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**January 8, 2019**  
**Tuesday, 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** **MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

The agenda for this meeting was posted on January 4, 2019. Community Advisory Committee Chair Matty Tittman called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Members present: Norman Bell  
Jerome Carman  
Colin Fiske  
Vice chair Larry Goldberg  
Pam Halstead  
Tom Hofweber  
Richard Johnson  
Luna Latimer  
Dennis Leonardi  
Kit Mann  
Craig Mitchell  
Kathy Srabian  
Chair Matty Tittman

Staff present: Demand Side Management Director Lou Jacobson  
Executive Director Matthew Marshall  
Community Strategies Manager Nancy Stephenson  
Clerk of the Board Lori Taketa

### **Approve Minutes of October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting**

Chair Tittman informed the Committee that Director Michael Sweeney stepped down from the RCEA Board and is no longer the liaison to the Community Advisory Committee. The Board will be appointing a new liaison at a future meeting.

Chair Tittman invited public comment. No one came forward to speak. Chair Tittman closed public comment.

**Motion Carman. Second Bell. By consensus, the Committee agreed to approve minutes of the October 9, 2018, regular Community Advisory Committee meeting.**

### **Oral Communications**

Chair Tittman invited public comment. Terra-Gen Senior Director of Wind Development Nathan Vajdos introduced himself and local community engagement consultant Natalynne DeLapp. Mr. Vajdos stated that the Humboldt Wind Project on Monument Ridge is progressing on schedule, will break ground this fall and that turbines will be erected in spring of 2020. Project permits allow for up to 155MW of production capacity and the environmental impact report will be released for public review soon. Mr. Vajdos will share polling information from Terra-Gen's public meetings with the CAC. Chair Tittman closed public comment.

## **Community Choice Energy Update**

Executive Director Matthew Marshall reported on renegotiated power purchase agreement terms with Humboldt Redwood Company. The Board of Directors' also approved a request for proposals from renewable energy providers which will favor local projects and may yield longer term contracts that meet new CCE requirements. Staff anticipates bringing proposed feed-in tariff terms to the Board for approval in February. The project would standardize purchase contracts with projects generating power beyond onsite needs but which are not commercial-scale. The Committee discussed the community's ability to support two large wind projects and current government interest in upgrading transmission capacity.

## **100% Renewable Energy Goal**

Committee member Fiske presented a report on four local government resolutions committing to a 100 percent clean electricity goal. The resolutions were initiated by 350 Humboldt, a local climate action group with which he volunteers. Mr. Fiske suggested possible ways the CAC could further this goal, including a CAC review of RCEA's current goals, requesting the Board raise RCEA's targets to 100 percent clean and renewable electricity by 2025, and discussing the feasibility of this goal with staff. Discussion ensued on the following topics: inclusion of clean transportation goals at a later time; the benefit of all Humboldt County jurisdictions adopting this goal; the need for definitions of "clean" and "renewable;" the possibility of the Board and CAC holding public meetings to define these terms; existing goals listed in the RePower Humboldt Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Action Plan for Energy; including the 100% clean and renewable energy goal and public input in the integrated resource planning process; the need for a better understanding of the goal's financial impacts; the interconnections between biomass energy producers and the local economy; concerns around supporting CO2-emitting electricity sources; and the need to maintain a low CCE opt-out rate.

**Motion: Fiske. Second: Bell. Amended: Latimer. By consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend that the RCEA Board of Directors adopt a 100 percent clean and renewable electricity by 2025 goal without modifying other existing RCEA targets and establish a process to obtain public input on the definitions of "clean" and "renewable."**

## **Community Choice Energy-Funded Customer Programs Report**

Director of Demand Side Management Lou Jacobson reported that the CCE-Funded Customer Program was on schedule. Director Jacobson described the citizen sourcing request for customer program ideas document which will be distributed to the public beginning next week. Vice Chair Goldberg added that the process and outreach plan were well-developed by the CCE Customer Program Subcommittee, and commended Staff Director Jacobson and Staff Manager Stephenson for their leadership on the project.

## **CAC 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Outreach Messaging Subcommittee**

Community Strategies Manager Nancy Stephenson requested CAC members to form an outreach subcommittee to provide staff with input on community engagement strategies for the first quarter of 2019.

**Motion Tittman. Second Carman. By consensus, the Committee agreed to create an ad hoc 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Outreach Messaging Subcommittee to sunset on April 9, 2019, and appoint Members Johnson, Latimer, Leonardi, Mann, Mitchell and Vice Chair Goldberg as members.**

## **CAC Chair and Vice Chair**

Nominees may be appointed at the April 9, 2019, Community Advisory Committee meeting following CAC member appointments and reappointments at the March 28, 2019, RCEA Board meeting.

**Motion Bell. Second Johnson. By consensus, the Committee agreed to nominate Matty Tittman as Chair, and Larry Goldberg as Vice Chair, of the Community Advisory Committee for terms beginning April 9, 2019, and ending April 14, 2020.**

## **Member Reports**

Vice Chair Goldberg requested that CivicSpark worker Connor McGuigan, who is working on the County of Humboldt's climate action plan, report on his multi-jurisdictional project at the April 9 meeting. The Comprehensive Action Plan for Energy update will be coordinated with the County's multi-jurisdictional climate action plan.

Upon inquiry by Member Mann about the effects of the recent California Public Utilities Commission's Power Charge Indifference Adjustment decision on RCEA's work, Executive Director Marshall stated that it decreases the amount of budget headroom for implementing Community Choice Energy customer programs. A second phase of CPUC decision making will affect how CCAs implement the PCIA decision in the future. Customer bills are not anticipated to be changed initially as a result of the recent decision.

The Committee discussed PG&E's liability following the recent, large wildfires, and Member Halstead requested an update on PG&E's situation and its effect on RCEA at the April 9 meeting.

Chair Tittman commended Power Resources Director Richard Engel and Executive Director Marshall for initiating a feed-in tariff and a renewable power sources request for proposals favoring local sources. Mr. Tittman also thanked Mr. Vajdos of Terra Gen for attending the meeting and answering questions and stated his hopes that Terra Gen would do as much local subcontracting as possible.

Chair Tittman adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Taketa  
Clerk of the Board

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
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