SoCalREN Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes & Action Items

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendees

#	Name	Organization
1	Wendy Angel	ECC
2	Pam Bold	HSEF
3	Cody Coeckelenbergh	Lincus, Inc.
4	Sona Coffee	City of Irvine
5	Marc Costa	TEC
6	Ann D'Amato	ECC
7	Benjamin Druyon	CVAG
8	Denise Fairchild	ECC
9	Kim Fuentes	SBCCOG
10	Alexander Fung	SGVCOG
11	Antonia Graham	OCPA
12	Sumire Grant	GCCOG
13	Allison Hart	TEC
14	Rebecca Hausheer	TEC
15	Courtney Kalashian	SJVCEO
16	Meghan Kamper	TEC
17	Paul Kyllo	ICF

18	Meaghan Laverty	TEC
19	Minh Le	County of Los Angeles
20	Katrina Leni-Konig	CEC
21	Kelly Lynn	SBCOG
22	Ben Lucha	City of Palmdale
23	Lujuana Medina	County of Los Angeles
24	Jennifer Mitchell-Jackson	Grounded Research and Consulting
25	Saharnaz Mirzazad	CA SGC
26	Patrick Ngo	Lincus, Inc.
27	Alelia Parenteau	City of Santa Barbara
28	Craig Perkins	TEC
29	Laurel Rothschild	TEC
30	Garrett Wong	County of Santa Barbara

Confirmed Action Items
- Advisory Committee members to complete the 2021 Q2 Meeting Survey
- Advisory Committee members to reach out to TEC with any questions and/or if support is needed on grant opportunities; note that all grant opportunities are always posted to the Advisory Committee web portal on socalren.org
- Don't forget to listen to the SoCalREN podcast available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts platforms, and also follow us on social media! Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram

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Notes/Key Takeaways
- Laurel Rothschild (TEC) began the meeting by reviewing the following administrative items:
  - Virtual meeting/Zoom features
  - Introductions/logos of invited participants
    - Advisory Committee Members
      - South Bay Council of Governments
      - Coachella Valley Council of Governments
      - San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
      - City of Culver City

- City of Palmdale
- City of Santa Barabra
- County of Ventura
- County of Santa Barbara
- City of Irvine
- City of Fullerton
- County of Orange
- Western Riverside Council of Governments
- Gateway Cities
- San Bernardino Council of Governments
- Orange County Power Authority
  - Invited Guests
    - California Public Utilities Commission
    - California Energy Commission
    - California Strategic Growth Council
    - Grounded
  - SoCalREN Staff, Implenters & Regional Partners
    - County of Los Angeles
    - The Energy Coalition
    - ICF
    - High Sierra Energy Foundation
    - San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Organization
    - Emerald Cities Collaborative
    - Lincus Incorporated
- Purpose of Advisory Committee
  - Guide and advise
  - Collaborate and innovate
  - Be informed
  - Be an advocate
- Meeting agenda
- SoCalREN Welcome (Minh Le, County of Los Angeles)
  - Welcome and introductions
  - SoCalREN is a network
    - Networking has been challenging this last year but we look forward to resuming in-person meetings and activity where possible to continue to network, collaborate, and innovate to:
      - Address local, state, and national climate objectives; and,
      - Expand and look for new opportunities to collaborate and accelerate our work toward a lower GHG emissions economy

- Breakout Rooms - Quick Connect (All)
  - Introductions
  - What is your biggest team accomplishment?
  - Bonus question: If you had one extra hour of free time everyday, how would you use it?
- Guest Speakers & Presentations
  - Strategic Growth Council
    - CA SGC is part of the Governor's planning and research office
    - Vision is healthy, thriving, and resilient communities
    - Five key themes guide all investments, programs and initiatives
    - Programs and initiatives
    - Questions?
      - Laurel Rothschild, TEC: Do you have any tips for folks on how best to prepare?
        - *We are funding projects that transform communities, provide long term community development and offer workforce development opportunities so building a good collaborative team structure is the key to securing funding*
      - Craig Perkins, TEC: Do you have an estimate of when the new SCG application process might open?
        - *January & February 2022*
  - California Energy Commission
    - Advancing Clean Energy Technology Innovation and the Role of Local Governments
    - CEC Research and Development
    - Funding
      - EPIC program background
      - Three main goals
      - $130+ million dollars annually
      - EPIC & Energy & Equity
    - Role of Local Governments
    - Pilot/Demonstration and Beyond
    - Design/Build Challenges
    - Shaping EPIC Investments
    - EPIC Initiatives 2021 - 2022
    - EPIC 4 Themes 2022-2025
    - EPIC 4 Workshops
    - Strategic Partnerships
    - Find a partner on empowerinnovation.net
    - Questions?

- Laurel: What is your top suggestion for local governments and nonprofits to best prepare for these solicitations?
    - *Attend the scoping workshops -- those will give you a leg up! We have also found that projects that are most successful are those that have a local government champion involved as a project partner, we also require CBOs to be a project partner if the project is located within a DAC. So overall, strategic partnerships are also key. For technology partners, look at empowerinnovation. Note we are also developing another source of project partners for past partners which will complement the empowerinnovation.*
- Garrett Wong, County of Santa Barbara: Can EPIC include retrofits rather than new construction?
    - *Yes!*
- Antonia Graham, OCPA: Can CCAs apply for the EIC program?
    - *Yes! And CCAs have been tremendous partners on past projects.*
- Regulatory Updates (Marc Costa, TEC)
    - EE Rolling Portfolio/CAEEC
        - July 2021 - Final LGP co-benefits study published
        - June 2021 - CAEECC is launching equity and market support metrics working groups
        - May 2021: Final Decision on Potential and Goals and Portfolio Oversight
        - Misc: EE BABALs Due Sept 2021/ Business Plans Due February 2022
    - Regulatory Updates

Regulatory Updates

Proceeding Number	Title of Proceeding	Recent Development	Impact to LG/ Constituents Served	Next Step/ Deliverable
R.13-11-005	Rolling Portfolio	- DEER2023 E-5152 - I-REN Motion - Final Decision on P&G - CAEECC work groups	- Approves a big shift for the CPUC to align their administrative tools with the DOE and CEC - Ruling Seeking Comments on I-REN - Final Decision on potential and goals shows reduced savings, but segments the market into resource, equity, and market support programs; generally positive for LGs and RENs - Forming work groups to define metrics related to market support and equity programs	-Work on ABALs, join CAEECC WGs, work on Business Plans for Sept 2021
R.20-08-022	Clean Energy Financing	- Proposed Decision - List of programs	- PD extends CHEEF to include non-ratepayer funds for financing - IOUs published comprehensive lists of energy financing programs	-Comments on PD

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R.20-05-003	Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)	- Proposed Decision on 2023-2026 reliability procurement	- Requires procurement of 11,500 MW of 'net qualifying' capacity to ensure summer and mid-term reliability for the electric grid	Monitor proceeding
R.19-09-009	Rulemaking Regarding Microgrids	- Microgrid Pilots	- $200M available statewide for 10 microgrids in each IOU	Follow for RMWG updates
Other R.14-11-003 R.21-06-017	IDER Grid Modernization	- Proceeding Closed -ACC updated - New Proceeding	- Closed proceeding and also adopted Avoided cost calculator, which reduces EE/DR/DER value between 30 and 60% - New proceeding to reshape the roles and infrastructure on the distribution system	Await final decision on Summer 2021 readiness Await decision on NEM 3.0

- Working Group Updates
  - Resiliency Working Group
    - Actively tracking the Microgrid Proceeding
    - Restarting regular calls this month
    - Focus on Microgrid Incentive Program (MIP)
      - 10 projects targeted for SCE territory
    - SoCalREN will participate in Public Meetings to help structure the program and advocate for SoCalREN public agencies
  - MIP Background and Timeline
    - D.21-01-018 - approved $200 million statewide for MIP
      - 10 microgrid projects per electric IOU territory
      - $15m per project cap
      - Single customer projects are excluded
        - "This program is intended for projects that are more complex

with longer islanding duration for multiple customers as well as being targeted toward addressing the needs of vulnerable communities."

- ■ Program Design and Implementation details not yet developed or approved
    - ● Stakeholder workshop needed first per AL 6098-E-A
    - ● Joint IOU Implementation Plan due October 4th, 2021
    - ● Project commercial operational deadline - within 24 months of CPUC adoption of Implementation Plan
- ○ MIP Workshops (Wednesdays, 1-5pm)
    - ■ Laying the foundation (7/7)
        - ● Discussed objectives and what should guide development of MIP and effective community engagement.
    - ■ Program Design (7/14)
        - ● Will discuss program structure needed to optimally meet goals and objectives
    - ■ Eligibility Criteria (7/21)
        - ● Will discuss how eligibility will be determined
    - ■ Project Evaluation and Selection (7/28)
        - ● Will discuss how to maximize program benefits through project selection and how projects will be evaluated
    - ■ Application and Review Process (8/4)
    - ■ Program Evaluation (8/11)
- ● Closing Remarks (Minh Le)
    - ○ Thank you all for joining us today and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in person soon!
    - ○ Laurel Rothschild, TEC added the following closing comments:
        - ■ SoCalREN Podcast and Social Media
            - ● New SoCalREN Podcast!
                - ○ ReEnergizing Communities recently launched and a new episode was posted!
                - ○ Currently available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts platforms
        - ■ Don't forget to follow us on social media
            - ● Facebook
            - ● LinkedIn
            - ● Twitter
            - ● Instagram
- ● Online Resource for Advisory Committee Members
- ● 2021 Meeting Schedule
    - ○ Proposed dates
        - ■ Q1 04-07-2021
        - ■ Q2 07-14-2021
        - ■ Q3 09-22-2021
        - ■ Q4 12-15-2021

- Please complete the Q2 Meeting Survey (ACTION ITEM)
- The 2021 Q2 Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned