



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA 94706

MINUTES VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Choi at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

Members Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 17, 2021

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Larson, to approve the March 17, 2021 minutes.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS 7:03

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 upcoming sustainability events and resources in Albany and in the region.

4-2. Earth Day 2021

Carrade provided an update on regional and Albany-specific Earth Day resources available on AlbanyCA.org/EarthDay.

5. PRESENTATIONS

None.



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

6-1. 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan -

The Committee finalized the draft 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan and nominated Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Peterson, and Committee Member Woolley to present the draft Work Plan to the City Council on May 17, 2021.

MOTION by Committee Member Woolley, seconded by Committee Member Peterson, to recommend the draft 2021-2023 Climate Action Committee Work Plan to the Albany City Council.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

6-2. Preliminary Discussion of Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 -

The Committee discussed budget priorities to recommend to Council.

MOTION by Committee Member Larson, seconded by Chair Choi, to recommend the following budget priorities for City Council consideration:

The Committee's Proposal:

- Create a program including financial incentives that facilitate adoption of zero emission transportation modes that are equitable with a focus on renters and low-income residents.
- Support and expand citywide tree planting program: Develop a citywide Urban Greening Plan, and launch a program with use of Measure DD, and partner with volunteer groups to administer.
- Create a City incentive program that partners with existing, regional agencies that support electrification, and focus on citywide building electrification.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

6-3. East Bay Community Energy Default Product(s) to Take Effect 2022 –

Vice Chair Chen provided an update on his analysis of EBCE default products. The Committee discussed available default product options and which options should be the default for residential, commercial/industrial, and CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline accounts.



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MOTION by Vice Chair Chen, seconded by Committee Member Peterson, to extend the meeting to 9:30pm.

AYES: Committee Member Breeding, Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Larson, to recommend that the Albany City Council place the following electricity accounts on the following default products:

- Residential: Renewable 100
- Commercial/Industrial: Bright Choice
- Municipal: Renewable 100
- CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline: Bright Choice

AYES: Committee Member Larson

NOES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

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- CARE/FERA/Medical Baseline: Bright Choice

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

6-4. CAAP Key Performance Indicators -

Michelle Plouse provided a presentation on key performance indicators used to track progress on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan implementation.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Larson to extend the meeting to 9:45pm.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding



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6-5. **SB 612: Ratepayer Equity Bill –**

Plouse provided an analysis on SB 612: Ratepayer Equity Bill. The Committee discussed recommending that the Albany City Council send a letter in support of SB 612.

MOTION by Committee Member Peterson, seconded by Committee Member Woolley, to recommend that the Albany City Council send a letter in support of SB 612.

AYES: Vice Chair Chen, Committee Member Larson, Committee Member Merchant, Committee Member Peterson, Committee Member Woolley, Chair Choi

NOES: None.

Absent: Committee Member Breeding

6-6. **Subcommittee Updates –**

The Committee skipped agenda item 6-6 and proposed moving it to the top of the discussion item list on the 05-19-2021 Climate Action Committee agenda.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 9:39**

Committee members proposed future agenda items, including an update on Council budget decisions, and continuation of the staff KPI analysis presentation.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** May 19, 2021, 7:00pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT – 9:40**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

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