

ITEM 6A

**Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2022**



Held via Zoom videoconference

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, City of Palm Springs, at 11:02 a.m. via Zoom videoconferencing, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present

Councilmember Geoff Kors, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan

Agency

City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Desert

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

5. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Vice Chair Jonathan announced that the Palm Desert City Council is considering a comprehensive environmental policy and, at his request, the City is including a re-evaluation about the City having its municipal accounts launched in the 100 percent Carbon Free program. He also thanked Palm Springs for its leadership on the issue.

DCE Director Katie Barrows provided updates on the Board's request for comparative financial statements, which were in the packet. She also provided an update on finalizing the recent amendment to the River City agreement. Ms. Barrows indicated that the August DCE meeting may not be necessary. Finally, she noted that staff would be providing additional information on the cost allocation between Palm Springs and DCE, as requested by the Chair, at a future meeting.

Chair Kors encouraged additional public outreach to promote energy savings, including reminding the public to not use major appliances from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. to assist with energy conservation.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR PRO TEM JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO:

- A. Approve Minutes from the April 11, 2022 Board Meeting**
- B. Approve Minutes from the June 29, 2022 Board Meeting**
- C. Reaffirm that findings still exist, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and authorize continuation of remote teleconference/virtual meetings of Desert Community Energy**
- D. Adopt Policy No. 22-01 DCE Procurement Policy & Procedures**
- E. Approve the Voluntary Allocation Agreement with Southern California Edison in connection with its voluntary allocation of its Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Long-Term Renewable Energy Portfolio and authorize the Executive Director to execute the necessary documents**
- F. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement with MRW & Associates, LLC for a not-to-exceed amount of \$65,000, authorizing work on the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan as required by the California Public Utilities Commission**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

**Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan
Councilmember Kors**

**Aye
Aye**

7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Update on statewide legislation impacting CCAs – Sean MacNeil, CalCCA Director of Legislative Affairs**

Program Manager David Freedman introduced Sean MacNeil, who presented information on a wide range of statewide issues, including the state budget and legislative issues.

A brief member discussion ensued.

This was an informational item and no action was taken.

- B. DCE Financial Outlook – Jaclyn Harr**

Ms. Harr of The Energy Authority provided a presentation on DCE's financial outlook for the fiscal year.

This was an informational item and no action was taken.

C. Update on DCE's Distributed Energy Resources Program – David Freedman

Mr. Freedman presented the staff report and discussed next steps in the program. Member discussion ensued regarding potential liabilities. Staff was directed to provide additional information on this issue as soon as possible.

This was an informational item and no action was taken.

8. INFORMATION

The following items were included in the agenda packet for members' information :

A. Attendance Record

B. Unaudited Financial Report as of May 31, 2022

C. Unaudited Year-to-Year Financial Report as of May 31, 2022

D. Supplier Diversity Update

E. Legislative Update

Vice Chair Jonathan commented on the informative and detailed financial reports and recognized the Finance staff for their efforts.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next **DCE meeting** will be held August 22, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

11. CLOSED SESSION – Chair Kors adjourned to closed session at 12:09 p.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

Number of potential cases: 1

Closed Session was adjourned to the regular meeting at 12:28 p.m. Glen Price, Legal Counsel, announced that no reportable action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT – David Freedman adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Nelson, Executive Assistant/Clerk