

**California Energy Commission**  
**and**  
**California Public Utilities Commission**  
**En Banc Meeting Agenda**

**State of California**  
California Energy Commission  
**and**  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Minutes of the March 2, 2023, Energy Commission Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hochschild.

Present:

David Hochschild, CEC Chair  
Siva Gunda, CEC Vice Chair  
Andrew McAllister, CEC Comm.  
Patty Monahan, CEC Comm.  
Naomi Gallardo, CEC Comm.  
Alice Reynolds, CPUC President  
Darcie Houck, CPUC Comm.  
Genevieve Shiroma, CPUC Comm.  
Karen Douglas, CPUC Comm.  
John Reynolds, CPUC Comm.

Joe James, Chairman Yurok Tribe  
Linnea Jackson, Hoopa Valley Tribe  
Martha Guzman, Regional  
Administrator, US Environmental  
Geneva E. B. Thompson, Asst.  
Secretary for Tribal Affairs  
Brian McDonald, Chemehuevi Tribe  
Jason Ramos, Councilmember, Blue  
Lake Rancheria  
Wahleah Johns, Director of the U.S.  
DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy  
and Programs  
Thomas Jackson, Cal Poly President  
Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond, Cal Poly

The California Energy Commission (CEC) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) held a joint convening of the Commissions (En Banc) to discuss tribal affairs.

During this first-of-its-kind event, California Native American Tribal Leaders came together with Commissioners from both agencies to share perspectives and priorities on advancing clean energy.

The Public Advisor Mona Badie announced that there would be an open public comment period after opening remarks, and a dedicated public comment period for the CEC Tribal Energy Sovereignty Resolution Item.

**THE CEC AND CPUC WILL CONSIDER AND MAY TAKE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

**1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (1 hour 15 minutes).**

a. Opening Ceremony

*Chair Hochschild from CEC gave an opening remark.*

*Councilmember Jason Ramos from Blue Lake Rancheria gave an opening remark.*

*President Reynolds from CPUC gave an opening remark.*

- b. Cal Poly Leadership, Thomas Jackson, Cal Poly President, and Adrienne Colegrove-Raymond (5 minutes)
- c. Regional Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Pacific Southwest, Martha Guzman (5 minutes)
- d. CEC and CPUC (20 minutes)
  - i. CEC Chair Hochschild
  - ii. CPUC President Reynolds
  - iii. CEC Vice Chair Gunda
  - iv. CPUC Commissioner Houck
  - v. CEC Commissioner McAllister
  - vi. CPUC Commissioner Shiroma
  - vii. CEC Commissioner Monahan
  - viii. CPUC Commissioner Douglas
  - ix. CEC Commissioner Gallardo
  - x. CPUC Commissioner Reynolds
- e. Tribal Leaders (20 minutes)

*Director Wahleah Johns of the U.S. DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy gave an opening remark.*

*Asst. Secretary Geneva E. B. Thompson for Tribal Affairs gave an opening remark.*

*Linnea Jackson from Hoopa Valley Tribe gave an opening remark.*

*Brian McDonald from Chemehuevi Tribe gave an opening remark.*

*Chairman Joe James from Yurok Tribe gave an opening remark.*

*Joe Davis from Hoopa Valley Tribe gave an opening remark.*

## **2. Public Comment.**

Pursuant to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, any person may make an oral comment on any agenda item. Public comments will be limited to three minutes or less per person depending on the number of speakers.

*Public Comment:*

*None.*

## **3. Information Item – Klamath Dam Removal.**

The Karuk Tribe and Yurok Tribe will discuss the Klamath Dam Removal. Contact: Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman of the Yurok Tribal Council, and Toz Soto, Fishery Program Manager Karuk Tribe (Presentation 15 minutes)

*Comments:*

*Brian McDonald from Chemehuevi Tribe commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Douglas from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Houck from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner McAllister CEC commented on this item.*

*Chair Hochschild from CEC commented on this item.*

*Vernon Vera from Tule River Tribe commented on this item.*

*Ken Sandusky from Modoc Nation commented on this item.*

*Lonyx Landry from Humbolt County commented on this item.*

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

**4. Information Item – Achieving the First Proven Carbon Sequestering Region in the United States.**

Blue Lake Rancheria will present an overview of their effort to become the first proven carbon sequestering region in the United States through clean energy and climate initiatives. Contact: Jana Ganion (Presentation:10 minutes)

*Jana Ganion presented an overview of their effort to become the first proven carbon sequestering region in the United States through clean energy and climate initiatives*

*Comments:*

*Vice Chair Gunda from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner McAllister from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Gallardo from CEC commented on this item.*

*Martha Guzman from Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 commented on this item.*

*Chair Hochschild from CEC commented on this item.*

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

**5. Information Item – Yurok Tribe Carbon Offset Projects.**

The Yurok Tribe will present an overview of Yurok Tribe Carbon Offset Projects in California. Contact: Javier I. Kinney, Carbon Project Manager, Yurok Tribe (Presentation: 10 minutes)

*Comments:*

*Commissioner Gallardo from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Douglas from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Monahan from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Houck from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

*After Item 5 was heard, Chair Hochschild announced a break for lunch and reconvene at 1:00 p.m.*

*Chair Hochschild reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.*

**6. Information Item – Advanced Renewable Energy Microgrids Serving Tribal Community Needs.**

Three Tribal nations along the Mid-Klamath and Lower Trinity River -- Hoopa Valley, Yurok Tribe, and Karuk Tribe -- live with some of the least reliable electricity service in California. This presentation will describe opportunities for resilient, nested renewable energy microgrids to better serve community needs and be a model for addressing statewide energy challenges related to decarbonization, resilience, and equity. Contact: Professor Peter Alstone and Director Arne Jacobson, Schatz Energy Research Center (Presentation: 15 minutes)

*Professors Peter Alstone and Director Arne Jacobson presented opportunities for resilient, nested renewable energy microgrids to better serve community needs and be a model for addressing statewide energy challenges related to decarbonization, resilience, and equity.*

*Comments:*

*Vice Chair Gunda from CEC commented on this item.*

*Martha Guzman from Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Shiroma from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Douglas from CPCU commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Gallardo from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Houck from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

**7. Information Item – CEC Overview and Tribal Engagement.**

CEC will provide a brief overview of its mission, jurisdiction, and high-level items of interest for tribes. Contact: Katrina Leni-Konig (Presentation: 8 minutes)

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

**8. Information Item – CEC GRIP Funding Application to DOE.**

CEC will present an overview of the CEC tribal-focused application to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). The application will bring together a portfolio of tribal energy resilience projects in coordination with the CPUC, tribes, utilities, and project developers. Contact: Alex Horangic (Presentation: 8 minutes)

*Comments:*

*Commissioner Shiroma from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Houck from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Chair Hochschild from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Monahan from CEC commented on this item.*

*Vice Chair Gunda from CEC commented on this item.*

*Peter Pit from Pechanga Tribe commented on this item.*

*President Reynolds from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

## **9. CEC Tribal Energy Sovereignty Resolution.**

Proposed resolution committing to support California tribal energy sovereignty, encourage and support opportunities for tribal access, use, and co-management of lands, and to direct the development of a CEC Tribal Energy Sovereignty Policy in consultation with California tribes. Contact: Chair Hochschild (Presentation: 15 minutes)

*Comments:*

*Linnea Jackson from Hoopa Valley Tribe commented on this item.*

*President Reynolds from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Houck from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Shiroma from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Director Jacobson commented on this item.*

*Geneva E. B. Thompson from Tribal Affairs*

*Vice Chair Gunda from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Monahan from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner McAllister from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Gallardo from CEC commented on this item.*

*Chair Hochschild from CEC commented on this item.*

*Public Comment:*

*Michelle Lee is in support of this item.*

*Mehdi Ganji from the Sovereign Resiliency Partner Group is in support of this item.*

*Mona Badie, Public Advisor, read a written comment from Peter Pit from Pechanga Tribe.*

*Nicole Bloom is in support of this item.*

*Hasna Khan from Energy Systems is in support of this item.*

*Commissioner Gallardo moved to approve Item 9. Vice Chair Gunda seconded. The vote was Yes (5-0).*

## **10. Information Item – CPUC Overview and Tribal Engagement.**

CPUC will provide a brief overview of agency mission, jurisdiction, and discussion of high-level items of interest for tribes (e.g., Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking [OIR], Tribal Land Transfer Policy [TLTP], Tribal Consultation Policy, Energy Division Updates). Contact: Commissioner Houck (Presentation: 10 minutes)

- a. Tribal Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR). Contact: Judge Valerie Kao
- b. Energy Division Updates. Contact: Rosanne Ratkiewich.
- c. Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP). Contact: Mike Rosauer
- d. Tribal Consultation Policy. Contact: Kenneth Holbrook, CPUC Tribal Advisor

*Linnea Jackson from Hoopa Valley Tribe commented on this item.*

*Martha Guzman from Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 commented on this item.*

*Chair Hochschild from CEC commented on this item.*

*Vice Chair Gunda from CEC commented on this item.*

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

## **11. Information Item – CPUC Public Participation and Capacity Grant Pilot Program.**

- a. CPUC will provide a brief overview of the CPUC Tribal-Community-Based Organization Public Participation and Capacity Assistance Program. Contact: Stephanie Green (Presentation: 5 minutes)
- b. CPUC will provide a brief overview of the CPUC public participation process. Contact: Eric Sawyer (2 minutes)

*Linnea Jackson from Hoopa Valley Tribe commented on this item.*

*Director Jacobson commented on this item.*

*Information item only, no vote was taken.*

## **12. Tribal Leadership Exchange (1 hour 30 minutes).**

This time is for Tribal Leadership discussion, comments, and questions. Discussion with CEC and CPUC Commissioners is welcomed during this time as well.

*Director Jacobson commented on this item.*

*Linnea Jackson from Hoopa Valley Tribe commented on this item.*

*Martha Guzman from Regional Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Gallardo from CEC commented on this item.*

*Chair Hochschild from CEC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner McAllister from CEC commented on this item.*

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*Commissioner Shiroma from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Houck from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Reynolds from CPUC commented on this item.*

*Commissioner Douglas from CPUC commented on this item.*

*No vote or comment was taken.*

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretariat