



Policy Title	CPA Stipend and Expense Reimbursements	
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I. PURPOSE

To establish the terms, conditions, and standard procedures for (A) members of the Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Board of Directors (individually referred to as a “Director”) and members of the Community Advisory Committee (individually referred to as “CAC Member”) to receive stipend compensation and (B) members of the Board of Directors to receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

II. Stipends for Members of CPA Board of Directors and the Community Advisory Committee

A. Eligibility. The following individuals shall be eligible to receive a stipend from CPA.

1. A regular Director who attends a “Meeting”. A “Meeting” is a CPA meeting noticed and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the “Brown Act” (California Government Code Section 54950, *et seq.*)
2. An alternate Director, except an alternate Director who is not a member of the governing body and is employed by a member city or county of CPA, when the alternate Director attends a Meeting in the place of a regular Director.
3. A Board-appointed CAC Member.

B. Board of Directors Meeting

1. **Attendance.** To receive a stipend specified in Section II.B.2, a Director must be present for all Action Item votes unless the approval of the Consent Agenda is the only Action Item vote, in which case a Director must be present until the conclusion of all items on the Regular Agenda. An “Action Item” is any item on the agenda requiring a vote by the members present, provided that the vote is registered at any point prior to the adjournment of that meeting.
2. **Stipend Amount.** A Director is entitled to receive \$150 for each Meeting that a Director is in Attendance.

C. Committee Meetings

1. Eligible Committee Meetings are the Executive Committee, Standing Committees as specified in Article VII of the Bylaws, and the Community Advisory Committee.

2. **Attendance.** To receive a stipend specified in Section II.C.3., a Director or CAC Member must be present for all Action Item votes unless the approval of the Consent Agenda is the only Action Item vote, in which case a Director or CAC Member must be present until the conclusion of all items on the Regular Agenda.
3. **Stipend Amount.** A Director or CAC member is entitled to receive \$100 for each Committee Meeting that the member is in Attendance.

D. Limitations.

1. Directors shall not receive more than three (3) stipend payments in any single calendar month. CAC Members shall not receive more than one (1) stipend payment in any single calendar month.
2. **Opt Out/Opt In.**
 - a. A Director or CAC Member may opt out of receiving a stipend by notifying the Board Clerk in writing. Requests to opt out of receiving a stipend will be processed immediately.
 - b. A Director or CAC Member who has opted out of receiving a stipend may opt back into receiving a stipend by notifying the Board Clerk in writing. Requests to opt back into receiving a stipend will be processed at the end of each calendar month.

E. Stipend Payment Procedures.

1. A Director or CAC Member shall be entitled to receive a stipend payment for Attendance at a Meeting after the Minutes of that Meeting are approved at a following Meeting.
2. The Board Clerk shall verify Attendance for each Meeting and report the Attendance to the CEO for the processing of the stipend payment.

III. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. TRAVEL TO AND FROM BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The primary costs incurred related to participation in Board and Committee meetings and CPA-sponsored community events are travel, mileage or public mass transit expenses, and parking. Consistent with other government bodies, these costs will be reimbursed upon request and at cost. For mileage, CPA will reimburse personal vehicle mileage based on the IRS's latest standard mileage rates. Receipts for parking are required for reimbursement. Receipts are not required for the use of public mass transit as receipts are generally not available for such travel.

B. CONFERENCES, LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS, AND RELATED MEETINGS

From time to time, Directors, who are representing CPA, may travel (i) outside of Southern California to represent the Clean Power Alliance at a conference, (ii) to a legislative or regulatory proceeding, or (iii) to a meeting for educational, training, or CPA related program or policy purposes (e.g., at events hosted by the California Community Choice Association, etc.) (“CPA Travel”).

1. TRAVEL & REGISTRATION

All such CPA Travel must first be approved by the Chair of the Board in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The cost of travel to conferences, including conference registration costs, will be reimbursed if the Director is a speaker on behalf of CPA. If a Director is at a conference as an attendee of the conference, such costs may be reimbursed at the discretion of the Chair of the Board in consultation with the CEO. In general, Directors are expected to keep such travel costs to a minimum by booking economy class airfare or train fare well in advance and avoiding overnight stays whenever possible. Receipts for travel and registration are required for reimbursement, except when using public mass transit.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS, MEALS, & INCIDENTALS

The expenses for accommodation, meals, or incidentals will be reimbursed if the Director is a speaker on behalf of CPA. If a Director is attending a conference as an attendee of the conference, such costs for accommodation, meals, or incidentals may be reimbursed if such CPA Travel was approved pursuant to Section III.B.1.

Consistent with the majority of government agencies, per diem expenses for accommodations, meals, and incidentals shall be reimbursed at GSA rates, which are city-specific, vary by travel season, and are adjusted annually. Higher rates than those provided by GSA are permissible for accommodation when attending a conference and staying at the conference hotel. Further, the Chair may approve a higher reimbursement amount on a case-by-case basis, as may be requested in advance. Receipts for accommodations and meals are required for reimbursement.

C. REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES FOR EXPENSES

All claims for reimbursement requests shall be prepared on a CPA Expense Claim Form, which may be updated from time to time, and shall be submitted no longer than 30 days after the event.

All claims for reimbursement shall include an itemization of expenses, provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the event, and shall include original receipts or vouchers for all expenses incurred with the exception of public transit receipts. If a receipt cannot be obtained or

has been lost, a written justification shall be made on the expense form and the reason given. In the absence of an explanation satisfactory to the applicable approving authority, the amount involved shall not be allowed.

All claims for reimbursement of expenses shall be submitted to the CEO or the CEO's designee for approval.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Sample Expense Claim Form

By submitting this form for reimbursement, I certify that this claim is a true record of expenses incurred

Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Board of Directors - Expense Reimbursement Claim Form

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Name:										
Purpose of										
To:										
DATE	FROM	TO	FROM	TO	NO. OF MILEAGE	AMOUNT \$/Mile	CPA STAFF TO COMPLETE			PURPOSE
							DEPT. NO.	PROJ. NO.	GL. NO.	
						\$0.70				
						\$ -				
						\$ -				
						\$ -				
						\$ -				
						\$ -				
TOTAL AMOUNT - SCHEDULE A						\$0.00				
SCHEDULE										
DATE	EXPLANATION OF EXPENSE	AMOUNT	CPA STAFF TO COMPLETE			PURPOSE				
			DEPT. NO.	PROJ. NO.	GL. NO.					
TOTAL AMOUNT - SCHEDULE B						\$0.00				

TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED \$0.00