

# State of California

## California Energy Commission Minutes of the May 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

Kourtney Vaccaro, Commissioner

Patricia Monahan, Commissioner

J. Andrew McAllister, Commissioner

The California Energy Commission's (CEC) May 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 the California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1104(e), any person may make an 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 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. Solar Energy Generating Systems III-VII Petition to Amend (87-AFC-01C).  
Proposed order amending the CEC's certification of the SEGS III-VII by removing from the project site boundary the area formerly occupied by SEGS Unit VII, and finding that the project results in no significant environmental impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SEGS Units III, IV, and V have had their CEC license terminated, and Unit VII has been fully decommissioned in accordance with the CEC-approved decommissioning plan. Removing this site from the project site boundary will allow the project owner to repurpose the property for the development of a photovoltaic facility under the jurisdiction of San Bernardino County. Contact: Elizabeth Huber

*Commissioner Vaccaro moved to approve Item 1. Vice Chair Gunda seconded. The vote was (5-0).*

## **2. Information Item on California Air Resources Board (CARB) Draft 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan.**

A CARB representative will provide a briefing on CARB's draft 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan, released on May 10, 2022. This is the third update to the state's initial 2008 Scoping Plan. The Plan identifies a technologically feasible, cost-effective, and equity-focused path to achieve carbon neutrality over the next two decades while also assessing the progress the State is making toward reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. Contact: Rajinder Sahota (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

*Rajinder Sahota presented an overview on CARB's draft 2022 climate change scoping plan. Informational item only, no vote was taken.*

*After Item 2 was heard, Chair Hochschild announced the Offshore Wind Energy Development Report will be heard at a subsequent meeting and that Item 10, public comment, would be taken out of order to give an opportunity to hear the public comments on Offshore Wind at this time.*

## **3. ~~Adoption of California Offshore Wind Energy Development Report.~~**

~~Proposed resolution adopting the *Offshore Wind Energy Development off the California Coast: Maximum Feasible Capacity and Megawatt Planning Goals for 2030 and 2045* report. This report addresses the requirements for the CEC to evaluate and quantify the maximum feasible capacity for offshore wind to achieve reliability, ratepayer, employment, and decarbonization benefits and establish megawatt planning goals for 2030 and 2045, by June 1, 2022, as required in Assembly Bill 525 (AB 525, Chiu, chapter 231, statutes of 2021), and discusses the potential for offshore wind energy development to provide a new source of renewable electricity generation to help meet California's climate and energy goals. Contact: Rhett DeMesa (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)~~

## **4. California Electric Homes Program (CalEHP) (21-DECARB-01).**

Proposed resolution adopting the *CalEHP Guiding Principles*, First Edition, and adopting staff's determination that this action is exempt from CEQA. The guiding principles provide a framework for the proposed program design, which will be developed and implemented by a competitively selected third-party administrator. Contact: Richard Gibbs (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)

*Before Item 4 was heard, Chair Hochschild announced he needed to leave for another meeting, and Vice Chair Gunda led the remainder of the business meeting.*

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

## **5. Adoption of Demand Scenarios (21-IEPR-03).**

Proposed resolution adopting the demand scenario projections of energy consumption and hourly electric load under higher transportation and building electrification scenarios. These include: 1) multi-fuel statewide projections for a Reference Scenario, the Policy Compliance Scenario, and Mitigation Scenario; and 2) an electricity-only, planning area-specific Interagency High Electrification Scenario

developed in collaboration with staff from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Independent System Operator (California ISO), and California Air Resources Board. The adopted Interagency High Electrification scenario will inform other planning processes, including the California ISO's transmission planning and the CPUC's integrated resource and distribution planning. Also proposed for adoption is an electricity-only, planning area-specific Additional Transportation Electrification Demand Forecast, which adds estimated incremental impacts of Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Fleets regulations onto the 2021 IEPR mid-mid forecast case. Contact: Heidi Javanbakht (Staff Presentation: 10 minutes)

*Commissioner Monahan moved to approve Item 5. Commissioner McAllister seconded. The vote was (4-0).*

#### **~~6. Local Ordinance – City of Encinitas.~~**

~~Proposed resolution adopting findings that a local ordinance's efficiency standards will require the diminution of energy consumption, as compared to the energy efficiency requirements of the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (title 24, part 6), and that the local jurisdiction filed the basis of its determination that its standards are cost effective. The ordinance contains requirements that new nonresidential, high-rise residential, and motel/hotel buildings install photovoltaic systems and that existing single-family residential buildings include energy efficiency improvements where the building permit valuation of alterations and additions is greater than \$50,000. Contact: Danuta Drozdowicz (Staff Presentation: 5 minutes)~~

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

*The Commissioners reported on their recent activities.*

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

*The Executive Director had nothing to report.*

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

*The Public Advisor had nothing to report.*

#### **10. Public Comment.**

Dan Jacobson, Environment America

Maia Leroy, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies, Offshore Wind Now Coalition

Jeff Hunerlach, Operating Engineers Local 3

Cassandra Boyce, (Phonetic) student, UC Merced

Patrick Boileau, Operating Engineers Local 3

Laura Deehan, Environment California

Frank Harris, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)

Sarah Xu, Brightline Defense

Scott Adair, County of Humboldt

Claire Warshaw, self

## **11. 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. *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 section 11126(c)(3), the CEC may hold a closed session to deliberate on a decision to be reached in a proceeding required to be conducted pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) or similar provisions of law:

- i. *In the matter of Pecho Energy Storage Center (Docket No. 21-AFC-01).*
- ii. *In the matter of Gem Energy Storage Center (Docket No. 21-AFC-02).*

*The Chief Counsel had nothing to report.*

Appearances:

Heidi Harmon, former Mayor, San Luis Obispo

Dan Jacobson, Environment America

Maia Leroy, Center for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies, Offshore Wind Now Coalition

Jeff Hunerlach, Operating Engineers Local 3

Cassandra Boyce, (Phonetic) student, UC Merced

Patrick Boileau, Operating Engineers Local 3

Laura Deehan, Environment California

Frank Harris, California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)

Sarah Xu, Brightline Defense

Scott Adair, County of Humboldt

David Asti, Southern California Edison

Delphine Hou, CAISO

Jamie Hall, General Motors

Claire Warshaw, Self

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZA LOPEZ

Secretariat