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Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2019 - 5:30pm

73710 Fred Waring Drive #200
MSW Conference Room
Palm Desert, CA 92260
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ACTION MAY RESULT ON ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Jeremy Roos, Kathleen DeRosa, Elmer Diaz, Terry Applegate, Shelley Kaplan, Daniel Paris, Kim Floyd, Paul Murphy, Carl Baker, David Freedman, Lani Miller, and Noel Loughrin.

Members on the phone: Berlinda Blackburn.

Members absent: John Goins.

Others present: Peter Coye

DCE Staff and consultants present: Benjamin Druyon, Katie Barrows, Jeff Fuller and Ryan Belgram (on the phone).

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments made.

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IV. DCE STAFF COMMENTS

Katie Barrows asked that the Minutes of the Oct.29 meeting be held for approval until the next CAC meeting.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was recommended to hold for approval until next CAC meeting.

A motion was made by Carl Baker, and seconded by Daniel Paris, to hold Oct.29 meeting minutes until next CAC meeting. . The vote was unanimous

VI. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. CARE/FERA Enhanced Enrollment Program Updates -

Benjamin Druyon provided an update on the progress of the program since the last meeting.

B. Continuing Education - Roundtable Q&A Discussion of Community Choice Aggregation and Desert Community Energy

Members discussed a number of issues regarding DCE, including policy objectives, messaging opportunities and community engagement.

C. Power Purchasing -

Jeff Fuller with The Energy Authority provided a presentation to the CAC members that covered a variety of questions:

- Who does DCE buy power from?
- What sources of energy does DCE buy?
- Where does the power come from?
- How can we be sure it is 100% Carbon Free?

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A member discussion ensued, including questions about power procurement goals, DCE's financial reserves and the rate setting procedure.

D. DCE Outreach -

Benjamin Druyon provided updates to the CAC on new launch dates and some outreach updates.

A member discussion ensued.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND UPCOMING AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

Daniel Paris recommends DCE look at the list of events to prepare for outreach to the communities for DCE and CARE/FERA.

Elmer Diaz inquired about language in the DCE JPA.

Kim Floyd asked about a list of large energy users in each city.

Chair Freedman asked staff to schedule a presentation regarding community solar at a future meeting.

Elmer Diaz asked about the cannabis cultivators.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next DCE Community Advisory Committee meeting: Planned for December 19, 2019, at 5:30pm

X. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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