

## **ITEM 5A**



# DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY

## Board Meeting Minutes

### June 18, 2018

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Desert Community Energy Board was called to order by Chair Kaplan at 2:30 p.m. on June 18, 2018.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

##### **Members Present**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan, Chair  
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly  
Councilmember Geoff Kors

##### **Agency**

City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs

##### **Others Present**

Ryan Stendell  
Jeff Fuller (teleconference)  
Don Dame (teleconference)  
Kim Floyd

City of Palm Desert  
The Energy Authority/TEA  
Consultant  
Sierra Club

##### **Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Member Absent**

Vacant

City of Desert Hot Springs

##### **CVAG Staff**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Benjamin Druyon  
Erica Felci  
Linda Rogers

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kim Floyd addressed the DCE Board regarding setting up an advisory council and accessing public benefit funds for local use. He encouraged DCE cities to adopt a 100% carbon-free energy option. Chair Kaplan responded that Palm Springs has already voted to adopt 100% carbon-free energy and Cathedral City will be discussing this at their next council meeting on July 11.

**4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Councilmember Kors discussed the need to clarify the energy savings under DCE as 3% of the generation charges. The Board also discussed encouraging larger public entities and other agencies to opt up to DCE's 100% Carbon Free option.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS, TO:**

- A. Approve minutes of May 21, 2018 Desert Community Energy Board meeting**
- B. Approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the cost-sharing agreement with Western Riverside Council of Governments and Los Angeles Community Choice Energy for legal services related to the Power Cost Indifference Adjustment, Resource Adequacy, and related regulatory matters, to increase the budget to \$130,000, with a CVAG (DCE) share not to exceed \$43,333.**
- C. Approve Amendment #1 to the Consulting Services Agreement between CVAG and Don Dame to provide implementation and operations support for Desert Community Energy, for a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Geoff Kors	<b>AYE</b>

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Update on Our Progress**

Tom Kirk provided an update on the DCE's progress.

**B. Desert Community Energy Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget**

Don Dame presented the budget and indicated that corrections needed to be made on pages 18 and 26 of the staff report. Page 18 - Figure 1: the pie chart should indicate FY 2018/2019 DCE Budget; and on page 26, paragraph at the top should read ". . . FY 18/19 residual balance. . .", and inside the pie chart should read FY 2018/2019 DCE Budget. Corrections were noted, and Mr. Dame responded to questions from the Board.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-02 ADOPTING THE 2018/2019 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL BUDGET.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Geoff Kors	<b>AYE</b>

**C. Approve Net Energy Metering program for Desert Community Energy**

A conservative approach to implementing a NEM program was discussed, considering the variables with the PCIA and shifting energy market.

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS, TO APPROVE THE NET ENERGY METERING (NEM) PROGRAM THAT IS EQUAL TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S NEM PROGRAM FOR EXISTING AND FUTURE SOLAR CUSTOMERS, WITH THE OPTION TO REVIEW A MORE ROBUST PROGRAM IN THE FUTURE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	AYE
Councilmember Kathleen Kelly	AYE
Councilmember Geoff Kors	AYE

**7. INFORMATION**

- 1) Attendance Roster
- 2) Legislative Update
  - a. AB 813
  - b. Other items
- 3) General Assembly flyer

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Upcoming Meetings at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 200, Palm Desert

Next Board meeting of **Desert Community Energy – Monday, July 16, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.**

Upcoming Meetings at Agua Caliente Casino Resort, 32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage

- Executive Committee – Monday, June 25, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
- General Assembly – Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Rogers*

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