

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

July 18, 2016

1. ROLL CALL

President Sutter called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: Deaton, McCormick, Sutter, Giuntini and Keimach.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA (Public Comment)

There were no oral communications.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Deaton moved the nomination of a slate of officers as follows: for the office of President, Commissioner Sutter; for the office of Vice President, Commissioner Giuntini; and for the office of Secretary, AMP's General Manager.

Commissioner McCormick seconded the motion, and then the Board unanimously approved the slate of officers.

President Sutter recommended that Commissioner Deaton represent the Board on the Northern California Power Agency Commission. Commissioner Deaton accepted the role.

3b. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There were two special presentations. In the first presentation, the Board presented a check for \$11,678.82 to the Alameda Education Foundation, representing the funds AMP collected from customers in fiscal year 2016 for the Power Up for Learning program.

In the second presentation, The Board heard from a consultant on the impacts of introducing time-of-use (TOU) rates in the future.

Commissioner McCormick said she wanted to see more data on TOU rates that would apply specifically to Alameda and its unique characteristics.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A1. Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 2016

B. Listing of Bills Paid – June 2016

C. Financial Report – May 2016

D. Treasurer's Report – June 2016

E. For Information Only, Final Report - Alameda Municipal Power's Commercial Lighting Retrofit Program, October 2014 to December 2015

F. Authorize the General Manager to Purchase 24,750 Feet of 500KCMIL Underground Distribution 15 Kilo-Volt Power Cable from The Okonite Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$215,000 Under Materials Contract MS 11-12-01

G. Adopt the Distribution System Small Generator (DSSG) Interconnection Procedure Documents and Authorize Alameda Municipal Power's (AMP) General Manager, Or His Designee, to Enter Into Negotiations and Agreements with Customer-Generators Wishing to Tie-In Systems Under 250KW Capacity to AMP's Distribution System

H. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Award Professional Services Agreement PS-03-16-09 to Cooper Compliance for North American Electric Reliability Corporation/Western Electricity Coordinating Council Compliance Management Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$114,840 for a 3-Year Contract with an Option to Extend up to Five Additional Years

I. For Information Only: Review of Alameda Municipal Power's Community Sponsorships for Fiscal Year 2016

J. 2015 Annual Renewables Portfolio Standard, Cap-and-Trade and Solar Rebate Reports – Information Only

K. By Motion, Authorize AMP's General Manager to Execute Amendment 1 of the Single Member Services Agreement (SMSA) to Extend the SMSA Until June 30, 2026 and Execute Attachment A, which is an SMSA Request for NCPA to Provide Assistance to AMP for the Possible Layoff of the Butte Landfill Project and High Winds Project

L. Authorize the General Manager to Purchase One 3-Reel Trailer in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000 from Reelstrong Utility Fleet

Commissioner McCormick pulled item IE. The balance of the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved after a voice vote, with a motion made by Commissioner McCormick and a second by City Manager Keimach.

Commissioner McCormick said that she pulled item IE on the commercial lighting retrofit to praise staff for their work on the program. The item was informational and no action was required from the Board.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Evaluation, Measurement and Verification of Three Alameda Municipal Power Residential Energy Efficiency Programs

Presentations were made by staff and a consultant. Commissioner McCormick

moved, with a second from President Sutter, to approve the item.

B. Approve Rider ERG: Eligible Renewable Generation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Including a Revised Method for Calculating the Excess Generation Compensation Rate; a Revised Eligible Renewable Generation Application; and Revised Eligible Renewable Generation Interconnection Agreement Documents

Staff made a presentation on the proposed eligible renewable generation (ERG) program, which was designed to be a long-term successor to the current net energy metering (NEM) program.

Al Fortier, the business representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) 1245, spoke in support of the proposed program.

The following speakers expressed opposition to the proposed program: Alameda resident Roger Koopman; Alameda resident Niki Jew; Alameda resident David Teeters; Alameda resident Jeff Gould; Alameda resident Ed Owens; Emeline McMann-Chapman, an Alameda High School student; Erick Karlen, a representative of the Sungevity solar company; Gina Goodhill, a representative of the Solar City company; Kevin Good, a representative of the Sun's Free Solar company; Angela Liu, an Alameda High School student; Rand Wrobel, a representative of Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA); Alameda resident Kevin Jordan; Charles Adams, a representative of Albion Power Company; Debi Ryan, a representative of CASA; Alameda resident Betsy Mathieson; Dan Howells, a representative of Solar City.

Debi Ryan read a statement from Gary Lym, a Board of Education Trustee from the Alameda Unified School District. Lym asked the Public Utilities Board to table the item.

Commissioner Deaton said that AMP represents all of its customers, not just the minority of customers who own their homes and have the ability to add rooftop solar. She noted that AMP needs to provide enough programs for all of its customers, not just the few who are homeowners.

Commissioner McCormick said she wanted more time to consider the successor program to NEM. She noted that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is not scheduled to make its next decision on the topic until December 2017. She also said that she wanted to wait to see how NEM successor programs are implemented in other communities.

President Sutter said there are nuances in the proposed program, including sizing considerations, which need more examination from staff.

General Manager Steiger directed comments toward opponents of the proposed ERG program, saying that AMP listened to solar energy advocates over the past two years. As a result of listening to concerns raised by solar advocates, AMP has changed its proposals dramatically, he said.

In response to comments from opponents of the proposed program, City Manager Keimach said that the Board cares about climate change.

Commissioner Deaton asked staff to keep the Board updated each month on whether customers may be adding more solar, and if their additional solar generation would reach AMP's NEM cap.

The Board decided not to vote on the program, and instead directed staff to provide more data on topics including the following: How the NEM and ERG programs differ; how the amount of the ERG credit would affect the solar industry; how sizing of the system would be determined; and how the Alameda Unified School District's plans to use solar would be impacted.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Steiger updated the Board on AMP's strategic plan goals. He praised the Board, noting his pending retirement in September 2016.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Keimach praised General Manager Steiger's leadership at AMP.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President Sutter, Commissioner Deaton, Commissioner McCormick, and Commissioner Giuntini praised General Manager Steiger for his contributions to AMP.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Alameda resident William Morrison said the cost of service associated with community solar is 22 cents per kWh. He said his average bill has an average cost of 17 cents even though he has an electric car. He questioned whether community solar would be a good financial choice for many residents.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Sutter adjourned the meeting at 10:16 p.m.