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Subject: Re: Fw: California Energy Policies and San Jose
Date: Friday, March 18, 2022 12:15:31 PM

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Hi Elise, please distribute my response to Richard below to the CECAC and post with the next meeting's handouts. Thank you.

Thank you Richard for keeping the goals and mission for SJCE on the table. I think the Bryce article's reference to the recent CPUC decision is particularly relevant.

FYI, here is the link to the CPUC's announcement:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/news-and-updates/all-news/cpuc-approves-long-term-plans-to-meet-electricity-reliability-and-climate-goals>

For the dedicated, the 199 page proposal the CPUC approved is available at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M449/K173/449173804.PDF>

What is important in my view is that SJCE has to operate and make investments within these CPUC requirements (and others), and these policy prescriptions overlap with SJCE's mission. Should SJCE settle for meeting environmental goals required by law or should it strive to do more? This question is up to the Council, hopefully with the informed guidance from the CECAC and SJCE staff.

At the next CECAC meeting I propose the CECAC consider forming a new ad hoc committee to review and summarize the environmental performance requirements imposed by the CPUC, CARB, and the CEC, and any other governing entities. The committee would be charged with reporting back to the CECAC a summary of these requirements, and the implications for SJCE's future procurement in meeting these legal requirements and the City's Carbon-Free goals. It should also address the opportunities for providing incremental environmental value beyond what is required by law.

I hope we can discuss this as part of item VII. D of next week's agenda (Discuss potential CECAC next steps for staff feedback on Ad Hoc Committee Memo and Executive Summary).

Best,

Victor Niemeier

On Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:48 AM Doan, Elise <Elise.Doan@sanjoseca.gov> wrote:

Hi All,

Please see the message below from Commission Vice Chair Zahner.

Best,

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Elise

Please distribute my suggestions to the Commissioners as required.

Regards

Richard Zahner

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Good Morning

The attached summarizes the problem I believe the City's policies are contributing to. Assuming that we can force a rapid transition to reliable zero carbon power delivery does not make sense. As we try, the costs go up and

blackout are sure to follow.

The Advisory Commission might provide a valuable service to City residents by questioning goals and timeline. Perhaps the fundamental question is what value the SJCE organization brings to the ratepayers.

Regards

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