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Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 - 5:30pm

73710 Fred Waring Drive #200
MSW Conference Room
Palm Desert, CA 92260
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I. CALL TO ORDER – The second meeting of the Desert Community Energy Community Advisory Committee was called to order by Benjamin Druyon.

II. ROLL CALL – Members present were:

Members Present: – Jeremy Roos, Elmer Diaz, Daniel Paris, Kim Floyd, Paul Murphy, Shelley Kaplan, John Goins, Carl Baker, David Freedman, Lani Miller

On the phone: Noel Loughrin, Terry Applegate

Members Absent: Kathleen DeRosa, Berlinda Blackburn

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Rosario Avila, Cathedral City resident, commented on the rescheduled CAC meeting and future meeting notices. Ms. Avila also provided feedback on discussion items 6B-6D.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

David Freedman shared information about a free 2019 Energy Code Ace workshop being held at UCR Palm Desert campus and invited everyone to register and attend. Katie Barrows added that it was presented by SCE, SoCal Gas, the Palm Springs Sustainability Commission, CVAG, and the Desert Valley Builders Association.

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- V. **The CAC members concurred with the meeting notes from July 11, 2019.**

VI. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair -

Several members made a nomination for David Freedman to serve as Chair. A motion was made by Shelley Kaplan and seconded by Kim Floyd. It was unanimously approved.

A nomination for Shelley Kaplan to serve as Vice Chair was made by Kim Floyd. A motion was made by Kim Floyd and seconded by Lani Miller. It was unanimously approved.

B. CARE/FERA Enhanced Enrollment program -

Benjamin Druyon introduced Hector Sanchez Perez from Lift To Rise, who is project manager for the CARE/FERA enhanced enrollment program. Hector provided information on Lift as well as some updates to the CAC on his current progress toward a launch in January 2020.

Members were asked to compile a list of organizations for each city that DCE and Lift to Rise could reach out to and leverage the relationships of the CAC members. It was also discussed to make sure all materials and presentations be available in Spanish.

C. Overview of Community Choice Aggregation and Desert Community Energy -

Benjamin Druyon presented a presentation on general information about DCE and CCAs.

D. Desert Community Energy Consultant Team Overview -

Benjamin Druyon provided a presentation which introduced and provided

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background on the various DCE consultants and each of their respective roles:

- The Energy Authority (TEA) - buys and sells power according to state requirements and DCE Board direction
- Calpine Energy Solutions - handles data transfers, billing and customer service which include opt-outs and opt-up/downs
- LEAN Energy U.S. - Legislative assistance and policy development
- Burke Rix Communications - Local outreach and communication
- Donald Dame - Expert energy analyst who provides assistance with budget, calculations, research and anything else DCE needs.
- Best Best & Krieger - DCE's legal counsel.

There was a brief discussion among members, and staff answered questions from the CAC members.

E. DCE Outreach -

Members discussed possible opportunities for outreach within their respective communities which should include presentations to community groups. Members also discussed outreach to specific customer categories.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Rosario Avila, Cathedral City resident spoke against the change in the agenda regarding public comments.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at 5:30pm.

IX. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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