

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING**

September 16, 2019

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: President McCormick, Commissioner Serventi, Commissioner Gould, Commissioner Giuntini and City Manager Levitt.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA (Public Comment)

None

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A1. Minutes – Special Meeting – July 15, 2019

A2. Minutes – Regular Meeting – July 15, 2019

B. Listing of Bills Paid – July 2019

B2. Listing of Bills Paid – August 2019

C1. Financial Report – June 2019

C2. Financial Report – July 2019

D1. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending June 30, 2019

D2. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending July 31, 2019

E. For Information Only, Summary of 2018 Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Reports

F. By Resolution, Authorize the General Manager to Execute the Transmission Agency of Northern California Project Agreement Number 6 to Implement a Revised Cost Allocation Mechanism for Regulatory Engagements that Affect the California Independent System Operator Transmission Access Charge

The Board unanimously approved the consent calendar.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. For Information Only, Public Power Week 2019 Activities

Staff updated the Board on the external and internal events and promotions AMP has planned for Public Power Week 2019. President McCormick said she was worried that AMP would be preaching to the choir since the events would be attended by self-selecting people who already understand the utility's business.

She noted that it would be great to measure the before-and-after impact of Public Power Week activities, adding that staff is making a robust effort.

B. For Information Only, Update on the Second Phase of the Northern California Power Agency Project Evaluation of Doolittle Solar Project

Following a staff presentation, Alameda resident Nick de Vries spoke in support of the proposed project, saying there are no fatal flaws in it.

Alameda resident Richard Bangert said AMP should move forward with the project, even though the electricity is not a "screaming deal." He said there is a part of the federal property on the runway area at Alameda Point that would be suitable for solar power.

Ruth Abbe, representing Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) spoke in support, saying the project is local and visible, and also offers an opportunity for community solar.

President McCormick said she was not shocked by the pricing. She also noted that AMP is a transmission-dependent utility, and local generation is important.

Commissioner Gould said Alameda needs local generation for energy security and back-up power.

Commissioner Serventi said the proposed project is a great idea. He asked staff if the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) has the ability to go back and negotiate with the bidders to understand how they bid the project. He asked staff questions related to the project's cost.

Staff said NCPA has had discussions with bidders after the fact. This is considered a small project for most of these folks, and there is not a lot of appetite to reduce costs, staff said. The interconnection cost would be one of their bigger costs.

General Manager Procos said the developer costs would be baked into the power purchase agreement (PPA).

Staff said he had low expectations for the bidders' costs to go down.

City Manager Levitt said the project was consistent with the community's values. Commissioner Giuntini agreed.

President McCormick said the site may be a good candidate for AMP's community solar project.

She also said that the Board could continue to look at other candidates, as well. The Board has been alerted that some sites at Alameda Point are appropriate for such a project, she said.

She said she would like to see AMP move into at least a demonstration-level storage project pretty quickly, in combination with the proposed project, or a similar site.

There will be a load-shape issue pretty quickly with the net-zero construction at the base, she said.

General Manager Procos said the next steps include presenting to the Planning Board and issuing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document. Then, AMP would go to the City Council for approval for the land-use and the lease. After that step, AMP would return to the PUB for final approval of the PPA. AMP would then return to the City Council for approval.

It would take about six to nine months to go through these steps before bringing it back to the PUB for final approval, General Manager Procos said.

Staff said the construction time would be in the range of six to nine months.

Since the agenda item was informational, the Board did not vote on it.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report – July-August 2019

General Manager Procos updated the Board about NCPA's upcoming conference, noting that he will be moderating the community choice aggregator (CCA) panel.

He announced that AMP will launch new online tools for customers on Oct. 15. General Manager Procos also introduced new AMP employee Alex Smith to the Board.

Commissioner Gould expressed concern about the low number of new solar installations under the ERG program for FY 20. GM Procos cautioned that it's early in the fiscal year but staff will continue to monitor it. President McCormick

mentioned that the numbers for FY 20 YTD are already comparable to the entire FY 18.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Levitt said the city is launching the CENIC broadband network. Alameda's life science and clean-tech communities will be connected with world-class research institutions in the state, he said.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Gould said he participated in a Drive Electric Week event in Berkeley.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.