

**REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of the
Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA)
Thursday, January 28, 2021
MINUTES**

Peninsula Clean Energy
Video conference and teleconference
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dave Pine, County of San Mateo
Carolyn Bloede, County of San Mateo
Jeff Aalfs, Town of Portola Valley, *Chair*
Rick DeGolia, Town of Atherton, *Vice Chair*
Julia Mates, City of Belmont
Coleen Mackin, City of Brisbane
Donna Colson, City of Burlingame
Raquel "Rae" Gonzalez, Town of Colma
Roderick Daus-Magbual, City of Daly City
Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto
Sam Hindi, City of Foster City
Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay
Laurence May, Town of Hillsborough
Tom Faria, City of Los Banos
Betsy Nash, City of Menlo Park
Ann Schneider, City of Millbrae
Tygarjas Bigstycck, City of Pacifica
Giselle Hale, City of Redwood City
Marty Medina, City of San Bruno
Laura Parmer-Lohan, City of San Carlos
Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo
James Coleman, City of South San Francisco
Pradeep Gupta, Director Emeritus
John Keener, Director Emeritus

Additional Board Members Present:

Michael Smith, City of Redwood City
John Dugan, City of San Carlos

Absent: Town of Woodside

Staff: Jan Pepper, Chief Executive Officer
 Andy Stern, Chief Financial Officer
 Leslie Brown, Director of Customer Care
 Rafael Reyes, Director of Energy Programs
 Phillip Kobernick, Programs Manager
 Joseph Wiedman, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
 Jeremy Waen, Manager of Regulatory Affairs
 KJ Janowski, Director of Marketing and Community Affairs
 Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations
 Carlos Moreno, Outreach Specialist
 Darren Goode, Media Relations
 Siobhan Doherty, Director of Power Resources
 Dave Fribush, DER (Distributed Energy Resources) Technical Advisor
 Sara Maatta, Renewable Energy and Compliance Analyst
 Sapna Dixit, Strategic Accounts Manager
 Jennifer Stalzer Kraske, Deputy County Counsel
 Shayna Barnes, Administrative Assistant
 Anne Bartoletti, Board Clerk/Office Manager/Executive Assistant to the CEO

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tim Strinden, Belmont Resident, Comments included in the Agenda Packet
 Jim Evangelist, San Bruno, CA, Comments included in the Agenda Packet
 Bruce Karney, Mountain View, CA, Comments included in the Agenda Packet

Jennifer Stalzer Kraske—Deputy County Counsel—presided over the official swearing-in of new Board members Raquel “Rae” Gonzalez—Town of Colma, Michael Smith—City of Redwood City, John Dugan—City of San Carlos, and James Coleman—City of South San Francisco.

ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion Made / Seconded: Bonilla / Parmer Lohan

Motion passed 21-0

Resolutions 01-28-21 (4), (5), (6)

JURISDICTION	NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
County of San Mateo	Director Pine	X			
County of San Mateo	Alternate Bloede	X			
Town of Atherton	Director DeGolia				X
City of Belmont	Director Mates	X			
City of Brisbane	Director Mackin	X			
City of Burlingame	Director Colson	X			
Town of Colma	Alternate Gonzalez	X			

City of Daly City	Director Daus-Magbual	X			
City of East Palo Alto	Director Romero	X			
City of Foster City	Director Hindi	X			
City of Half Moon Bay	Director Rarback	X			
Town of Hillsborough	Director May	X			
City of Los Banos	Director Faria	X			
City of Menlo Park	Director Nash	X			
City of Millbrae	Director Schneider	X			
City of Pacifica	Alternate Bigstycck	X			
Town of Portola Valley	Director Aalfs	X			
City of Redwood City	Director Hale	X			
City of San Bruno	Director Medina	X			
City of San Carlos	Director Parmer-Lohan	X			
City of San Mateo	Director Bonilla	X			
City of South San Francisco	Alternate Coleman	X			
Town of Woodside					X
	Totals	21			2

BOARD COMMENT ON CONSENT ITEM 10

Ann Schneider—City of Millbrae—discussed local hiring preference.

REGULAR AGENDA**1. CHAIR REPORT**

Jeff Aalfs—Chair—reviewed Policy 16 procedures for nominating the Chair and Vice Chair, and making appointments to the Executive Committee. Jeff reported the new Chair and Vice Chair will be nominated and approved in February, and appointments to the Executive Committee will be made and approved in March. Jeff announced the Nominating Committee will be Dave Pine, Rick Bonilla, and Larry May. He asked those interested in the Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Committee positions to contact Dave Pine.

2. CEO REPORT

Jan Pepper—Chief Executive Officer—provided a staffing update and welcomed new Board members. Jan reviewed the COVID-19 Load Impact Analysis, and provided an update on reach code adoption in San Mateo County.

3. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Ray Larios—Citizens Advisory Committee Vice Chair—reported that the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) approved a recommendation on Equity, which is being brought to the Board tonight. He also

reported the CAC received a presentation from Joe Fullerton on resiliency at the San Mateo Community College.

4. APPROVE PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY GENERATION RATE CHANGES

Leslie Brown—Director of Customer Care--reported that PG&E had a rate change on January 2, 2021, but details on components of the rate change weren't published until December 30, 2020. She reported that PG&E's rates have already been adjusted, but PCE's rates haven't been adjusted yet to accommodate a higher PCIA (Power Charge Indifference Adjustment) and lower PG&E generation rates.

Leslie reviewed PCE's rate making methodology, changes in PG&E's generation rates and the PCIA, and she reported more rate changes are expected in March 2021. She reviewed the staff recommendation that the Board authorize rate adjustments to maintain PCE's net 5% discount on ECOplus compared to PG&E, to go into effect on February 1, 2021, and that staff will return to the Board with additional recommendations when details of the March rate adjustments are released.

Board members discussed the CPUC's (California Public Utility Commission) approval process for PG&E's rates, PCE's rate making methodology, the impact of higher PCIA, PCE's commitment to providing a discount compared to PG&E's rates, customer awareness of utility rates, and the rate practices of other CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators).

The Resolution for this item states: Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to adjust Peninsula Clean Energy's rates in order to maintain a 5% discount in generation charges as compared to PG&E. Staff recommends that the Board authorize rate adjustments now to PCE ECOplus rates to reinstate the net 5% discount to all customers. If approved, new rates are expected to go into effect Feb 1, 2021. When details of the March rate adjustments are released staff will review impacts and return to the board with additional recommendations.

Motion Made to approve staff's recommendation / Seconded: DeGolia / Bonilla

Motion passed 21-0

Resolution No. 01-28-21 (1)

JURISDICTION	NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
County of San Mateo	Director Pine	X			
County of San Mateo	Alternate Bloede	X			
Town of Atherton	Director DeGolia	X			
City of Belmont	Director Mates	X			
City of Brisbane	Director Mackin				X
City of Burlingame	Director Colson	X			
Town of Colma	Alternate Gonzalez	X			
City of Daly City	Director Daus-Magbual	X			
City of East Palo Alto	Director Romero	X			
City of Foster City	Director Hindi	X			

City of Half Moon Bay	Director Rarback	X			
Town of Hillsborough	Director May	X			
City of Los Banos	Director Faria	X			
City of Menlo Park	Director Nash	X			
City of Millbrae	Director Schneider	X			
City of Pacifica	Alternate Bigstycck	X			
Town of Portola Valley	Director Aalfs	X			
City of Redwood City	Director Hale	X			
City of San Bruno	Director Medina	X			
City of San Carlos	Director Parmer-Lohan	X			
City of San Mateo	Director Bonilla	X			
City of South San Francisco	Alternate Coleman	X			
Town of Woodside					X
	Totals	21			2

5. APPROVE PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY PARTICIPATION IN CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER (CC POWER) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE THE CC POWER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

Jan Pepper outlined nine CCAs (Community Choice Aggregators) planning to participate in the Joint Powers Authority (JPA), and reported on a Study Session that took place on January 12, 2021, to address questions posed by the Board. She reported that CCA CEOs met on January 20, 2021 and discussed that, when the CC Power members meet in February, they will discuss developing a set of principles on labor, environment, and diversity, and that specific policies will be developed on a project-by-project basis. Jan outlined the CC Power JPA approval status, the benefits of joint action through CC Power, and reviewed the JPA agreement, governance, costs, project development, and timeline.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Ruigomez, San Mateo County Building Trades Council
Tom Enslow, IBEW Local 617
Michael Closson, Menlo Park, CA
Alex Lantsberg, SF Electrical Construction Industry
Steven Booker, Political Director, IBEW Local 617
Mark Roest, Sustainable Energy Inc.

Board members discussed the JPA agreement as being separate from policies created by the CC Power Board, and PCE's commitment to support and promote PCE's Policy 10 Inclusive and Sustainable Workforce Policy to CC Power. Board members also discussed environmental sustainability, environmental protection, and wildlife protection.

Rick Bonilla—City of San Mateo—offered a motion with an amendment as direction to staff:

“I move to amend the proposed approval to include direction to staff that their first and continuing order of business at the CCP will be to propose and lobby for the adoption of formal CCP policies to

ensure that it will seek to award contracts and negotiate contract terms consistent with our values and goals regarding environmental sustainability, local hire, support of local business, support for union labor and apprenticeship programs that create employment opportunities, support for maintaining area construction wage standards, support for the use of a skilled and trained workforce, and support for inclusive business practices.”

Motion Made with Direction to Staff / Seconded: Bonilla / Romero

Motion passed 22-0

Resolution No. 01-28-21 (2)

JURISDICTION	NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
County of San Mateo	Director Pine	X			
County of San Mateo	Alternate Bloede	X			
Town of Atherton	Director DeGolia	X			
City of Belmont	Director Mates	X			
City of Brisbane	Director Mackin	X			
City of Burlingame	Director Colson	X			
Town of Colma	Alternate Gonzalez	X			
City of Daly City	Director Daus-Magbual	X			
City of East Palo Alto	Director Romero	X			
City of Foster City	Director Hindi	X			
City of Half Moon Bay	Director Rarback	X			
Town of Hillsborough	Director May	X			
City of Los Banos	Director Faria	X			
City of Menlo Park	Director Nash	X			
City of Millbrae	Director Schneider	X			
City of Pacifica	Alternate Bigstycyk	X			
Town of Portola Valley	Director Aalfs	X			
City of Redwood City	Director Hale	X			
City of San Bruno	Director Medina	X			
City of San Carlos	Director Parmer-Lohan	X			
City of San Mateo	Director Bonilla	X			
City of South San Francisco	Alternate Coleman	X			
Town of Woodside					X
	Totals	22			1

6. PRESENTATION ON SMC (SAN MATEO COUNTY) CLIMATE ALLIANCE

Dave Pine—Supervisor, County of San Mateo—introduced a collaborative effort between the Office of Sustainability (OOS), PCE, and cities in San Mateo County committed to combating climate change. Dave described the climate alliance as providing leadership to drive coordinated regional action, overcome significant barriers, pioneer new ideas and set examples, and demonstrate

feasibility for broad adoption. Dave reported the alliance members would commit to adopt a Climate Emergency Resolution, and one high impact climate measure per year.

Ray Mueller—Councilmember, City of Menlo Park—reported on challenges cities face taking on strong climate policies alone or doing an EIR (Environmental Impact Report) and outlined the power of groups of cities working together. Carolyn Bloede—Director, OOS—described the Climate Alliance as jurisdictions working together to test and prove high impact strategies and climate solutions. Jeff Aalfs reported that Diane Bailey of Menlo Spark has been instrumental in coordinating this alliance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Roest, Sustainable Energy Inc.
Daniel Yost, Woodside, CA

Board members discussed the potential for the alliance to provide leadership and support for resiliency sequestration projects, trees initiatives, addressing heat islands and noise pollution, working with students, sea level rise, microgrids, reach codes, equity and climate justice.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE: CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE STATEMENT ON EQUITY

Ray Larios requested the Board accept the recommendation on the draft equity statement from the CAC Equity and Inclusion Working Group. Ray reviewed the background on the CAC’s 2020 workplan, and the development of the statement by the CAC Equity Working Group in response to the Black Lives Matter protests. He reported that at the January 14, 2021, meeting, the CAC unanimously approved the statement and recommended it to the Board. Ray read the preamble to the draft equity statement and the statement itself, describing the importance of the wording and explaining that the statement is a living document.

Board members thanked the CAC for the research, time, and effort they put forth to create the draft equity statement. The Board discussed the difference between equality and equity, environmental justice, how to engage with communities, and having a Board subcommittee work with the CAC and community members to build on the draft equity statement and create a DEAI (Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion) Policy and an action plan.

Motion Made / Seconded: Colson / Romero

Motion passed 19-0

Resolution No. 01-28-21 (3)

JURISDICTION	NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
County of San Mateo	Director Pine	X			
County of San Mateo	Alternate Bloede	X			
Town of Atherton	Director DeGolia	X			
City of Belmont	Director Mates	X			
City of Brisbane	Director Mackin	X			
City of Burlingame	Director Colson	X			

Town of Colma	Alternate Gonzalez				X
City of Daly City	Director Daus-Magbual	X			
City of East Palo Alto	Director Romero	X			
City of Foster City	Director Hindi	X			
City of Half Moon Bay	Director Rarback				X
Town of Hillsborough	Director May	X			
City of Los Banos	Director Faria	X			
City of Menlo Park	Director Nash	X			
City of Millbrae	Director Schneider	X			
City of Pacifica	Alternate Bigstycck	X			
Town of Portola Valley	Director Aalfs	X			
City of Redwood City	Director Hale	X			
City of San Bruno	Director Medina	X			
City of San Carlos	Director Parmer-Lohan	X			
City of San Mateo	Director Bonilla	X			
City of South San Francisco	Alternate Coleman	X			
Town of Woodside					X
	Totals	20			3

Volunteers for the DEAI Subcommittee:

Board members (10-11):

Donna Colson - Burlingame (Lead/Chair)
 Roderick Daus-Magbual - Daly City
 Sam Hindi - Foster City
 Betsy Nash - Menlo Park
 Jeff Aalfs - Portola Valley (offered to assist)
 Michael Smith - Alternate Redwood City
 Marty Medina - San Bruno
 Laura Palmer-Lohan - San Carlos
 James Coleman - Alternate South San Francisco
 Rick Bonilla - San Mateo (offered to serve as an Alternate)
 Carlos Romero - East Palo Alto (awaiting confirmation)

CAC Members (2):

Ray Larios - Burlingame
 Terri Givens - Menlo Park

Community Members – TBA

8. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Ann Schneider—City of Millbrae—thanked PCE staff, and she announced that Millbrae's reach codes were officially adopted by the CEC (California Energy Commission) today.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.