

# Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Clean Energy Authority (PCEA) Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021 6:30 p.m. Zoom Video Conference and Teleconference

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in virtual teleconference.

#### **ROLL CALL**

## **Participating Remotely:**

Dave Pine, San Mateo County
Rick DeGolia, Atherton, *Chair*Julia Mates, Belmont
Donna Colson, Burlingame, *Vice Chair*Roderick Daus-Magbual, Daly City
Sam Hindi, Foster City
Harvey Rarback, Half Moon Bay
Laurence May, Hillsborough
Tom Faria, Los Banos
Betsy Nash, Menlo Park
Reuben Holober, Millbrae
Tygarjas Bigstyck, Pacifica
Jeff Aalfs, Portola Valley
Laura Parmer-Lohan, San Carlos
Rick Bonilla. San Mateo

Pradeep Gupta, Director Emeritus John Keener, Director Emeritus

#### Absent:

Carole Groom, San Mateo County Coleen Mackin, Brisbane Raquel Gonzalez, Colma Carlos Romero, East Palo Alto Giselle Hale, Redwood City Marty Medina, San Bruno Flor Nicolas, South San Francisco Jennifer Wall, Woodside

A quorum was established.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### Staff:

Jan Pepper, Chief Executive Officer Andy Stern, Chief Financial Officer Leslie Brown, Director of Account Services KJ Janowski, Director of Marketing and Community Relations Siobhan Doherty, Director of Power Resources Marc Hershman, Director of Government **Affairs** Rafael Reyes, Director of Community **Energy Programs** Jeremy Waen, Director of Regulatory Policy Jennifer Stalzer, Deputy County Counsel Kirsten Andrews-Schwind, Senior Manager of Community Relations Shayna Barnes, Operations Specialist Sally Chen, Power Resources Manager Dave Fribush, DER Technical Advisor Darren Goode, Public Relations Consultant Chelsea Keys, Power Resources Manager

Phillip Kobernick, Programs Manager

Sara Maatta, Renewable Energy and

Compliance Analyst

None

## ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA AND APPROVE REMAINING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION:** Director Mates moved, seconded by Director Pine to set the Agenda, and approve Agenda Item Numbers 1-2.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes for the October 28, 2021 Meeting
- 2. Adopt Findings Pursuant to AB 361 to Continue Fully Teleconferenced Board Meetings Due to Health Risks Posed by In-Person Meetings

**MOTION PASSED FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1:** 14-0 (Abstain: Foster City; Absent: San Mateo County, Brisbane, Colma, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, Woodside)

**MOTION PASSED FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 2:** 15-0 (Absent: San Mateo County, Brisbane, Colma, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, Woodside)

JURISDICTION	BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
San Mateo County	Director Pine	Х			
San Mateo County	Director Groom				Х
Atherton	Director DeGolia	Х			
Belmont	Director Mates	Х			
Brisbane	Director Mackin				Х
Burlingame	Director Colson	Х			
Colma	Director Gonzalez				Х
Daly City	Director Daus-Magbual	Х			
East Palo Alto	Director Romero				Х
Foster City	Director Hindi	X – Item 2		X – Item 1	
Half Moon Bay	Director Rarback	Х			
Hillsborough	Director May	Х			
Los Banos	Director Faria	Х			
Menlo Park	Director Nash	Х			
Millbrae	Alternate Holober	Х			
Pacifica	Alternate Bigstyck	X			
Portola Valley	Director Aalfs	Х			
Redwood City	Director Hale				Х
San Bruno	Director Medina				Х
San Carlos	Director Parmer-Lohan	Х			
San Mateo	Director Bonilla	Х			
South San Francisco	Director Nicolas				Х
Woodside	Director Wall				Х
	Totals	15		1	8

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

# 3. Chair Report

Chair DeGolia reported a phishing email and to be diligent in checking email senders before opening email links, the process of finding a firm to conduct the search for Peninsula Clean Energy's new Chief Operating Officer has begun, and that a nominating committee for Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee will begin soon.

# 4. CEO Report

Jan Pepper, CEO, gave a report including staffing updates and recruitment, details on the California Community Power (CC Power) Long Duration Storage Project approval process which has been pushed back by one month, an update on San Mateo County Reach Codes, an analysis on the Covid-19 Load Impact, and Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and PG&E 2022 Rate Forecasts.

Board Members discussed the increasing costs of energy at PG&E and the costs of energy that is not hedged. Jan explained that we regularly look for hedge purchases so that we aren't exposed to high market prices. For the next calendar year in the first quarter of 2022 we are 100% hedged, and for the second quarter we are almost 100% hedged. Jan explained that we are protected this year from increasing prices which are increasing due to natural gas prices increasing.

Chair DeGolia asked if the projected PCIA and PG&E rates would negate the predicted loss for the current fiscal year. Jan explained that based on these projections, we predict that there will not be a loss for Fiscal Year 2022. However, these are only projections, and we will not know the actual PCIA and PG&E rates until they are formally published by PG&E for the coming year.

#### 5. Citizens Advisory Committee Report

Morgan Chaknova, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Vice Chair, shared that the current chair, Ray Larios, has resigned from the CAC, and that Morgan would serve in that capacity starting in January. Morgan shared a few points from the November CAC Meeting including that the CAC is interested in the Managed Charging Pilot Program, Electric Vehicles (EV) program demographics and next phase, and to note the importance of designing programs focused on Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (DEAI) in addition to the workforce and vendor components.

6. Approval of Draft Program Plan for California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Market Access Program (Action)

Rafael Reyes, Director of Energy Programs, gave a presentation on the FLEXmarket/Market Access Program from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) including information on the program overview and objectives, and the architecture of the marketplace. Rafael explained that Peninsula Clean Energy has been investigating a FLEXmarket program for the past year and noted the opportunity for energy efficiency during potential shortfalls in generation during summer months.

Board Members requested clarification that the costs of the FLEXmarket program would be covered by the CPUC. Board Members also discussed any associated risks, a more in depth look at how the program would assist in demand reduction, access to smart meter data through Recurve, and the incentive of joining this program through CPUC versus as an individual agency.

**MOTION:** Director Aalfs moved, seconded by Director Bonilla to Approve a Draft Program Plan for California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Market Access Program.

**MOTION PASSED:** 15-0 (Absent: San Mateo County, Brisbane, Colma, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, Woodside)

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7. Resolution Delegating Authority to Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Power Purchase and Sale Agreement, as Revised, for Renewable Supply With Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, and any Necessary Ancillary Documents With a Power Delivery Term of 15 Years Beginning at the Commercial Operation Date on or About October 31, 2024, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$204 Million (Action)

Chelsea Keys, Power Resources Manager, gave a presentation detailing revisions to the Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm, LLC contract which was contingent on the approval from the Scout Clean Energy, LLC Board. Chelsea explained some areas of concern that Scout Clean Energy's Board had with the contract. Peninsula Clean Energy staff has revised the contract which primarily impact a short period following the execution of the contract.

Board Members discussed labor conditions, the scope of these changes with regard to the entire Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm project, and Peninsula Clean Energy staffs process on researching the

financial viability of contractors.

**MOTION:** Director Colson moved, seconded by Director Mates to Approve a Resolution Delegating Authority to Chief Executive Officer to execute the Power Purchase and Sale Agreement, as revised, for Renewable Supply with Gonzaga Ridge Wind Farm, LLC, and any necessary ancillary documents with a Power Delivery Term of 15 years starting at the Commercial Operation Date on or about October 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$204 million.

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#### 8. Approval of 2022 Board of Directors Schedule of Meetings (Action)

Nelly Wogberg, Board Clerk, presented the proposed 2022 Meeting Schedule for the Peninsula Clean Energy Board of Directors including additional meetings to be in compliance with AB 361 and the schedule for the Annual Board Retreat to fall on Thursday, one hour earlier than regular meeting time, rather than a Saturday morning meeting.

**MOTION:** Director Faria moved, seconded by Director Parmer-Lohan moved to approve the 2022 Board of Directors Schedule of Meetings.

**MOTION PASSED:** 15-0 (Absent: San Mateo County, Brisbane, Colma, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Bruno, South San Francisco, Woodside)

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Foster City	Director Hindi	Х			
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Pacifica	Alternate Bigstyck	Х			
Portola Valley	Director Aalfs	Χ			
Redwood City	Director Hale				Х
San Bruno	Director Medina				Х
San Carlos	Director Parmer-Lohan	Х			
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#### 9. Board Members' Reports

Vice Chair Colson reported on email received from a guest speaker from Drive Forward at the annual luncheon of Peninsula Family Services who expressed gratitude to Peninsula Clean Energy for their assistance in acquiring an electric vehicle.

Director Faria reported on a segment on NPR discussing Agrivoltaics, where crops are grown under the shade of solar panels.

Director Rarback reported on the Building Electrification discussion at the Half Moon Bay City Council meeting and the great engagement from the public as well as some issues with misinformation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.