



# SUMMARY MINUTES

**ABAG POWER Executive Committee**

**Regular Meeting 2016-02**

**April 20, 2016**

ABAG's Conference Room 171  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94607

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Julie Bueren opened the meeting with introductions at 12:00 PM.

### Committee Representatives

Dave Brees

Julie Bueren (Chair)

Chris Schroeder (Vice Chair)

Richard Sealana

### Jurisdiction/Agency

City of Los Altos

County of Contra Costa

City of Milpitas

City of Union City

### Members Absent

Tonya Gilmore

Angela Walton

City of Orinda

City of Richmond

### Guests Present

Dave Jones

David Mauney

DMJ Gas Marketing Consultants

The Hunter Group

### Staff Present

Jerry Lahr

Ryan Jacoby

Courtney Ruby

Brad Paul

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## PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public comments.



**APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016.**

Motion was made by Sealana/S/Schroeder/C/3:0:1 to approve the Summary Minutes of the February 17, 2016 Executive Committee meeting.

The aye votes were: Brees, Schroeder, Sealana.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: Bueren.

Absentees were: Gilmore, Walton.

**RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS/BIOGAS OPPORTUNITIES**

Dave Jones and David Mauney presented a summary of U.S.-based direct-use renewable natural gas (RNG) projects and associated potential environmental benefits to ABAG POWER gas members. The presentation centered on a business proposal wherein ABAG POWER would contractually purchase RNG attributes to complement existing physical gas purchases.

**ABAG/MTC MERGER PROPOSAL**

Brad Paul informed members of the recent merger consultant's recommendation to consolidate the planning functions of ABAG within MTC and enter into an MOU to create a new regional agency and governance model. The consultant, Management Partners, recognized that the political consensus and trust needed to move forward with this option may not yet be present, and issued a secondary recommendation to consolidate ABAG and MTC staff functions under one executive director.

**REPORT ON NATURAL GAS PROGRAM**

**Monthly Summary of Operations FY 2015-16**

Lahr provided members with the Monthly Summary of Operations reports for FY15-16; members were updated on the percentage savings comparisons with PG&E. Lahr noted that financial statements for February, 2016 indicated a cumulative savings figure of 0.2% including the CTA Unrecovered Pipelines Capacity costs. The program's 'Rate Comparisons excluding Pipeline Capacity Costs' calculation displayed a cumulative savings through February, 2016 of 2.7%.

**Gas Hedge Chart**

Lahr provided information on the various current long-term gas purchases (contracts which are greater than one month in length). The Committee encouraged Lahr to seek an additional gas purchase contract if a favorable price could be obtained.

**Market Price Chart**

Lahr provided information on gas prices.



### **Gas Scheduling Contract Extension Memo**

Lahr informed the Committee of his intent to exercise an option to extend gas scheduling services with DMJ Gas Marketing for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Following this extension, ABAG POWER will issue a Request for Proposals for gas scheduling services.

### **Draft PG&E Bill Credit Memo**

Staff presented a draft memorandum to be released to the gas pool membership, informing members of PG&E's upcoming bill credit and check disbursement.

### **ABAG POWER MEETING LOCATIONS AND TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

The Committee determined that travel and/or time expense reimbursement from ABAG POWER is unnecessary because Committee members are already reimbursed for these expenses by their respective agencies. The group decided to postpone a decision on alternate meeting locations.

### **ENERGY PROGRAMS UPDATE**

#### **BayREN Program Update, February 2016**

Lahr provided a brief update on the recent achievements of BayREN's Single Family, Multifamily, and Codes and Standards programs.

#### **Water Bill Savings Act Fact Sheet**

The Water Bill Savings Act was formally introduced on February 18 and has since received favorable perception with no opposing parties and support from the Sonoma County Climate Protection Agency, Sierra Club California, the California Association of Realtors, and others. The proposed water efficiency legislation would allow Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) to raise funds to finance water and energy efficiency measures on residential and commercial properties.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Julie Bueren adjourned the meeting at 1:58 PM.

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\*Example of a motion – *[Member No. 1/S/Member No. 2/roll call vote/C/8:0:0]* means Member No.1 motions, seconded by Member No.2, after roll call vote, motion carries, 8 = "yes" votes, 0 = "no" votes and 0 = abstention.