

MEETING of the Energy Planning & Resources Committee  
of the Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 12:15 p.m.

**MINUTES**

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Los Angeles, CA 90013*

*Arcadia Public Works Service Center  
11800 Goldring Rd., Arcadia, CA 90166*

*Carson City Hall  
Executive Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
701 E. Carson St., Carson, CA 90745*

*Oxnard City Hall Annex  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
300 W. Third St., Oxnard, CA 93030*

*Santa Monica City Hall – Room 201  
1685 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401*

*Thousand Oaks City Hall  
Public Works Conference Room  
2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand  
Oaks, CA 91362*

**I. WELCOME & ROLL CALL**

Committee Chair Carmen Ramirez called the special meeting to order. Board Secretary Jacquelyn Betha Isidore conducted roll call.

<b>ROLL CALL</b>			
<b>Arcadia</b>	Tom Tait	Committee Member	Remote
<b>Carson</b>	Reata Kulcsar	Committee Member	Remote
<b>Malibu</b>	Skylar Peak	Committee Member	Present
<b>Oxnard</b>	Carmen Ramirez	Committee Chair	Remote
<b>Thousand Oaks</b>	Helen Cox	Committee Member	Remote
<b>Santa Monica</b>	Kevin McKeown	Committee Member	Remote
<b>Sierra Madre</b>	John Harabedian	Committee Member	Present

**II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individual provided general public comments: Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition).

**III. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Approved Minutes from January 16, 2019 Energy Planning & Resources Committee Special Meeting

Motion: Committee Member Harabedian, Sierra Madre.

Second: Committee Member Peak, Malibu.

Vote: Item 1 was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Approved substitute providers for Long Term Renewable Energy Development and Storage Capacity

Natasha Keefer, Director of Power Planning & Procurement, reported that last meeting the Committee approved the shortlist of nine projects, and since then CPA has asked those bidders to enter into an exclusivity agreement and to put down a shortlist deposit, which five projects have done. Staff plans to bring those projects to the Board for review and approval in May and June. There are two additional projects CPA would like to bring into the shortlist negotiating process because, as anticipated, there was some attrition of projects during the shortlist process. One of the projects that exited the process has offered to provide substitute capacity at reduced price, and this project also scored very well on the qualitative criteria including committing to a project labor agreement (PLA). The second substitute project is a standalone battery storage project, which is beneficial because two storage projects fell out of the process, and this project also includes a PLA and is in CPA's service territory. Ms. Keefer also added that the RFO protocol allows CPA to pull project offers that were submitted through the RFO into the shortlist process at anytime, and these two substitute projects had previously bid into the RFO.

Committee Chair Ramirez asked how much the shortlist deposit is and Ms. Keefer responded that it's \$3.00 / KW of capacity, so it varies by size of the project.

Committee Member Harabedian asked if this attrition was expected and Ms. Keefer responded that it was, but that staff plans to expand the number of shortlisted projects in future RFOs given the amount of attrition we did experience in this round.

Committee Member Kulcsar asked the total number of shortlisted projects and Ms. Keefer responded that the initial number was eleven, then those projects were asked to re-bid with an opportunity to improve their price, and two projects fell out, so we ended up with nine projects and now CPA is currently in negotiations with five projects. Committee Member Kulcsar also asked what percentage of our load the 1-2 million MWh renewable energy RFO target represents and Ms. Keefer responded approximately 10-20%. She also asked what the outcome of the two individuals who provided public comment at the last Board meeting regarding their project was.

Matthew Langer, Chief Operating Officer, responded that this project was not determined to be competitive through the evaluation process, but staff worked with Committee Member McKeown, who represents the jurisdiction of these individuals, to follow up on those comments.

Committee Member Peak commented that as SCE moves towards state mandates for renewable energy, its exciting to see that CPA is going above and beyond the minimum for renewables development.

Committee Member McKeown asked when the next RFO opportunity would be and Ms. Keefer responded that CPA would release another RFO in about six months.

Committee Member Cox asked how far these projects are along in the development process and Ms. Keefer responded that it varies, but the development risk column in the review criteria demonstrates how far along those projects are.

The following individuals provided public comments on Item 2: Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition), Joseph Sullivan (IBEW/NECA), and Stephanie Dashiell (The Nature Conservancy).

Motion: Committee Member McKeown, Santa Monica.

Second: Committee Member Peak, Malibu.

Vote: Item 2 passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Received update on bilateral PPA opportunity for hydro renewable energy

Mr. Bardacke reported that similar to how staff brought forward the Voyager Wind Project last year, CPA has been approached by a hydro project that is a good opportunity for renewable energy contracting, especially since hydro projects recently fell out of the long term RFO process. Ms. Keefer reported that this 12 MW hydro project had bid into one of CPA's recent short term RFOs, and through negotiations, staff identified that it is available for long term contracting. This project is attractive because it adds diversity to our portfolio, it helps CPA meet our SB 350 long term contracting requirements, it is a de-risked existing resource, and it is very well priced. Mr. Langer added that CPA has the ability to always consider bilateral opportunities and this particular opportunity is beneficial for CPA to pursue.

The following individual provided public comments on Item 3: Harvey Eder (Public Solar Power Coalition).

This item was for informational purposes only.

4. Received update on January, February, and March 2019 Risk Management Team reports

Mr. Langer reported that during the last three meetings of the CPA Staff Risk Management Team (RMT), the items to highlight are that in January CPA outlined its procurement schedule and planned solicitations for the year, in February CPA approved a set of counterparty credit processes, and in March the RMT discussed that the potential impacts on CPA of SCE being downgraded by several rating agencies due to the wildfires.

This item was for informational purposes only.

**IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no additional Committee Member comments.

**V. ADJOURN**

Committee Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting.