

C/CAG Resource Management and Climate Protection Committee
5/15/19
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Bill Chiang, PG&E *
Maryann Moise Derwin, Committee Chair, Mayor Portola Valley*
Rick DeGolia, Town of Atherton*
Donna Colson, Mayor, City of Burlingame*
Drew Combs, Councilmember, Menlo Park*
Janet Borgens, Councilmember, Redwood City*
Adrienne Carr, BAWSCA*
Diane Papan, Councilmember, San Mateo*
Carol Steinfeld, San Mateo Resident
Drew, Mid-Peninsula Resident
Doug Silverstein, Burlingame Resident
Kim Springer, County Office of Sustainability
John Allan, County Office of Sustainability

Not in Attendance:

Don Horsley, County Supervisor*
Ortensia Lopez, El Concilio*

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment
 - a. Doug Silverstein– Thanked the committee for their work, offered observation of notable news related to climate crisis including the Climate Strike in February, an Extinction Rebellion and the Green New Deal. Silverstein suggested that Elected officials can be bolder, and the public can push harder on climate issues. Silverstein further noted that he is starting a cross sectional group to bring governments, public and nonprofits together.
 - b. Carol Steinfeld– Noted that she has 3 books on wastewater source separation and attends water coordination meetings. Steinfeld told the committee that the County needs a democratic body looking at best practices for water security and supply. This will help everyone and will bring more people together.
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes of multiple meetings in the agenda packet were considered together
 - Adrienne Carr motioned for approval
 - Second by Rick DeGolia
 - None opposed – minutes approved.
4. Election of Chair and/or Co-Chair
 - a. Chair Nominations
 - Maryanne Moise Derwin nominated by Diane Papan, Second by Janet Borgens
 - No other nominations
 - Approved

b. Vice Chair Nominations

- Adrienne Carr nominated by Rick DeGolia, Second by Bill Chiang
- No other nominations
- Approved

5. Review and Approval of RMCP Committee meeting dates

Discussion: August meeting and school start dates and July. Dates will be reviewed and changed at a later meeting

a. Vote to approve meeting dates

Committee noted error on December date. Staff will change to December 18th.

- Motion to approve by Bill Chiang, Second by Janet Borgens
- Approved

6. Recruitment for RMCP Committee seats

Update from Kim Springer on 3 vacant seats to be filled by a non-profit seat, an environmental seat, and a large business seat. Springer referenced a recruitment letter that was sent out by C/CAG and urged committee members to share the letter.

Discussion of large business seat concluded that the seat can be occupied by a chamber of commerce as well.

7. Discussion on equity and opportunity in San Mateo County

This item is a result of committee feedback on Energy and Water Strategy 2025 Update. The feedback focused on equity considerations in San Mateo County as related to energy and water. Committee member Ortensia Lopez was unable to attend but Springer facilitated the conversation in her place. Springer put together a list of topics related to equity that can be points of discussion for the committee. These topics are currently being integrated into the Energy and Water Strategy

Does the committee have interest in reviewing any of these topics further?

- Papan– PCE is currently working on equity issues as well.
- Donna Colson – Burlingame is partnering with PCE and Peninsula Family Services to offer used EV loans to low-income families
- DeGolia– PCE has been slow to rollout programs while building up reserve to ensure financial stability. With \$125M in bank by end of quarter, there will be a renewed focus on
- Transportation is a strong focus initially – 110 EVs sold through pilot programs
- Infrastructure – 3,600 charging stations at \$14 million
- Chiang – PG&E has CARE program but also has program for non-profit organizations (residential focus and provide meals)
- Borgens – Are there opportunities to train people
- Donna – PCE is working with IBEW and electrical union on a 1,400-acre solar project in Los Banos which includes a labor agreement

- Chiang - We have programs that don't require college degrees. Power Pathways programs exists in San Mateo County. Problem is we lose labor force due to higher cost of living locally. They can make the same wage in an area with a lower cost of living. There just aren't enough people
- Springer – Office of sustainability does resource conservation training in jails. Focused on water conservation, smart meters, drip systems.
 - Most programs are benefitting low-income families
 - There are many programs going on, there may be more opportunities, is there something we should focus on?
- Papan – Standard of living, demand response programs and load shaving
- Kim this has a crossover on energy efficiency and cost savings
- Rick will connect Kim Springer with OhmConnect

8. Update on countywide building energy reach code adoption effort

Springer provided an update on the countywide reach code adoption effort led by PCE, SVCE, OOS and consultants. The model language will be released soon, and stakeholder involvement is ongoing. Springer provided an overview of reach code process from a regulatory perspective, described the benefits of reach codes and described the level of support provided by PCE and OOS

Colson – Would like to encourage all committee members to talk to their staff to make sure they're applying

- Silverstein - What is the 10k used for?
- Colson - Can be used for anything but is generally covering staff time spent on reach code efforts
- Drew – Reach codes can apply to remodels?
- Springer – Yes, cities can define this but I'm not sure this applies to the cost effectiveness study
- Silverstein - what are the barriers to adoption of a reach code?
- Springer – Cost concerns for developers, this is not important to building officials who are focused on health and safety, developers might go to other places.
- DeGolia – Real savings come from no gas line piped to the curb.
- Borgens – How does solar fit in?
- Springer – Solar requirements will already be in the 2020 code. San Mateo and Brisbane both may have solar reach codes already.
- Silverstein – Reach codes should target natural gas rather than solar because we already have clean electricity through PCE. Gas needs to be phased out in order to achieve 2040 and 2050 GHG reduction targets.
- Colson – New community center to be ZNE but the technology needs to be updated to meet new demands
- DeGolia – Woodside is debating whether to build new solar installation or just buy from PCE
- Chiang – Industry perspective is that they need to have gas for resilience during outages and from a cost perspective

Springer provided an overview of the timeline for reach code adoption and a description of specific reach code pathways.

- Chiang – Need to consider if supply can meet demand with all the new electric buildings coming online
- Colson – When there are no incentives to upgrade existing building stock, people tend to get stuck in their current situation. Some state regulations are rolling back zoning regulations that moved the needle forward
- DeGolia – PCE has focused on transportation and buildings are the second largest. If people can't charge at home, they're far less likely to own an EV. More cities should push back on unintended consequences of state legislation
- Chang – PG&E installed 7600 statewide, there needs to be a consideration of upgrading transformers on poles. This takes time so please work with PG&E

9. Committee member updates

Snowpack is still more than 100% above average. Recent storms will push it up even further. There is a measurable uptick in water consumption. Calaveras dam officially online.

No other committee updates.

10. Next scheduled meeting is June 19th