

**State of California**  
California Energy Commission  
Minutes of the January 8, 2020, Energy Commission Business Meeting\*\*

The meeting was called to order by Chair David Hochschild. The Chair gave opening comments on the general purpose of the off-site informational meeting.

**Present:**

David Hochschild, Chair	Drew Bohan, Executive Director
Vice Chair Janea Scott, Commissioner	Courtney Smith, Chief Deputy Director
Karen Douglas, Commissioner	Darcie Houck, Chief Counsel
Andrew McAllister, Commissioner	Noemí Gallardo, Public Advisor
Patty Monahan, Commissioner	Jason Harville, Asst Executive Director, Energy Data and Analytics

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

1. Commissioner Discussion on Assigned Subject Matter Areas
  - a. Chair Hochschild
  - b. Vice Chair Scott
  - c. Commissioner McAllister
  - d. Commissioner Monahan
  - e. Commissioner Douglas

*Each Commissioner provided a general overview of his or her lead policy and program areas. This was followed by a facilitated discussion of priorities and goals for the coming year.*

2. Commission Offices
  - a. Drew Bohan, Executive Director
  - b. Noemí Gallardo, Public Advisor
  - c. Darcie Houck, Chief Counsel

*Drew Bohan led a discussion regarding Energy Commission updates and actions since last 2017 offsite meeting and future fiscal challenges. Public Advisor Noemí Gallardo presented on the role and activities of the public advisor's office. Chief Counsel Darcie Houck presented on the role and activities of the chief counsel's office.*

3. Administration of the Commission
  - a. Operations and Budget Overview
  - b. Division Overview
  - c. Communications

*Drew Bohan presented an overview of operations and budget for the current fiscal year as well as projections for the next fiscal year. Each commissioner gave an overview of their program area and its related division. Jason Harville, assistant executive director,*

*Energy Data and Analytics, presented and led discussion on the Data and Analytics Hub.*

#### 4. Personnel Review

Consideration of appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of a public employee or to hear complaints or charges brought against that employee by another person or employee. Govt. Code §11126(a) allows this item to be considered in Closed Session.

*Pursuant to Government Code §11126(a) and Government Code §11126(e), which include personnel matters, the Commission convened to closed session. Upon returning from closed session there was nothing to report as no action was taken.*

#### 5. Chief Counsel's Report

a. Pursuant to Government Code §11126(e), the CEC may adjourn to closed session with its legal counsel to discuss any of the following matters to which the Commission 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 No. 09-71014).*
- ii. *Communities for a Better Environment and Center for Biological Diversity v. Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and California State Controller (Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG13681262).*
- iii. *State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission v. Electricore, Inc. and ZeroTruck (Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2016-00204586).*
- iv. *Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., et al. v. United States Department of Energy (Federal District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 17-cv-03404).*
- v. *City of Los Angeles, acting by and through, its Department of Water and Power v. California Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. BS171477).*
- vi. *Helping Hand Tools v. California Energy Commission, and Vantage Data Centers LLC (Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2018-80003026).*
- vii. *In re: PG&E Corporation and In re: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, Case No. 19-30088).*
- viii. *State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission v. HyGen Industries, Inc. (Sacramento County Superior Court No. 34-2019-00252543).*

- ix. *National Electrical Manufacturers Association, et al. v. CEC, et al.* (U.S. Eastern District Court of California Case No. 2:19-cv-02504).
- x. *Olson-Ecologic Testing Laboratories, LLC v. CEC.* (Orange County Superior Court. Case No. 30-2019-01115513).

- b. Pursuant to Government Code §11126(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 Commission, which might include personnel matters.

*Nothing to report as no action was taken.*

Minutes of the January 9, 2020, Energy Commission Business Meeting\*\*

The meeting was called to order by Chair David Hochschild.

Present:

David Hochschild, Chair  
Vice Chair Janea Scott, Commissioner  
Karen Douglas, Commissioner  
Andrew McAllister, Commissioner

Drew Bohan, Executive Director  
Courtney Smith, Chief Deputy Director  
Darcie Houck, Chief Counsel  
Noemí Gallardo, Public Advisor  
Lindsay Buckley, Deputy Executive Director,  
Media & Public Communications Office  
Carousel Gore, EEO Officer

*Pursuant to Government Code §11126(e) the Commission continued closed session and upon returning from closed session there was nothing to report as no action was taken.*

*Deputy Executive Director of Media & Public Communications Lindsay Buckley presented a communications overview and vision for the current fiscal year and beyond.*

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2. Bloomberg New Energy Finance to present on renewable energy, lithium, and related clean-energy issues

*Logan Goldie-Scot, head of Clean Power Research, Bloomberg/BNEF, and Danny Kennedy, CEO, New Energy Nexus, gave a presentation.*

Appearances:

Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, Western Director, Business Network for Offshore Wind  
Jessica Melton, State Agency Relations Rep, Pacific Gas & Electric  
Logan Goldie-Scot, head of Clean Power Research, Bloomberg/BNEF  
Danny Kennedy, CEO, New Energy Nexus

No action was taken during the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Original Signed by:

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Acting Secretariat