Distributed Microgrids Program Agreement with Participate. Energy, LLC and Tesla, Inc. for Distributed Microgrid Solar + Battery Storage Program and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents subject to General Counsel approval.
- Item 4: Consider Approval of Participation in the Southern California Coalition for the California Energy Commission Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Grant and Authorize Chief Executive Officer to Submit a Commitment Letter

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve participation in the Southern California Coalition for the California Energy Commission Equitable Building Decarbonization Program Grant and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to submit a Commitment Letter.

Motion by Member Bhat-Patel, second by Member Becker, to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

Motion carried unanimously, 6/0.

**New Business** 

Item 5: Clean Energy Alliance Operational, Administrative and Regulatory Affairs Update

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Receive Clean Energy Alliance Chief Executive Officer Operational Report and Special Counsel Regulatory Report.

CEO Barbara Boswell introduced new Regulatory Counsel, Tim Lindl of Keyes and Fox, and updated the Board on enrollment statistics noting that Escondido and San Marcos has just over 3% opt-out rates; and commented on AB 1373 that would impact CEA's procurement autonomy and costs.

Regulatory Counsel Tim Lindle expressed gratitude to outgoing Counsel Ty Tosdal and updated the Board on the following: Resource Adequacy (RA) commenting that the June decision of the Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires CCAs to purchase enough energy capacity to serve its customers with a 1% deficiency threshold tied to CCAs ability to expand; Provider of Last Resort (POLR) commenting that the PUC has set out to implement SB 520 to rework the structure in response to Western Community Energy halting service in

So Cal Edison's service territory; Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) noting that the main ruling has closed but advocation will continue to keep the PCIA as low as possible in the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) proceedings and general rate cases; and Net Billing Tariff commenting that the Application for Rehearing was denied, appeal persists and the new tariff is still moving forward.

CEA Board received and filed report.

Item 6: Consider Approving Agreement with Calpine Energy Solutions and Recurve Analytics, Inc. for Summer Peak Load Reduction Pilot Program

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve agreement with Calpine Energy Solutions and Recurve Analytics, Inc. for Summer Peak Load Reduction Pilot Program for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documents subject to General Counsel approval.

CEO Boswell presented the item commenting that in addition to increasing the amount of renewable energy, CEA strives to offer programs to their customers to help achieve savings on their overall bill. An opportunity to offer that through a partnership with Calpine Solutions and Recurve for the Summer Peak Load Reduction Pilot Program. The Platform identifies non-residential customers through usage analysis that would be good candidates for energy efficiency projects resulting in reduction in usage during peak times. Additionally, reducing exposure to energy costs during heat events and reducing Resource Adequacy requirements in future years.

Addressing the Board was Lane Sharman.

Motion by Member Becker, second by Member Bhat-Patel to approve the recommendation. Approved unanimously, 6/0

Item 7: Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between Clean Energy Alliance,
Poseidon Resources LP, and San Diego County Water Authority Regarding Enrollment of
Carlsbad Desalination Plant

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve Memorandum of Understanding between Clean Energy Alliance, Poseidon Resources, LP, and San Diego County Water Authority regarding enrollment of Carlsbad Desalination Plant.

CEO Boswell presented the item noting the recommendation is a culmination of several years of cooperative work between CEA and the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA). Ms. Boswell explained that Carlsbad Desalination Plant owned by Poseidon Resources (Channelside) was opted out of CEA service during the 2021 mass enrollment due to significant financial implications to CEA. With continued cooperative discussions a unique opportunity to serve the plant while mitigating risk to CEA has been identified. The new CEA Program called Wholesale Market Access Tariff allows for CEA to manage energy portfolio specific to the Plant's load while passing the cost of energy and incidental costs of managing portfolios passed to Channelside.

Board questions and comments included: Is this an isolated circumstance or are there other high energy use organizations that pose a similar risk of opt-out; and would there still be a rate savings if Channelside opted up to 100% green.

CEO Boswell responded that this particular user has a single account whereas other large users have several accounts carrying a lower level of risk; regarding the 100% green, one of the key MOU terms is consideration of enrolling at a minimum, the Carlsbad default which is 75% carbon free.

Motion by Member Sanchez, second by Member Melendez, to approve the recommendation. Approved unanimously, 6/0.

**BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None** 

**NEXT MEETING:** Special Board Meeting August 31, 2023, City of Oceanside, 300 North Coast Highway,

Oceanside, CA 92054

ADJOURN: Chair Druker adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

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Susan Caputo, MMC Interim Board Secretary