

**ITEM 5A**



**DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Desert Community Energy Board was called to order by Chair Kaplan at 2:32 p.m. on July 16, 2018.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**Members Present**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan, Chair  
Mayor Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Geoff Kors

**Agency**

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

**Others Present**

Charlie McClendon  
Ryan Stendell  
Jay Virata  
Kim Floyd

City of Cathedral City  
City of Palm Desert  
City of Palm Springs  
Sierra Club

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

Vacant

City of Desert Hot Springs

**DCE Staff and Consultants**

Tom Kirk  
Katie Barrows  
Benjamin Druyon  
Erica Felci  
Linda Rogers  
Shehzad Wadalawala (teleconference)

The Energy Authority/TEA

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kim Floyd representing the Sierra Club addressed the DCE Board regarding AB813 and distributed a copy of a position paper on the Sierra Club's opposition to the Regional Grid Bill. Mr. Kirk advised that further discussion or comments would be addressed under Item 7.2 – Legislative Update.

**4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

None.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS, SECONDED BY MAYOR JONATHAN, TO:**

- A. Approve minutes of June 18, 2018 Desert Community Energy Board meeting**
- B. Adopt by motion the following Desert Community Energy Financial Policies:**
  - 1) Pulled from Consent Calendar
  - 2) Policy #18-11 Delinquent Accounts, Collections and Bad Debt
  - 3) Policy #18-12 Rate Setting
  - 4) Policy #18-13 Budget and Accounting

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES ON 5A AND 5B.2 through 5B.4.**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	<b>AYE</b>
Mayor Sabby Jonathan	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Geoff Kors	<b>AYE</b>

Item 5B.1 - Policy #18-10 Financial Reserve was pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion. A copy of the modified policy was distributed, and Katie Barrows provided a clarification for the Board.

**IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO APPROVE ITEM 5B.1 ADOPTING DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY #18-10 FINANCIAL RESERVE.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES ON ITEM 5B.1.**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan	<b>AYE</b>
Mayor Sabby Jonathan	<b>AYE</b>
Councilmember Geoff Kors	<b>AYE</b>

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. Update on Progress**

Tom Kirk provided an update on DCE's progress. Mr. Kirk reported on two new CVAG hires that will be working for DCE and are scheduled to start in approximately three weeks. Other key points covered were both Cathedral City and Palm Desert have decided to opt up to 100% carbon free service. Mr. Kirk discussed the schedule of enrollment notices with a focus on encouraging larger users to opt up to 100% carbon free.

**B. Desert Community Energy 2018 Integrated Resource Plan**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS, SECONDED BY MAYOR JONATHAN, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2018-03 APPROVING THE DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY 2018 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE ANY CHANGES AND COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.  
THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan  
Mayor Sabby Jonathan  
Councilmember Geoff Kors

**AYE**  
**AYE**  
**AYE**

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

Benjamin Druyon provided an update on the Net Energy Metering Program approved at the last meeting.

**7. INFORMATION**

1) Attendance Roster

2) Legislative Update – staff provided an update on AB813 which is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Kim Floyd addressed his concerns regarding the bill. Mr. Kirk added that the bill is complicated and did not recommend taking a position on it at this time but indicated staff will continue to track it.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Board meeting of Desert Community Energy is scheduled for Monday, August 20, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda Rogers*

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