



CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION MEETING

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 5:30 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Government Code sections 54953(e) and 54954.3 and other applicable law.

Minutes contain a summary of the discussion and actions taken by the Climate Action Commission during a meeting. Climate Action meetings are audio recorded. The audio recordings capture the complete proceedings of the meeting and are available for review.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson McClune called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Present: Chairperson Michael McClune, Vice Chairperson Mika Nagamine, Councilmember David Zito, Ken Flagg, Lane Sharman, Greg Coleson, Heidi Dewar (at 5:41)
Junior Commissioners: Hayden Crocker

Absent: John Kellogg

Junior Commissioners: Georgia Wallerius

Also Present: Dan King, Interim City Manager; Nicole Gucky, Senior Management Analyst

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Moved by Zito. Seconded by Sharman. Approved 6/0/2 (Absent: Dewar, Kellogg).
Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting of January 17, 2024

Motion: Moved by Sharman. Seconded by Nagamine. Approved 6/0/2 (Absent: Dewar, Kellogg).
Motion Carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Michael McClune was nominated as Chair.

Motion: Moved by Sharman. Seconded by Coleson. Approved 6/0/2 (Absent: Dewar, Kellogg).

Motion Carried.

Mika Nagamine was nominated as Vice Chair.

Motion: Moved by Zito. Seconded by Coleson. Approved 6/0/2 (Absent: Dewar, Kellogg). **Motion Carried.**

6. **PRESENTATION BY POWER SAN DIEGO REGARDING THE POWER SAN DIEGO PUBLIC POWER BALLOT INITIATIVE – Bill Powers and Commissioner Sharman**

Commissioner Dewar arrived at 5:41pm.

Bill Powers, from Power San Diego, presented on the proposed City of San Diego public power ballot initiative. During the presentation Powers discussed how SDG&E works, how much investor-owned utilities cost versus not-for-profit utilities, and the potential benefits to San Diego residents if they moved to a not-for-profit utility within the City of San Diego.

Commissioner Flagg asked how does distribution work in this not-for-profit model. Commissioner Coleson clarified what was the ask of the City of Solana Beach, as well as if this would be a structure that Power San Diego would eventually want to see expanded to Solana Beach. Powers responded that the eventual ask is for an endorsement of this ballot measure by the Solana Beach City Council and that by moving San Diego to a not-for-profit model, this could open up more competition within the City of Solana Beach. Chairperson McClune asked how the charges would work, i.e., if the transmission would be the dominate charge and how this would affect net-metering and fixed prices. Powers responded that the not-for-profit utility would not be subject to the same California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) regulations that SDG&E is currently subject to, so there would not be fixed charges on items like net-metering.

Commissioner Flagg asked would we have to compensate SDG&E for the transmission lines. Commissioner Nagamine further asked if the SDG&E infrastructure would be sold to the not-for-profit in this proposal and where would that funding come from. Additionally, Commissioner Nagamine asked if this proposal would make billing more complicated as you would still have SDG&E on the bill, plus the local Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), and the would-be-new public utility. Powers responded that the not-for-profit would pay SDG&E for their assets. SDG&E would still be responsible for transmission charges so all three entities would be on the bill and expressed a disappointment in the local CCA's on not focusing on local solar and battery, prompting Power San Diego to create this ballot initiative. Commissioner Dewar asked if other cities have done this, to which Powers referenced Long Island Power Authority.

Public Comments:

1. Don Christiansen, City of Carlsbad resident, North County Climate Change Alliance
2. Joe Gabaldon, SDG&E Senior Public Affairs Manager
3. Peter Zahn, City of Solana Beach resident, former City Council member and Climate Action Commission member
4. Timothy Bilash, City of San Diego resident (former business owner in Solana Beach)

Commissioner Sharman requested that SDG&E should come to the next Climate Action Commission meeting to present their side. Councilmember Zito asked a clarifying question to Powers, asking if this measure had qualified for the ballot, which the response was no and that

Power San Diego has until May 14 to get enough signatures. Councilmember Zito asked how much of SDG&E's infrastructure would be transferred to the not-for-profit utility if this ballot measure were passed and how did Power San Diego come to the \$3B number. Powers responded that the City of San Diego makes up about 40% of SDG&E's territory and Powers calculated that number based on information provided in an SDG&E report, of which mentions that SDG&E assets are worth \$1.7B. Commissioner Coleson asked for further examples that are more local, which included LAWPD and SMUD.

7. JUNIOR COMMISSIONER UPDATES – Junior Commissioner Crocker

Proposed bringing a presentation to the next meeting regarding how to make the upcoming Fiesta del Sol more sustainable.

8. NEW/PROPOSED BUSINESS: New or proposed business provides an opportunity for Commissioners to discuss items not on the agenda but that may be added to the CAC agenda/workload at a future date. Pursuant to the Brown Act, there will be no action taken on these items.

Commissioner Sharman and Chairperson McClune proposed bringing SDG&E to the next meeting to provide information regarding their opposition to the Power San Diego Public Power ballot initiative.

Commissioner Sharman proposes bringing a recommendation to the City Council on potential endorsement of the ballot initiative that would look at replacing SDG&E in the City of San Diego with a nonprofit and/or municipal utility.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Nicole Grucky, Senior Management Analyst

Approved: _____