



Metropolitan Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes 3 - Draft

375 Beale Street
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ABAG POWER Executive Committee

Chair, Doug Williams, City of Santa Rosa
Vice Chair, Vacant

Committee Representative Roster:
Doug Williams, City of Santa Rosa
Diana Oyler, County of Contra Costa
Becky Hopkins, City of Pleasanton

Thursday, August 17, 2023

11:00 AM

CR - 5150 Redwood Room

ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources Executive Committee Meeting No. 2023-04

Staff Roster:

Brad Paul
Jane Elias
Arleicka Conley
Andrea Visveshwara
Oscar Quintanilla Lopez
Ryan Jacoby
Fera Chandra (Clerk)

1. Welcome / Call to Order

Doug Williams, ABAG POWER Executive Committee Chair

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m and welcome Jane to the meeting.
Quorum was present.

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Fera Chandra, Energy Programs Coordinator, ABAG/MTC

Present: 3 - Committee Member Oyler, Chair Williams, and Committee Member Hopkins

3. Public Comment

Chair Williams invited any member of the public in attendance to provide public comment on items not on the agenda. None was provided.

4. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Committee Member Oyler and seconded by Committee Member Hopkins, item 4a was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Committee Member Oyler, Chair Williams, and Committee Member Hopkins

- 4a. [23-0992](#) Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2023 Executive Committee Special Meeting.

Attachments: [4.a.1 - ABAG POWER EC Summary Minutes of 6/15/2023](#)

5. Information

- 5a. [23-0993](#) Energy Programs Manager's Report

Staff will provide a verbal update of recent energy industry developments and programmatic updates regarding the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN).

Jane Elias gave updates on BayREN and Energy Programs.

- 5b. [23-0994](#) Report on Renewable Natural Gas Program

Staff will provide a verbal update of actions taken since the program's establishment on May 25, 2023.

Attachments: [5.b. - Summary Sheet Renewable Natural Gas Program](#)

Ryan Jacoby gave updates on the response to the feedback from the Committee from the last June 15 Meeting in regards to the proposed edits to the member agreement on RNG. Ryan also gave updates on the procurement forecast as well as announced the first member of the 1383 RNG program.

- 5c. [23-0995](#) Report on Natural Gas Program

Staff will review recent gas operations, including gas purchases; the program's long-term hedge position; gas imbalances; regulatory updates; and other miscellaneous program items.

Attachments: [5.c.1 - Summary of Natural Gas Program](#)

[5.c.2 - Summary Sheet Summary of Natural Gas Program](#)

Ryan Jacoby presented updates on the Natural Gas Program.

5d. [23-0997](#) Preliminary Agenda for Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Staff will present for Committee discussion potential agenda items for the annual Board of Directors meeting scheduled to be held October 26, 2023.

Attachments: [5.d. - Preliminary Board Meeting Agenda](#)

Ryan Jacoby presented Preliminary Agenda for Annual Board of Directors Meeting and explained about the structure of the meeting. Board Member Hopkins suggested to invite a consultant to do the analysis of climate benefits from the transition of natural gas to RNG. Board Member Oyler added comments to include directions/updates on SPURR to the agenda.

6. Approval

- 6a. [23-0996](#) Natural Gas Program Working Capital Deposits and General Gas Purchasing Strategy Policy Amendment
Staff will propose the approval of 1) a recommendation to the ABAG POWER Board of Directors to increase the working capital deposit for the natural gas program from 2.0 to 3.0 months of estimated expenses, and to collect the additional deposits over a 24-month period beginning July 1, 2024; and, 2) authorize the MTC Executive Director or designee to enter into fixed-price natural gas purchase contracts in an amount not to exceed \$1 million and for a term not to exceed eight months, subject to this authority expiring on June 30, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

Attachments: [6.a.1 - Summary Working Capital Deposits & Gen Gas Purchase Strategy](#)
[6.a.2 - Summary Approval Natural Gas Purchasing Strategy Policy Modification](#)

Upon the motion by Committee Member Hopkins and seconded by Committee Member Oyler, this Resolution was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Committee Member Oyler, Chair Williams, and Committee Member Hopkins

Oscar Quintanilla explained the reason of the proposal to increase the working capital deposit for the natural gas program from 2.0 to 3.0 months of estimated expenses and to collect the additional deposits over a 24-month period beginning July 1, 2024.

Ryan Jacoby explained the reason of the proposal to enter into fixed-price natural gas purchase contract in an amount not to exceed \$1 million for a term not to exceed eight months.

7. Other Business

Chairman Williams expressed gratitude and enthusiasm for the upcoming RNG program.

8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting is the ABAG POWER Board of Directors Meeting scheduled to be held on October 26, 2023.