



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA 94706

AGENDA VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Larson at 7:31pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Choi, Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wei, Chair Larson

Members Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 18, 2020

Approved with minor edit.

Motion by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Cooper, to approve the 11-18-2020 minutes with a minor edit to agenda item 4-3., to reflect EBCE's decision to eliminate an electricity product with nuclear power.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Choi, Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wei, Chair Larson

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo regarding City of Albany and regional sustainability efforts.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Committee member announcements, reports and updates of status of previous agenda items.

4-1. Sustainability Events and Resources

Elizabeth Carrade provided an update on regional sustainability events and resources.

4-2. Green Building Update

Michelle Plouse provided an update – On December 9, the Albany Planning & Zoning Commission recommended the resolution with green building measures to the City Council. The Albany City Council will have a discussion of the green building measures on December 21, 2020.

4-3. East Bay Community Energy Update

Carrade provided an update – The EBCE Board voted to subsidize the Brilliant 100 energy product, meaning that the product will remain 100% carbon-free at price parity to PG&E rates through December 31, 2021. Albany residential, commercial/industrial, and CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline accounts will remain on Brilliant 100, and municipal accounts will be opted into Renewable 100. The EBCE Board will vote to approve



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member jurisdictions' default product requests during its December 16, 2020 Board meeting.

4-4. San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update

Jeff Bond provided an update – The San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan is a State-funded planning process that allows the City to look at its zoning regulations along San Pablo Avenue to help facilitate the development of multi-family housing. There is a webpage set up for the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, which includes a community engagement survey. The webpage can be accessed at SanPabloSpecificPlan.org.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. Student Presentation on Albany's Carbon Neutrality Target

Committee Member Wei presented on the thesis project conducted by graduate student Nina Hegazi. Hegazi studied opportunities for Albany to reach carbon neutrality at the household level, including an analysis of appliances and their associated costs for home electrification.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Electric Panel Upgrade Quiz

Will Tokunaga, Sustainability Division Intern, presented the draft electric panel upgrade quiz that will be featured on the Albany Electrification Website.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pinguelo.

Motion by Committee Member Wei, seconded by Committee Member Peterson, to extend the meeting to 9:45PM.

AYES: Committee Member Cooper, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Wei, Chair Larson

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Choi

6-2. Regional All-Electric Construction Ordinances

Jeff Bond provided an update on regional all-electric new construction ordinances that have been adopted by other jurisdictions. The lawsuit filed against the City of Berkeley for its all-electric new construction ordinance is ongoing. City of Albany staff and the City Attorney are exploring options for the City of Albany to pursue an all-electric ordinance. The proposed green building measures to be considered by Council in December are intended to incentivize all-electric new construction.

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6-3. **EV Action Plan Update**

Committee Member Peterson, member of the EV Action Plan subcommittee, provided an update on progress made on a draft EV Action Plan/Zero Emissions Transportation Action Plan.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pignuelo.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Committee members announced requests for future agenda items, including opportunities for EBCE outreach, AUSD resilience, potential endorsement of the Climate Safe California Campaign, and green infrastructure.

Public comment was received from Jeremiah Pignuelo.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** January 20, 2021, 7:30pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54PM.



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