

**MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, October 3, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**



**SAN RAFAEL CORPORATE CENTER, TAMALPAIS ROOM  
750 LINDARO STREET, SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901**

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Damon Connolly, City of San Rafael, Chair  
Bob McCaskill, City of Belvedere  
Sloan Bailey, Town of Corte Madera  
Larry Bragman, Town of Fairfax  
Denise Athas, City of Novato  
Katie Hoertkorn, Town of Ross  
Tom Butt, City of Richmond  
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo  
Ray Withy, City of Sausalito  
Emmett O'Donnell, Town of Tiburon

**Absent:** Len Rifkind, City of Larkspur  
Kathrin Sears, County of Marin  
Ken Wachtel, City of Mill Valley

**Staff:** Dawn Weisz, Executive Officer  
Elizabeth Kelly, Legal Director  
Rafael Silberblatt, Program Coordinator  
Jamie Tuckey, Communications Director  
Beckie Menten, Energy Efficiency Coordinator  
Jeremy Wean, Regulatory Analyst  
Alex DiGiorgio, Community Affairs Representative  
Emily Goodwin, Internal Operations Coordinator  
Darlene Jackson, Clerk

**The meeting was called to order by Director Denise Athas, Novato in the absence of Chair Connolly and Vice Chair Sears.**

**Public Session: 7:07PM**

**Agenda Item #1- Board Announcements (Discussion)**

**None**

**Agenda Item #2 – Public Open Time (Discussion)**

Michael Eisenmenger, Owner of Community Media Center of Marin expressed his appreciation to MEA for its years of support and for providing a letter of support. He also thanked Director Tom Butt for continuing his support of the City of Richmond through his involvement as an MEA Board member.

**Agenda Item #3 – Report from Executive Officer (Discussion)**

Executive Officer Dawn Weisz reported on the following:

- Thanked the Board for participating in the successful annual retreat.
- Announced last call for CAISO tour. All persons who wish to attend should let Darlene know so that their name can be submitted in advance.
- Power Content Label – will be going out by mail this week.
- Current data shows a significant deep green increase since last year (roughly 40% increase).
- Technical Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Executive Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item #4 – Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)**

- C.1 Minutes from 9.5.13 Board Meeting
- C.2 Monthly Budget Report
- C.3 Job Descriptions and Compensation Studies for MCE Positions

**M/s O’Donnell/Greene (passed 9-0-0) Approved all items on the consent calendar. Directors Connolly, Rifkind, Sears and Wachtel were absent.**

**NOTE: Chair Connolly arrived during the EE presentation.**

**Agenda Item #5 – Energy Efficiency Update (Discussion)**

Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Beckie Menten presented this item.

Overview

- Program Update
  - ✓ Multi-Family
  - ✓ Small Commercial
  - ✓ Single Family
  - ✓ Financing Program
- Contract Update
- Multi-Family Program Update
  - ✓ Two new applicants since last meeting
  - ✓ Working with program participants to gain access to data and develop program success case studies
  - ✓ Meet and greet with HUD program officers regarding Marin Housing Authority project
  - ✓ Deep dive meeting to consider incentive redesign
- 2013/14 EE Programs
  - ✓ Small Commercial
  - ✓ Single Family
  - ✓ Financing Programs

- Developed website for financing programs
- Worked with First Community Bank on program documents
- Negotiating OBR Agreement with PG&E
- Press release issued to promote the OBR program
- Approval of statewide financing pilots brings questions/opportunities
- Seeking financing options for distributed generation
- Standard Offer Program
  - Recent acceptance into Intermittent Renewable Resource Management Pilot (IRM2) pilot
  - Allows MEA access to CAISO market
  - Dovetails nicely with original Standard Offer Program (SOP) concept
  - Will be evaluating opportunity for synergy, working on implementation plan
  - January target for customer identification for IRM2 pilot
- Upcoming Contracts
  - ✓ Most contracts developed for 2013 only
  - ✓ Will be addressing changes in program design in upcoming contracts
    - Incentive structure
    - Budget reallocations
    - Looking for new partners
  - ✓ Executive Committee in October, Board approval sought in November

Ms. Menten responded to questions from the Board and public.

**Agenda Item #6 Communications Update (Discussion)**

Item carried over to November Agenda.

**Agenda Item #7 Resolution 2013-09 of the Board of Directors of the Marin Energy Authority Approving the Affiliate Membership Process for New Parties to the MEA Joint Powers Authority Agreement (Discussion/Action)**

Executive Officer Weisz reported on this item.

- Policy No. 007: New Customer Communities
- MCE Affiliate Membership Process
- Membership Criteria

Ms. Weisz responded to questions from the Board.

**M/s McCaskill/Greene (passed 10-0-0) Approved Resolution 2013-09 Approving Affiliate Membership Process for New Parties to the Marin Energy Authority Joint Powers Authority Agreement. Directors Rifkind, Sears and Wachtel were absent.**

**Agenda Item #8 – Regulatory Update (Discussion)**

Legal Director, Beth Kelly presented this item.

- Overview
  - ✓ Green Option Timeline
  - ✓ PG&E “Green Option” and SB 43

- MEA Regulatory and Legislative Engagement:
  - Ensure that “Green Option” does not create a chilling effect on other green opportunities
  - Ensure that cost allocation and competitive issues are addressed
- Proposed Decision Issued October 1st: EE and CCA
  - ✓ Energy Efficiency – Identifies Application process for CCAs for Energy Efficiency funds.
  - ✓ Proposed Decision states: “It is appropriate for CCAs to administer energy efficiency program”. “Administrators” in the same sense that IOUs are “administrators.” (at 37)
- Proposed Decision Challenges: EE and CCAs
  - ✓ CCAs to receive only electricity, and not gas, funding
  - ✓ Total Resource Cost (TRC) Ratio of 1.0 or 1.25
  - ✓ CCAs may not be able to access “statewide” or “regional” funds
- Residential Rate Design
  - ✓ R. 12-06-013
    - MEA has advocated to ensure CCA customers are treated fairly
  - ✓ AB 327 (not yet signed)
    - Eliminates cap on tier 1 and tier 2 rates
    - Option to change to two-tier structure
    - Allows CPUC to set monthly fixed charges
    - Reforms CARE discount
    - CPUC to act on NEM by 12/31/2015
    - New “distributed resources plan” provision
      - Distributed generation, energy efficiency, energy storage, electric vehicles, demand response

Ms. Kelly, Ms. Menten, and Ms. Weisz responded to questions from the Board.

**Agenda Item #9 – Board Member & Staff Matters (Discussion)**

None

**Agenda Item #10 – Adjourn**

8:37PM

  
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 Damon Connolly, Chair

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 Dawn Weisz, Executive Officer

