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April 9, 2019
Tuesday, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE **MEETING MINUTES**

The agenda for this meeting was posted on April 5, 2019. Community Advisory Committee Chair Matty Tittman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Jerome Carman Dennis Leonardi
Vice chair Larry Goldberg Kit Mann
Pam Halstead Craig Mitchell
Richard Johnson Chair Matty Tittman
Luna Latimer (teleconferencing from Orleans, CA)

Members absent: Norman Bell Tom Hofweber
Colin Fiske Kathy Srabian

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

Minutes approval

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

Motion Goldberg, Second Johnson. By roll call vote, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Oral Communications

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

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Executive Director Matthew Marshall reported that because committee members with terms expiring in April had not yet been reappointed, it was not possible to elect the upcoming year's chair and vice chair at the Committee's January meeting. All committee members with expiring terms were reappointed by the Board of Directors in February. In the future, staff will initiate the reappointment process earlier so committee officer elections can take place in January.

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

Motion Mann, Second Carman. By roll call vote, the Committee unanimously voted to appoint Matty Tittman as Chair, and Larry Goldberg as Vice Chair, of the Community Advisory Committee for terms ending April 14, 2020.

Humboldt County Climate Action Plan (No action, information only.)

Civic Spark Fellow Connor McGuigan with the Humboldt County Planning Department made a presentation about the Humboldt County multijurisdictional climate action plan project, a coordinated regional plan involving seven cities within Humboldt County to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The climate action plan (CAP) involves inventorying greenhouse gas emissions, setting emissions reduction targets that follow State of California targets, and creating a plan to reduce emissions. Mr. McGuigan stated the county-wide CAP approach is efficient given the region's limited resources, that RCEA helped smaller jurisdictions obtain PG&E grants to facilitate their participation and that CAPs going through environmental review help jurisdictions streamline future CEQA process compliance.

The Committee discussed the need for government agencies to update planning policies and adopt streamlined permitting processes to encourage greenhouse gas reducing practices, the ability for local jurisdictions to independently decide how to meet state emissions targets, and how the inventory's emissions figures were derived. Staff stated that the goal is not to meet greenhouse gas targets through declining industry, but to strive for carbon-neutral industry growth. Mr. McGuigan stated that the climate action plan is a good opportunity to set a framework for future development, for how local governments make land use decisions, and for mapping out the next decades in a climate-friendly manner. He stated public workshops on the climate action plan will take place throughout Humboldt County in May.

100% Clean and Renewable Energy by 2025 (No action, information only.)

Executive Director Matthew Marshall reported that the Community Advisory Committee's recommendation to adopt a 100 percent clean and renewable electricity target by 2025 and to establish a process to obtain public input on the definitions of "clean" and "renewable" were presented to the Board of Directors. The Board adopted a resolution to achieve those goals and directed staff to update the Comprehensive Action Plan for Energy (CAPE), an RCEA guiding document that is referenced in the Humboldt County General Plan. The CAPE update will align with the County-wide Climate Action Plan, will be incorporated into the formal integrated resource plan which RCEA will submit to the California Public Utilities Commission, and will help determine future Community Choice Energy (CCE) program power procurement. RCEA will also participate in community discussions on forest management, biomass energy and forest carbon sequestration as part of the County Climate Action Plan public engagement process.

The Committee discussed how electricity is one part of total energy use, that definitions of "clean" and "renewable" must consider carbon emissions, that DG Fairhaven is unrelated to the offshore wind project, and that the proposed offshore wind project will connect to the electrical grid on Humboldt Bay's south jetty. It was pointed out that the Committee's proposal and the Board's subsequent adoption of the 100 percent renewable resolution demonstrated fulfillment of the Committee's intended role.

CCE-Funded Customer Programs

Demand-Side Management Director Lou Jacobson reported that community members submitted eight program proposals, staff scored, and Community Choice Energy-Funded Programs Subcommittee members Carman, Goldberg, Srabian and Tittman further assessed, the proposals. Subcommittee members and staff agreed that the top five scoring projects should be recommended to the Board for consideration. Staff Director Jacobson pointed out that final

program implementation for this round will be determined by available funding, existing program continuity, available staffing and program resources. He thanked the subcommittee members for their work over six months to develop evaluation processes for future proposal rounds.

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

Motion Mann. Second Johnson. By roll call vote, the Committee recommended that staff advance the five selected abstracts: RCEA CS 001, 002, 004, 006 and 007, for consideration by the RCEA Board of Directors in June. Vice Chair Goldberg recused himself from voting on CS 001 because he authored the proposal.

Member Reports

Committee vice chair and 350 Humboldt member Goldberg reported that the statewide 350.org group launched a climate crisis legislation campaign to move toward a fossil fuel-free, all-renewable energy California in the near future. Mr. Goldberg further reported that Planet Humboldt is celebrating Alexander von Humboldt's 250th birthday on September 13-14, 2019. Mr. Goldberg stated that von Humboldt was one of the first to identify human-caused climate change and confirmed RCEA's participation in the weekend's events.

Executive Director Marshall reported that PG&E's bankruptcy proceedings are not substantively impacting RCEA's Community Choice Energy and Energy Efficiency programs. He stated that it remains to be seen whether PG&E will end its involvement in power generation and focus solely on electricity distribution. Mr. Marshall stated that the power charge indifference adjustment, or exit fee, change to ratepayer bills has been delayed until May or later.

Chair Tittman adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Taketa
Clerk of the Board

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
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