



CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11th, 2021 5:30 PM

Teleconference Location Only-City Hall/Council Chambers,
635 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, California

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 related to the COVID-19 virus.

MEETING LOCATION WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Due to the Executive Order to stay home, in person participation at this meeting will not be allowed at this time. In accordance with the Executive Order to stay home, there will be no members of the public in attendance at this meeting. Alternatives to in-person attendance for viewing and participating in meetings are being provided under Public Participation.

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

Chair Goodmacher called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM

Present: Chair Jonathan Goodmacher, Vice Chair Shawna McGarry, Councilmember David Zito, Paul Basore, Judy Hegenauer, Mary Yang, Heidi Dewar, Peter Zahn

Absent: Michael McClune

Also Present: Dan King, Assistant City Manager; Rimga Viskanta, Senior Management Analyst

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Goodmacher requested Item 6 (Reach Codes) and Item 7 (NEM 3.0 Discussion) be moved ahead of Item 5 (Social Equity Chapter) on the agenda. Item 5 (Social Equity Chapter) was moved to follow the Update from the Subcommittees.

Motion: Moved by Chair Goodmacher. Seconded by Shawna McGarry. Approved: 8 yes, 0 no. **Motion Carried.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PAST MEETING

A. July 21, 2021 Meeting

Paul Basore asked the minutes reflect that he was not at the July 21st meeting.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember Zito to approve the minutes with the change noted above. Seconded by Shawna McGarry Approved: 8 yes, 0 no. **Motion Carried.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. (Was Item 6 on the Agenda) POTENTIAL BUILDING REACH CODES FOR BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION AND EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCUSSION

Amy Rider and Lawrence Garber of the Building Decarbonization Coalition presented five Reach Code recommendations for Council consideration and the basis for those recommendations.

One public speaker spoke in favor of keeping natural gas as an option for customers:

- Joe Gabaldon, Public Affairs Manager, SDGE

Two public speakers spoke in favor of the reach codes and that they should go further to require full electrification:

- Tara Hammond, Hammond Climate Solutions
- Shelah Ott, Member of San Diego Building Electrification Coalition

The Commissioners discussed the proposal and offered some additional recommendations that encourage Council to adopt reach codes that go even further on some of the measures than the Building Decarbonization Coalition recommendations including the requirement for new commercial construction to install a 5 kW photovoltaic system as a minimum instead of a 3 kW system.

Motion made to express general support for the Building Decarbonization Coalition reach code recommendations, but, in addition, the CAC urges that Council to go even beyond those recommendations.

Motion: Moved by Zahn. Seconded by Yang. Approved: 7 yes, 0 no. Councilmember Zito abstained.
Motion Carried.

6. (Was Item 7 on the Agenda) NEM 3.0 DISCUSSION, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION

There were 6 public speakers speaking in favor of the CAC Resolution:

- Justin Hammond from Climate Solutions donated his time to Karina Gonzalez
- Karina Gonzalez with Hammond Climate Solutions
- Matt Vasilakis, Co-Director of Policy, Climate Action Campaign
- David Rosenfeld, Solar Rights Alliance
- Tara Hammond, Hammond Climate Solutions
- Shelah Ott, Member of San Diego Building Electrification Coalition

There were 2 public speakers urging the Commission to consider equity in the Resolution.

- Bernadette Butkiewicz, Public Affairs Manager, SDGE donated her time to Joseph Gabaldon
- Joseph Gabaldon, Public Affairs Manager, SDG&E

Commissioner Zahn presented and discussed the Resolution.

Vice Chair Shawna McGarry left the meeting at 6:55.

Motion made to adopt the Resolution resolving the following:

1. That the Commission supports protecting and expanding rooftop solar via a strong succeeding NEM tariff and expanding clean energy access by making it easier, not harder, for people to adopt rooftop solar and energy storage in order to meet California's ambitious clean energy targets and deploy solar in all communities and households, particularly those struggling to pay for electricity; and
2. That the Commission requests the Solana Beach City Council adopt a resolution:
 - (a) expressing its support for the items as stated in numbered paragraph 1 immediately above;
 - (b) urging the CPUC to (i) strengthen NEM to expand access to all households, particularly of low-and-moderate income; (ii) expand access to other clean energy technologies that pair with solar, such as batteries; (iii) ensure that the solar installations continue to grow in order to meet State and City climate goals; and (iv) exclude provisions set forth in the IOU Proposal such as high monthly fixed fees, and reducing or eliminating credits for sharing electricity with the power grid.

Motion: Moved by Zahn. Seconded by Yang. Approved: 6 yes, 0 no. Councilmember Zito abstained.
Motion Carried.

7. (Was Item 8 on the Agenda) UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

- A. **PUBLIC OUTREACH** – Heidi Dewar gave an update that the subcommittee met with Rimga Viskanta and are making progress on their how-to guide for outreach. Monarch projects moving forward.
- B. **DECARBONIZATION STRATEGIES (INCLUDING BUILDING ELECTRIFICATION)**-No update beyond the Item 5 Reach Code discussion above.

8. (Was Item 5 on the Agenda) SOCIAL EQUITY CHAPTER – INTRODUCTION AND INITIAL DISCUSSION

Chair Goodmacher introduced a draft Social Equity chapter and comments received from two community members about the chapter. Chair Goodmacher discussed how the Social Equity Subcommittee drafted the chapter including input from Staff and referencing other municipality Social Equity chapters.

The subcommittee requested input from the Commissioners on the draft to discuss at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

9. CCA UPDATE BY STAFF

Dan King provided an update that as of August 8th the percent of opt-outs by account is 7.81%. By-energy-load numbers not yet available.

10. 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. All new/proposed business will be placed on a CAC agenda with the approval of the City Manager.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Goodmacher adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Rimga Viskanta

Rimga Viskanta, Senior Management Analyst

Approved: September 15, 2021

* **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** –Public comments at an open session may only be made by submitting a written request to do so via written correspondence to Rimga Viskanta at rviskanta@cosb.org by 12:00 PM before the meeting. Members of the public who would like to listen to the meeting may do so using the following Zoom link:

<https://cosb-org.zoom.us/j/82641701354?pwd=a2NuMWNKOEdGVGc3VWRzODdVWlV1UT09> Passcode: 180018.

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