

ITEM 5A

**Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2020
2:30 pm**



**CVAG (Zoom meeting)
73710 Fred Waring Drive #200
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760-346-1127**

The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.desertcommunityenergy.org>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Chair Geoff Kors at 2:35pm via Zoom meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Geoff Kors
Mayor John Aguilar

Agency

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

DCE Staff & Consultants

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Benjamin Druyon
Joanna Stueckle
Libby Carlson
Erica Felci
Brian Rix
Jeff Fuller

BurkeRix
The Energy Authority

Others Present:

Charlie McClendon
David Freedman

City of Cathedral City
Community Advisory Committee Chair

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – There were no public comments made.

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS – Tom Kirk provided suggestions on using Zoom.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Minutes from Board Meetings of February 11th, 2020.

IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER SABBY JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY CHAIR KORS TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 13TH, 2020 AFTER AMENDING TO REFLECT MAYOR AGUILAR WAS NOT PRESENT BUT COUNCILMEMBER RAYMOND GREGORY WAS PRESENT FOR CATHEDRAL CITY REPRESENTATION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

B. CalEnviroScreen’s Negative Impact on Eligibility for Rooftop Solar Program.

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO AUTHORIZE THE DCE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGES IN CALIFORNIA’S DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES SINGLE-FAMILY SOLAR HOMES (DAC-SASH) PROGRAM, AND ANY SIMILAR ROOFTOP PROGRAMS, TO ENSURE ELIGIBILITY AND FAIRNESS FOR DCE CUSTOMERS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Audited Financial Report, Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 114 Letter and Report on Internal Controls for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 – Gary Leong

Gary Leong introduced the auditor from Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP who went over the results of the DCE audit. The auditor reported DCE received an “unmodified opinion” and had no findings or recommendations to report.

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

B. DCE Program Launch and Activities Update– Katie Barrows

Katie provided updates on Palm Springs successful launch and the effect COVID-19 has had. Mayor Aguilar reported on Cathedral City’s City Council action to withdraw from DCE. Cathedral City will stay with DCE until official term end in July of 2021, allowing them to continue participating in the CARE/FERA Enhanced Enrollment (Utility Discount) program. Board member Jonathan reported on the City of Palm Desert’s City Council actions to stay with DCE and consider launching municipal accounts in the future. Chair Kors reported on Palm Springs messaging and communications and thanked DCE staff for continued efforts.

THIS ITEM WAS INFORMATIONAL ONLY.

- C. Update Selected Generation Rates for Desert Community Energy with an effective date of April 1, 2020 for Calendar Year 2020 – Jeff Fuller**
Jeff Fuller (The Energy Authority (TEA)) reported on current DCE rates, SCE rates, recommended changes, and mislabeled items in the rate schedule which were corrected.

IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03 ADOPTING AN UPDATED DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY GENERATION RATE SCHEDULE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

7. INFORMATION

- A. Attendance Record
- B. CARE / FERA Utility Discount Program
- C. Financial Report
- D. DCE Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Information

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next DCE Board meeting will be May 18th, 2020 at 2:30pm via Zoom.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Druyon