



Metropolitan Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes 3 - Draft

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ABAG POWER Executive Committee

Chair, Doug Williams, City of Santa Rosa
Vice Chair, Becky Hopkins, City of Pleasanton

Thursday, February 15, 2024

11:00 AM

CR 112 Claremont - 1st Floor

ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources Executive Committee Meeting No. 2024-01

Committee Representative Roster:
Doug Williams (City of Santa Rosa)
Becky Hopkins (City of Pleasanton)
Brendan Havenar-Doughton (County of Contra Costa)
Elaine Marshall (City of Milpitas)

Staff Roster:

Brad Paul, Jane Elias, Andrea Visveshwara, Ryan Jacoby, Fera Chandra, Cindy Chen (Clerk)

1. Welcome / Call to Order

Doug Williams, Chair, City of Santa Rosa

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. Quorum was present.

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Cindy Chen, Clerk, ABAG/MTC

Present: 3 - Chair Williams, Vice Chair Hopkins, and Havenar-Daughton

Absent: 1 - Marshall

3. Public Comment

3a. [24-0290](#)

Attachments: [3.a.1. - Utility Tax Presentation for ABAG updated Feb 2024](#)
[3.a.2. - Information for ABAG about the Utility Tax](#)
[3.a.3. - Draft ABAG letter](#)

Chair Williams invited any member of the public in attendance to provide public comment on items not on the agenda. Four members of the public introduced themselves and provided public to request ABAG POWER take a “support” position for California Assembly Bill (AB) 1999 and to submit a letter opposing the proposed fixed charge currently being considered by the California Public Utilities Commission as a result of the passage of AB 205. In response, Chair Williams and Committee members directed staff to agendize the topic at the next meeting.

4. Consent Calendar

- 4a. [24-0156](#) Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting

Attachments: [4.a.1. – ABAG POWER EC Summary Minutes of 8/17/2023](#)

Upon the motion by Vice Chair Hopkins and seconded by Havenar-Daughton, item number 4a. was approved. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 3 - Chair Williams, Vice Chair Hopkins, and Havenar-Daughton

Absent: 1 - Marshall

5. Information

- 5a. [24-0158](#) 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

Jane Elias shared updates for two new BayREN programs (Integrated Energy Services and Targeted Decarbonization Service) which will focus on decarbonizing public sector buildings, as well as the launch of recent Request For Qualifications and Proposals seeking technical support for the new programs, and to conduct a study of the Bay Area’s building stock. Jane also mentioned current efforts to develop a BayREN-led application for the Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant, and the recent development of key takeaways from BayREN’s Resilient Libraries Pilot program. Committee member Havenar-Doughton expressed interest in hearing more about the two new BayREN programs’ development progress during the next meeting. Lastly, Jane announced a recent application filed by San Diego Community Power and the County of San Diego to form a regional energy network, which, if approved, would be the 6th REN statewide.

5b. [24-0159](#) Report on Natural Gas and Renewable Natural Gas Programs

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.b.1. – Report on Natural Gas and RNG Programs Presentation](#)
 [5.b.2. – Summary Sheet - Monthly Summary of Operations](#)

Ryan Jacoby presented updates on the natural gas program's rate comparison, gas usage, market price comparison, and historical and anticipated gas purchase requirements. He highlighted an anticipated increase in gas purchases beginning in late-2024 due to likely enrollment of members from the School Project for Utility Rate Reduction. Ryan also noted the upcoming release of a Request for Qualifications for natural gas scheduling and operational consulting services, and a potential short-term contract for these services continuing through June 30, 2024. Committee member Havenar-Doughton requested staff distribute the upcoming Notice of Upcoming Opportunity for the RFQ, and he requested an overview of the Strategic Implementation Roadmap at the next meeting.

6. Approval**6a.** [24-0174](#) Natural Gas Storage

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract with Lodi Gas Storage LLC in an amount not to exceed \$2,332,800 for natural gas storage services through March 31, 2027.

Attachments: [6.a.1 – Summary Sheet – Natural Gas Storage Contract](#)
 [6.a.2 - Summary Approval – Lodi Gas Storage LLC](#)

Upon the motion by Vice Chair Hopkins and seconded by Havenar-Doughton, this Action Item was approved. The motion carried by the following votes:

Aye: 3 - Chair Williams, Vice Chair Hopkins, and Havenar-Doughton

Absent: 1 - Marshall

Ryan Jacoby provided an overview of the program's historical natural gas storage requirements, procurement process, and a recommendation to enter into a fixed-price three-year natural gas storage contract. He noted that while it is necessary for regulatory compliance to immediately enter into a gas storage contract, an amendment will likely be necessary during the summer once there is greater certainty regarding the number of new members joining the program as a result of SPURR's closure.

7. Other Business

Committee member Havenar-Doughton shared a recent award from the Department of Transportation to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure at fifteen (15) libraries in Contra Costa County. He noted five percent (5%) of the grant would be utilized for community outreach, education and training, and collaboration with community benefit organizations.

8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting is the ABAG POWER Executive Committee Meeting scheduled to be held on April 18, 2024.