



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2021
Virtual Meeting: Zoom

Executive Committee Members Present: JoAnn Bodemer, Amy Boyd, Jodi Hanover (for Emmett Lyne), Maggie McCarey, Dennis Villanueva

Other Attendees: Sagal Alisalad, Eric Belliveau, Adrian Caesar, Joe Dorfler, Maggie Downey, Rachel Evans, Frank Gundal, Elliott Jacobson, Paul Johnson, Audrey Eidelman Kiernan, Nina Mascarenhas, Sarah McDaniel, Jerrold Oppenheim, Abel Vargas, Emily Webb

1. Call to Order

McCarey, as Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

2. Consultant Team Q3 Workplan

Belliveau described the core components of the Q3 Consultant Team (C-Team) workplan, as well as recently completed work that would feed into Q3.

Johnson believed the C-Team workplan was inadequate, and asked what planning and implementation issues should the Council consider moving forward. Belliveau responded that the Council Resolution raised concerns about meeting 2030 greenhouse gas (GHG) goals, so there will be a process with the program administrators (PAs) and Council to improve the Plan. Johnson asked what information would be needed to close the gap between the Plan and GHG goals. McCarey said the C-Team provided an alternative Plan scenario for the PAs to consider, so the PAs will work on incorporating C-Team recommendations and the Council Resolution into the next Plan Draft.

3. September/October EEAC Meeting Schedule

McCarey indicated the September 22nd Council meeting would be a week late, and there was a tentative hold in October for a Special Council meeting a week in advance of the scheduled October meeting. McCarey asked what the focus of the August Council meeting should be given the C-Team work on Key Drivers and PA work on updating the Plan. McCarey proposed

cancelling the August Council meeting, while moving the September meeting up to create time for an additional September meeting if necessary. McCarey was also concerned this schedule would prevent the Council from discussing Plan and Key Drivers information until late September. Webb said this schedule would have a September 8th Council meeting, September 29th Special Council meeting, October 6th Executive Committee meeting, October 20th Council meeting, and an as-needed October 27th Special Council meeting.

Hanover indicated September 8th is a holiday that may require shifting the first proposed September Council meeting.

McCarey noted that meetings can more easily be cancelled or shortened than scheduled on short notice. McCarey recommended a shortened August Council meeting to discuss 2020 results, but also wanted the PAs and C-Team to focus on the Plan.

Boyd suggested keeping the August meeting as 2020 results and performance incentives would be helpful to discuss. Boyd emphasized the importance of performance incentives discussion due to statutory changes, GHG goals, and the need to incorporate equity into performance incentives. Boyd recalled the initial 2021 Council Priorities requested a Plan update in early September, so discussion would more critical once numerical Plan updates are available. Boyd recommended holding the August meeting and September 22nd meeting.

Hanover said the PAs would likely prefer to focus on Plan development instead of presenting 2020 results. Boyd agreed that the Plan took precedence over 2020 results. Downey also indicated the PAs, especially smaller PAs, would be stretched too thin between preparing Plan updates, filings, and presenting 2020 results.

Bodemer was inclined to postpone the August, but highlighted the need to discuss performance incentives. McCarey suggested the August meeting could be shortened and focus on performance incentives, then two Council meetings could be held in September. McCarey said the meeting dates would be disseminated once finalized.

Hanover noted that midterm modifications should also be included in PA updates during the August or September Council meetings.

Johnson asked why discussion on third-party program administration was not included in August or September meeting agenda topics, despite being included in the Council Resolution. Johnson also said 2020 results would be important to discuss. McCarey replied that the priority should be on 2022-2024 Planning instead of 2020 results for the PAs. Johnson wanted to see a preview of the October Draft Plan in September. McCarey indicated this was the rationale behind holding two September Council meetings, but the September meeting agendas would be finalized during the September Executive Committee meeting. Regarding third-party program administration, McCarey said that Cindy Arcate motioned to have a dedicated Working Group explore alternative program delivery models and report its findings in 2022.

Villanueva thought third-party programs would be explored immediately following the July Resolution vote. McCarey did not anticipate having sufficient bandwidth to discuss third-party

program delivery until after the Planning process. McCarey recalled the extensive effort to form the Equity Working group, and felt the proposed C&I Working Group would require comparable efforts to establish. Villanueva suggested allocating time to discuss program delivery models during the August meeting to ensure immediate Council action.

Bodemer agreed with McCarey that there will be limited bandwidth next month to explore third-party programs, but the Resolution directed the Council to explore the subject and report findings in 2022. Evans said Arcate's actual motion would be included in the July 28th Special Meeting minutes. McCarey suggested posting the minutes as soon as possible so the language of the motion is available.

Gundal commented that customers were both surprised by and opposed to third-party implementation.

Downey asked for clarity on the different working groups and language in the Resolution. McCarey indicated that language to form a C&I Stakeholder Working Group led by the PAs was included in the Resolution, but there was confusion on the motion made by Cindy Arcate during the July 28th Special Meeting. McCarey reiterated that the July 28th minutes would accurately capture the exact language of the motion.

McCarey indicated the Department of Energy Resources and Executive Committee would develop a charter for a working group to explore third-party program delivery, but the group would likely be unable to meet until the 2022-2024 Plan is finalized.

4. Mass Save Program Update – Implementation Efforts During COVID-19

Hanover announced there was one report of a contractor testing positive for COVID-19 in July, which was the first positive case since April, but still a massive improvement since last winter.

Bodemer asked if there was any sense of apprehension about COVID-19 variants and customer willingness to participate in programs. Hanover was unsure, but would follow up with the PAs to get their outlook.

5. August 18th EEAC Meeting – Agenda Finalization

McCarey indicated the August EEAC meeting agenda would include votes on the July Executive Committee meeting, July 14th EEAC meeting, and July 28th Special EEAC meeting minutes, and a presentation on the C-Team Q3 workplan. In addition, the August meeting would include update on the third-party program administration working group and performance incentives.

6. Adjournment

McCarey, as Chair, adjourned the meeting at 10:53 AM.