

MEETING of the Community Advisory Committee of the  
 Clean Power Alliance of Southern California  
 Thursday, August 20, 2020  
 1:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**

*The Community Advisory Committee conducted this meeting in accordance with California Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20 and COVID-19 pandemic protocols.*

**WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Angus Simmons called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Board Clerk conducted roll call.

<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Angus Simmons (Vice-Chair)	Remote
<b>East Ventura/West LA County</b>	Lilian Teran Mendoza	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Richard Tom	Remote
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Robert Parkhurst (Vice-Chair)	Remote
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Lucas Zucker	Absent
<b>West/Unincorporated Ventura County</b>	Steven Nash	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	David Lesser	Remote
<b>South Bay</b>	Emmitt Hayes	Remote
<b>Gateway Cities</b>	Jaime Abrego	Remote
<b>Westside</b>	Cris Gutierrez	Remote
<b>Westside</b>	David Haake (Chair)	Absent
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Neil Fromer	Absent
<b>Unincorporated Los Angeles County</b>	Kristie Hernandez	Remote

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Minutes from July 16, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting

**Motion:** Committee Member Lesser, South Bay  
**Second:** Vice Chair Simmons, East Ventura/West LA County  
**Vote:** Item 1 was approved by a roll call vote.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

2. Oral Update from the Executive Director on CPA Operations

Ted Bardacke, Executive Director, provided a brief update on the state-wide rotating outages affecting CPA customers and reported on the extensive marketing campaign staff carried out to inform customers of conservation efforts. Mr. Bardacke further explained CPA plans to participate in investigations to learn more about the root causes of the outages and discussed the financial impacts to CPA, which were rather minimal due to the well-hedged position of the organization.

Committee Member Lesser asked about ways CPA could use this as a leadership opportunity to contribute to solutions; Committee Member Hernandez asked for information on outreach efforts. Mr. Bardacke clarified that it was important to pursue renewable energy supply with storage projects and focus on educating the communities to make conservation a more commonplace habit by increasing outreach and subscribership in social media.

3. Visioning Session and Workplan Discussion

Vice Chair Simmons thanked staff for the development of CAC priorities. Christian Cruz, Community Outreach Manager, and Karen Schmidt, Director of External Affairs, provided a presentation and asked for Committee Member feedback to incorporate into a CAC workplan.

Committee Members Lesser hoped to see more coordination of CAC review of Board items when appropriate to ensure alignment between the two bodies; Committee Member Tom emphasized the importance of using all the resources available to staff and CAC members to coordinate efforts for public education; Committee Member Nash noted the importance of gathering community feedback and relaying that to the Board of Directors; Committee Member Hernandez underscored the importance of proper training for Committee Members to conduct community outreach and the education of youth in the energy industry and conservation efforts. Committee Member Abrego agreed and indicated an interest in increased personal involvement with the CAC; Committee Member Gutierrez affirmed interest in teaching resiliency and conservation to youth across the CPA service territory and Vice Chair Parkhurst echoed support for all the ideas and hoped that the CAC could work towards getting all member agencies to a 100% Green rate through creative financing; Committee Member Hayes opined that more education regarding the energy industry, conservation, and rotating outages was necessary for urban communities that may not have access to education on renewable energy. Vice Chair Simmons agreed with all the comments and ideas shared and emphasized interest in engaging youth and elected officials in outreach campaigns.

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Lastly, Committee Members agreed that it was an important goal to promote battery storage and sustainable electrical power to address the shortfall of clean energy peak hours and thereby grow CPA's impact in dealing with global climate change. Staff indicated that it would note the Committee Members' interests in education on resilience, energy and climate change, and community and board engagement to help CPA drive the necessary change.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Committee Member Lesser requested that a brief report be brought to the Committee, when appropriate, on the statewide rotating outages that took place in August.

**ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Simmons adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.