
MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2023

6:00 PM

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Victor Niemeyer, Ruth Merino, Desiree Grahn, Glen Garfunkel, Ted Marena, Karen Nelson, Todd Davidson

ABSENT: Anthony Strawa, Richard Zahner

- Staff present: San José Clean Energy (SJCE) Director Lori Mitchell, Assistant Director Zach Struyk, Public Information Representative Kayla Boardman, Deputy Director Heather Dauler, Deputy Director Jim Caldwell, Deputy Director Lina Williams, Senior Deputy City Attorney Brian Kimball
- Community members in attendance: Adam Sweeney, Laura Finnigan-Heil

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Chair Niemeyer convened the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Record

None on file.

III. Public Comment

No public comment.

IV. Consent Calendar

Approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2023.

Document Filed: June 1, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Marena and seconded by Commissioner Nelson and carried, the minutes were approved (6-0-1). Commissioner Davidson abstained.

V. Reports and Information Only

A. Chair Update: Chair Niemeyer shared an update on the Climate Advisory Commission and that there will be at least two and perhaps three CECAC meetings left before joining the new commission.

B. Staff Update: Zach Struyk shared that City Council is in recess for July and that later in the year SJCE will be going to Council to discuss returning customers to PG&E for nonpayment. He also shared that cooler weather has led to a lower load than anticipated in recent months. Lori Mitchell shared that SJCE is doing well financially and on track to build 180-day reserve by the first quarter of 2024. She also discussed the upcoming statewide change in the resource adequacy market to “slice of day” compliance and the steps that SJCE is taking to evaluate the implications of the change..

VI. New Business

A. Legislative update (Discussion and potential action)

- No public comment.
- Lori Mitchell shared updates on legislative bills that SJCE is following and CalCCA lobbying. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Action: None (discussion only)

B. Revise San José municipal code to form municipal electrical utility (Discussion and potential action)

- Public comment from Adam Sweeney who asked a question about transmission lines.
- Lori Mitchell and Jim Caldwell provided background on the potential addition of Title 28 to the San José Municipal Code and timeline for establishing a municipal electrical utility. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued. Commissioners reviewed proposed language to be added to Title 28 memo that approved of moving forward with a municipal utility. Chair Niemeyer requested that in the future “proposed language” for Council memos be distributed well advance of meeting to give Commissioners time to review prior to seeking their approval.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Garfunkel and seconded by Commissioner Davidson and carried, the Commission unanimously approved language to be added to the Title 28 Council Memo (7-0-0).

C. 2022-2023 Annual Report and 2023-2024 Workplan (Discussion and potential action)

- No public comment
- Commissioners reviewed the 2022-2023 Annual Report and 2023-2024 Workplan. Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued. Minor edits were made to the documents and City staff will update accordingly.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Grahn and seconded by Commissioner Garfunkel and carried, the Commission approved the 2022-2023 Annual Report with minor edits from staff (6-0-1). Commissioner Davidson abstained. Upon motion by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Grahn and carried, the Commission unanimously approved the 2023-2024 Workplan (7-0-0).

D. Update from Ad Hoc Committee (Discussion)

- No public comment

- Chair Niemeyer and Commissioner Marena presented on results of meetings of the Ad Hoc committee (named Goal Generating Ad Hoc Committee). Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.
- Chair Niemeyer and Commissioner Marena asked Commissioners to vote on what the priorities of the committee should be and future goals for SJCE. An informal vote was held to prioritize Ad Hoc ideas. The results of the informal vote were as follows:

Value/Goal	Priority			
	High	Medium	Low	Abstain
Tons of carbon reduced	5	1		
Lower electric rates		2	4	
Dollars directed to low-income communities	3	3		
Reduced hours of outages for low-reliability customers	4	1		1
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Action: None (discussion only)

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held in person. Location to be determined.

Potential agenda items for next meeting or other future meeting:

- *Progress towards Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) procurement targets*
- *Outreach plan*
- *San José's 100% carbon-neutral by 2030 plan*
- *Report from Goals Generating Ad Hoc Committee*

IX. Adjournment

Chair Niemeyer adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:13 p.m.

VICTOR NIEMEYER, CHAIR

ATTEST:
CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY SECRETARY

Adrienne Barreto, COMMISSION SECRETARY