

## **ITEM 6A**

Desert Community Energy Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2023



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 Middleton at 3:00 p.m. at Palm Springs City Hall's Large Conference Room, at 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, 92262.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

#### **Members Present**

Councilmember Lisa Middleton  
Finance Director Veronica Chavez

#### **Member Jurisdiction**

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**

DCE Program Manager David Freedman gave updates on two procurement matters, including a request for proposals and the market offer bid that Southern California Edison did not select.

### **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IT WAS MOVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECONDED BY CHAIR MIDDLETON TO:**

**A. Approve Minutes from the April 5, 2023 Board Meeting**

**B. Adopt DCE's General Order 156 Supplier Diversity Goals to meet California Public Utilities Commission requirements and diversify procurement efforts**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.**

**Councilmember Middleton  
Finance Director Chavez**

**Aye  
Aye**

## **7. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

### **A. DCE Financial Outlook**

Jaclyn Harr, Client Services Manager with The Energy Authority, presented an in-depth presentation regarding DCE's financial outlook via Zoom videoconference.

Member discussion ensued, including Mrs. Harr answering questions regarding energy hedging to prepare for the summer months.

This item was an informational item with no action taken.

### **B. Rate Stabilization Schedule Amendment**

DCE Energy Consultant Don Dame reviewed the rate stabilization schedule and the minor proposed changes to it based on the trends of the market and predicted needs for DCE.

Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY FINANCE DIRECTOR CHAVEZ AND SECONDED BY CHAIR MIDDLETON TO ADOPT DCE RESOLUTION 2023-01, APPROVING THE AMENDED RATE STABILIZATION SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.**

**Councilmember Middleton  
Finance Director Chavez**

**Aye  
Aye**

### **C. DCE Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget Preview**

Finance Director Claude Kilgore gave a preview of the 2023/2024 DCE budget, which will be presented to the Board in June.

This item was an informational item with no action taken.

## **8. INFORMATION**

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

### **A. Attendance Record**

### **B. Unaudited Year-to-Year Financial Report as of February 28, 2023**

### **C. SCE Green Rate Update**

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE meeting will be held June 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Large Conference Room at Palm Springs City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, 92262.

## 11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:55 p.m.

### **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name: CPUC Resource Adequacy Proceeding

The closed session concluded at 4:30 p.m. DCE Program Manager David Freedman reported that the board has unanimously voted to direct DCE staff and counsel to appeal the citation issued by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on April 17, 2023 in the amount of \$374,674.20 for certain resource adequacy deficiencies related to DCE's 2023 year-ahead filing.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Middleton adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elysia Regalado, Management Analyst*