

Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI)
Draft Minutes of Stakeholder Steering Committee Meeting
July 29, 2009

The RETI Stakeholder Steering Committee met at the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco and via web conference on July 29, 2009, beginning at 10:00 AM. Minutes compiled by Dave Olsen.

The Committee took the following actions:

1. **Approved minutes.** Minutes of the May 29, 2009 SSC meeting were approved as read.
2. **Seated Stephen Keene as SSC member representing Imperial Irrigation District.** Steve replaces Juan Carlos Sandoval in this capacity.
3. **Reviewed Comments Received on the Phase 2A Draft Report.** Carl Zichella of the Sierra Club provided a summary of the comments received from more than 40 organizations and individuals. Responses to many of these comments have been included in the Phase 2A Draft Final Report. SSC discussion of comments received highlighted the need to update and expand RETI discussion of the potential of distributed photovoltaic, wind and geothermal generation to contribute to meeting RPS and GHG reduction goals, and to re-state the importance of transmission planning to access large-scale renewables alongside accelerated deployment of distributed resources.
4. **Accepted the Phase 2A Final Report, pending incorporation of revisions to the Draft Final Report.** The SSC discussed and agreed on revisions to the Phase 2A Draft Final Report, with the exception of three policy recommendations, the final wording of which is to be agreed via e-mail, as outlined on the schedule in Item #6 below.
5. **Directed the SSC Outreach Committee to develop a press release calling attention to key messages in the Phase 2A Final Report.** The Outreach Committee will use the document prepared by Anne Gillette and Dave Olsen as a starting point. (Anne Gillette sent this to SSC members on July 28). The Committee will send the press release and talking points to SSC members, for their organizations to use in publicizing the work of RETI Phase 2.
6. **Adopted a schedule for finalizing and releasing the Phase 2A Final Report:**

July 31:	Specific language to revise identified sections of the Phase 2A Draft Final Report due to RETI Coordinators. Revised policy recommendations due from Coordinators to SSC members for review.
August 3:	SSC agreement on revised policy recommendations, via-mail.
Wk of Aug. 3:	Phase 2A Final Report formatted and readied for public release; press release finalized and sent to SSC members.
Wk of Aug 10:	Phase 2A Final Report posted.

7. **Discussed future RETI work; agreed to hold an in-person meeting to decide what the scope and schedule for this work should be.** This next SSC meeting will be scheduled shortly. Future RETI work may include interaction with the newly-formed California Transmission Planning Group (CTPG). Mo Beshir will send information about the first CTPG meeting to Clare Laufenberg Gallardo, to forward to SSC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

July 29, 2009 SSC meeting attendees

SSC members:

PG&E	Curt Hatton, Kevin Dasso
SCE	Patricia Arons; Gary Allen (via Webex)
SDG&E	Linda Brown (web)
IEP	Steven Kelly
SCPPA	Dave Walden
SMUD	Mike DeAngelis
LADWP	Mohammed Beshir (web)
USFS	Julie Tupper
Biomass	Gregg Morris
Geothermal	John McCaull
Solar	Arthur Haubenstock; Rainer Aringhoff
Wind	Faramarz Nabavi; Dariush Shirmohammadi
IID	Stephen Keene
Sierra Club	Carl Zichella
BLM	Ashley Conrad-Saydah
CEC	Clare Laufenberg Gallardo
CPUC	Anne Gillette; Billie Blanchard
Counties	Joe Bertotti (web)
DRA	Scott Logan
NRDC	Johanna Wald
NCPA	Matt Foskett (for Jim Pope; web)

Not Present:

CAISO	Gary DeShazo
Counties	Andy Horne
DFG	Scott Flint
Military	Tony Parisi
NAHC	Dave Singleton
SDG&E	Mike McClenahan

Coordinating Committee members attending:

CEC	Chuck Najarian (web)
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Observers:

Black & Veatch

Navigant/TANC

SDG&E

SCE

CalWEA

Vulcan Power

CIEE/Univ. of CA

Aspen Environmental

CEC

DWR

Sempra

TerraGen Power

Westlands Water District

Inyo County

Ryan Pletka

David Oliver

Jan Strack (web)

Shashi Pandey

Nancy Rader (web)

Jim Kritikson (web)

Lloyd Cibulka

Suzanne Phinney (web)

Roger Johnson

Maghsoud

Pamela Mills (web)

Ellen Allman

Robert Dowds (web)

Tanda Gretz (web)

Coordinators:

Rich Ferguson, Dave Olsen – CEERT