



Councilmember Cheryl Davila
District 2

Climate Emergency Declaration

Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

Approved Notes: December 5, 2018 from 11:30-1pm

Participants:

- Councilmember Cheryl Davila & Sara Kershner, legislative aide
- Councilmember Sophie Hahn
- Councilmember Kate Harrison & Chris Naso, legislative aide, Nickan Fayyazi, Progressive Student Association
- Nicole Harris, Armando Davila & Isaac Silk, The Climate Mobilization
- Susan Silber, Founder and Director, NorCal Community Resilience Network
- Minna Toloui & Amy Kiser, Ecology Center & Berkeley Climate Action Coalition
- Cate Ledger, Energy Commissioner
- Janet Stromberg, Energy Commissioner for Mayor Arreguin & Board of 350 Bay Area
- Richard Rollins, Sierra Club
- Tom Kelly, Kyoto USA
- Jack Lucerno, 350 East Bay

Review & Approve minutes from November 14: Approved

Updates:

1. Follow-up on 100% Renewable
 - After talking further with the EBCE Community Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair (the Chair is also a non-voting member of the Board) and The Climate Mobilization, we realized that there are priorities for HOW we transition to renewable that are as important as transitioning.
 - **We want to focus on the supply side.** These include developing local sources of renewable energy that are actually 100% renewable, not reliant on Hydro and foster local economy and jobs AND reducing opt outs. Community Choice Aggregation is the most exciting piece – in terms of the environment, jobs, emergency preparedness and local economy. **EBCE's local development plan supports this and we should invite them to present on it.**

- Our current plan is to meet with the CEO, Nick Chaset, with the Mayor and Adhoc Committee to discuss how we can work together to move that was as quickly as possible.
 - i. Can ask if opting up will increase the resources that they have in order to create local resources?
 - ii. Has there been an economic analysis of what the cost of development is?
 - iii. Energy Commission is making a proposal tonight in response to the Council's proposal. Our opening thoughts are heavily weighted by the fires we just experienced and all of the science and we really need to jump start our thinking as fast as possible and that has to be our number one priority. Clean energy is a driver of economic development and jobs. They are weary of slowing things down.
 - iv. EBCE is limited to 50% of what the law allows in terms of recs but there is an understanding that no recs will be used. It will be a very modest element in overall power supply.
 - v. Is there enough supply? Plenty. Enough renewable power for CCAs to acquire them at reasonable rates in order to supply their customers and they are being provided with storage which increases grid stability.
 - vi. Opt Ups are consistent with every other program that started. Power of the default seems to hold. It's been proven that collective opt up has never created any significant negative opt out at all. We've lost a huge opportunity to do something different by only opting people up to Brilliant 85.
 - vii. Next opportunity to Opt Up is Spring 2019; after 2020 its 10 year change opportunities
 - viii. Concern about opting up commercial customers. Could opt up all commercial to Brilliant 100 and opt up all residential to 100% renewable.
 - ix. Considerations of timing include questions about EBCE capacity and ability to keep customers with EBCE. We are their customer. They are a non-profit.
 - x. Bring to Nick, CEO of combination of collective opt ups and increase of supply side and then ALSO do the community door-to-door. Can get EBCE to accelerate the clean energy they purchase and we need a schedule from them to do this.
 - xi. Brilliant 100 which include big hydro is exact same price; 100% Renewable is 1.5 cents more kilowatt.
 - xii. Sierra Club, Energy Commissioners, Transition Berkeley support opting up

- There is a lot of support, interest and ideas from the Community Advisory Board and support for the Town Hall and door-to-door work we're discussing (we'll discuss Town Hall's later). This seems to be an approach that gives us time to pursue local development of sources and actually mobilize people toward long-term change and advocacy more than just opting them up does. Ultimately, this is what we need for the faster, forward together we need to shift things at the scale and rate we need to.

2. Berkeley Town Hall proposal

- Anchor organization is Green the Church, partners are Transition Berkeley and The Climate Mobilization
- Supporters/advisors are Ecology Center/BCAC, Adhoc Committee and OESD
- Leverage and support OESD door-to-door plan around EBCE
- Specifically work with the group that developed the piece on the consumption-based greenhouse gas emission inventory (Janet Stromberg can connect us)
- Also working with UCB Sharon Daraphonhdeth from Student Environmental Resource Center and Students of Color Environmental Collective (SCEC) Mentorship Program Coordinator.
- East Bay 350 is definitely interested in participating.

Presentation from Ecology Center/BCAC (20 min)

- See PowerPoint presentation here. Presentation made by Minna Toloui, Community Outreach Coordinator & Amy Kiser, Director of BCAC
- Work groups largely completed projects and came to a close so moving toward a more directive role in determining projects.
- Shift from individual action as focus to collective action and advocacy and support for citywide efforts.
- November convening was focused on support people motivated by Climate Actions to plug into existing projects and volunteer opportunities (93 people attended)
- Rebecca from OESD working on outreach on Community Choice Energy opt up and gathering a group to go door-to-door
- Transportation is an original group that is on-going and do a lot of work on bike and pedestrian issues.

Discussion points by participants (not made by Ecology Center or BCAC but in response to presentation:

- We need to have more of a focal point within the City, like a Deputy City Manager who bottom-lined this – there isn't currently a high-level coordination. We need a more robust department.
 - Costs \$23,000-\$25,000 to operate BCAC – need to advocate for funding. **City budget should reflect its priorities and values. Elected officials need to put forward a budget that centers Climate emergency and mobilization. We need to apply ourselves through our budget to this problem.**
 - Suggestion: Reduce working groups and set the bar higher with a fundable plan.
 - Susan Silber has a small grant for engaging with the Tech World around funding and fundraising. The Mayor and Sophie spent a long amount of time shopping the initiative to the tech world.
3. Presentation from BUSD Sustainability Plan & NorCal Resilience Network: *post-poning until January 2018*
4. Closing, upcoming & 2019 meeting schedule
- Invite EBCE and OESD staff to attend a meeting together with the Adhoc Committee to discuss pathway to 100% renewable opt ups and local supply and sources
 - On December 11th – single use disposable packaging ordinance, show up to support: press release will go out in January
 - Wednesday, January 16 from 2-3:30pm