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**State of California**  
California Energy Commission  
Minutes of the March 24, 2022, Energy Commission Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hochschild. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Vaccaro.

Present:

David Hochschild, Chair  
Siva Gunda, Vice Chair

J. Andrew McAllister, Commissioner  
Kourtney Vaccaro, Commissioner

The California Energy Commission's (CEC) March 24, 2022, Business Meeting will be held remotely, consistent with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) as extended by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-1-22 to improve and enhance public access to state meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public can participate in the business meeting consistent with the direction provided below.

Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The business meeting may end sooner or later than the time indicated depending on various factors.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1104(e), any person may make oral comment on any agenda item. To ensure the orderly conduct of business, such comments will be limited to three minutes or less per person. Any person wishing to comment on information items or reports (non-voting items) shall speak during the general public comment portion of the meeting and have three minutes or less to address all remaining comments.

**THE CEC WILL CONSIDER AND MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**1. Consent Calendar.**

Items will be taken up and voted on as a group. A commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.

- a. Amendments to CEC Power Plant Siting Committee Assignments. Proposed order amending assignments of commissioners to siting committees for the following proceedings: San Jose City Backup Generating Facility (19-SPPE-04), Lafayette Backup Generating Facility (20-SPPE-02), CA3 Backup Generating Facility (21-SPPE-01), Pecho Energy Storage Center (21-AFC-01), and Gem Energy Storage Center (21-AFC-02). Contact: Linda Barrera

*Before the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Hochschild announced Commissioner Monahan will not be joining today.*

*Before the consent calendar item was voted on, Chair Hochschild announced the launch of the 2022 Clean Energy Hall of Fame Awards and nomination period.*

*Before the consent calendar item was voted on, Chair Hochschild announced Kristen Driskell will be acting Chief Counsel today while Linda Barrera is at another event.*

*Commissioner Vaccaro moved to approve Item 1. Commissioner McAllister seconded. The vote was (4-0).*

## **2. City of Orange Cove (City).**

Proposed resolution approving Agreement 004-21-ECI with the City for a \$2,228,616 loan at one percent simple interest to install a solar array at the City's wastewater treatment plant and LED lighting at seven City sites, and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Upon project completion, the project is estimated to reduce about 961,534 kWh of grid electricity consumption annually, saving the City approximately \$142,166 in utility costs per year. (ECAA Funding) Contact: Sean Lockwood (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

*Commissioner McAllister moved to approve Item 2. Commissioner Vaccaro seconded. The vote was (4-0).*

## **3. Informational Item on Carbon Removal Technologies.**

Staff from the California Natural Resources Agency will provide an overview of carbon removal technologies, companies, and pilot projects under development in California. Contact: Justin Ong (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

*Justin Ong presented an overview on carbon removal technologies. Informational item only, no vote was taken.*

## **4. Lead Commissioner or Presiding Member Reports.**

*The Commissioners reported on their recent activities.*

## **5. Executive Director's Report.**

*The Executive Director had nothing to report.*

## **6. Public Advisor's Report.**

*The Public Advisor gave a report.*

## **7. Public Comment.**

*None.*

## **8. Chief Counsel's Report.**

Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss any of the following matters to which the CEC is a party:

- i. *In the Matter of U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository), (Atomic Safety Licensing Board, CAB-04, 63-001-HLW); State of California v. United States Department of Energy (9th Cir. Docket, Case No. 09-71014).*
- ii. *Interlink Products International, Inc. v. Xavier Becerra, Drew Bohan, Melissa Rae King (United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:20-cv-02283).*

Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126 (a) and (e), the CEC may also discuss any judicial or administrative proceeding that was formally initiated after this agenda was published; or determine whether facts and circumstances exist that

warrant the initiation of litigation, or that constitute a significant exposure to litigation against the CEC, which might include personnel matters.

*The Chief Counsel had nothing to report.*

Appearances:

None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZA LOPEZ  
Secretariat