MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

ENERGY WORKING GROUP
The Energy Working Group may take action on any item appearing on this agenda.

Thursday, March 22, 2007
11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

• REGIONAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY (REIS)
• ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI)
• CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE (CSI)

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1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 22, 2007, EWG MEETING

   The EWG should review and approve the attached meeting summary.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

   Anyone who would like to address the Energy Working Group (EWG) on a topic not on the agenda should do so at this time.

4. EWG SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES: MEMBERSHIP

   A) Membership: This ad hoc subcommittee was formed at the January 25 meeting to evaluate EWG membership policies. The Chair will present their recommendations for EWG to consider.

   B) Policy: The Chair will lead discussion on the upcoming Direct Access Debate and other subcommittee activities.

   C) Resources: The Chair will lead discussion on subcommittee activities.

5. CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (CEC) PARTNERSHIP

   Staff will provide a status report on partnership funding and a master calendar of projects, including update of the Regional Energy Strategy (RES) and development of a Regional Climate Change Action Plan.

6. UPDATING THE REGIONAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY (REIS)

   SDREO and SANDAG will provide a refresher on the previous REIS and RES, and outline a proposal to update the REIS this year.

7. ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (SMART METERS)

   SDG&E will provide an update on its smart metering proposal. On February 9, SDG&E filed an all-party settlement among SDG&E, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, and UCAN. Smart meters should reduce operating costs and encourage customers to conserve electricity and shift usage away from time periods of high prices or energy supply constraints.
8. CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE (CSI): SAN DIEGO PROGRAM

SDREO will present an overview of the $2.8 billion CSI, which began January 1, 2007. SDREO manages this program locally, which provides rebates and incentives to businesses, government, and consumers to install solar panels on rooftops across the County.

9. SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EVENTS

A) Direct Access Debate: As part of the educational workshop series sponsored by the EWG, a debate on reopening a direct access market in California will occur on April 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at SDREO.

B) EWG Retreat: The EWG will hold a retreat on Thursday, June 14, in Chula Vista at the City Council chambers. The meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

10. SUGGESTED MEETING TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

EWG members should suggest items to be discussed at the next or future meeting.

11. ADJOURN

The next EWG meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2007, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY 22, 2007, EWG MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Welcome and Introductions

Councilmember Henry Abarbanel, City of Del Mar, and EWG Co-Chair, called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Summary of January 25, 2007, Meeting

The EWG approved the meeting summary with revisions submitted by Don Wood.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Public Comments and Communications

No public comments were made.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Solar Power Opportunities for Local Governments and Public Agencies

Scott Reed (SunEdison) presented the solar options various cities and the state have undertaken and what could be done in the San Diego region. Matthew Dickey (SunEdison) was also present. Primary part of presentation was regarding Power Purchase Agreement—what it does and how it functions from a cash flow standpoint. Mr. Reed said that the performance-based incentive (PBI) payment structure in California Solar Initiative (CSI) is pushing people toward power purchase agreements.

Dave Weil (UCSD) asked how they are handling the question of renewable energy credits (RECs).

Mr. Reed answered that they are handling it with flexibility.

Scott Anders (EPIC) expanded on Dave Weil’s question.

Alan Ball (Qualcomm, Large Business) asked how they are proposing to deal with that under current law that discourages oversizing facilities to wheel power to other sites.

Co-Chair Abarbanel stopped the conversation because the discussion had moved to Agenda Item #6.

Announcement: City of San Diego commissioning of 1MW of solar at the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant is Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.
Agenda Item #5: California Energy Commission (CEC) Partnership

Susan Freedman (SANDAG) reported that SANDAG is finalizing a two-year partnership contract with the CEC with tentative start date of 4/1/07. The partnership would address mutual energy goals for the region and state. The projects include updating the Regional Energy Strategy, developing a regional climate change action plan, expanding the Sustainable Region program, and assessing regional alternative transportation and fueling options.

Agenda Item #6: Distributed Generation (DG) Legislation

Jennifer Porter (SDREO) presented a potential bill for virtual wheeling power from one site to another (by public agencies). This would apply to renewable power only and the CPUC would determine the appropriate fee to be paid to SDG&E for use of the wires (transmission and distribution) to transport the power.

Dave Geier (SDG&E) offered that an administrative alternative to the bill, stating that their rate and tariff staff could work with this group to put together a rate that works. This would potentially be a better approach.

Co-Chair Abarbanel recommended the EWG do both a legislative and administrative approach. If the administrative method meets the needs, then the bill could be withdrawn.

Scott Anders (EPIC) noted that the bill would be statewide; however, the rate would only apply to SDG&E territory and a bill could be amended and reflect something other than what SANDAG originally intended. Steve Zolezzi (Small Business) inquired as to why just include the municipalities. Co-Chair Abarbanel noted that there are limitations to a bill; a bill doesn’t always have everything we want in it.

Irene Stillings (SDREO) moved to forward the recommendation to the SANDAG Executive Committee to support and direct the bill to Christine Kehoe. Steve Castaneda (City of Chula Vista) added to pursue tariff track as well (to which Irene Stillings agreed), and seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7: EWG Direct Access Workshop

Jennifer Porter (SDREO) announced that the DA Workshop will be held at SDREO on 4/11/2007, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. It will be a debate format. She noted staff has secured moderator and pro-side, but still is working to find con-side. Scott Anders (EPIC) volunteered to present con-side if no one else is available. Co-Chair Abarbanel asked EWG members to forward any recommendations to Jennifer Porter (SDREO).

Agenda Item #8: EWG Policy Subcommittee Update

Alan Ball (Qualcomm, Large Business) presented. Regarding climate change: Alan Ball proposed we partner with EPIC on an educational workshop. Scott Anders (EPIC) said that EPIC envisions a conference in November or December. Irene Stillings (SDREO) proposed bringing in the ClimateSmart partnership, so all groups can work together. Scott Anders suggested SANDAG run a
workshop directed at local governments, not public (potential topic: best practices). Patti Krebs (IEA) suggested plan of progressive series of topics since multiple groups planned to address varying aspects of this issue. Laura Hunter (EHC) suggested involvement of ICLEI subcommittee and direct at local governments. Irene Stillings (SDREO) recommended we go this direction, especially because by that time the CEC partnership will be up and running and this will be a good opportunity to showcase San Diego.

**Addition to Agenda: EWG Membership Subcommittee Update**

Co-Chair Abarbanel noted that the EWG retreat will be in Chula Vista at Council Chambers on June 14, 2007, approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Irene Stillings (SDREO) provided a membership subcommittee update. The subcommittee met on February 21, but needs one more meeting to finalize its recommendations. Subcommittee has suggested mandates:

- Every member of EWG should designate an alternate who may vote in their place;
- Attendance policy: EWG members who miss X number of meetings shall be subject to some form of discipline.

Subcommittee is tentatively recommending four additional seats:

1) County Water Authority;
2) North County/South County economic development group;
3) Health-related group, such as American Lung Association;
4) Community outreach and education organization.

However, this would bring the total membership to 28, which makes the EWG a big organization. Rob Rundle (SANDAG) said this presents a quorum issue and makes it difficult to forward recommendations. The subcommittee will return in March with recommendations.

**Agenda Item #9: EWG Resources Subcommittee Update**

Paul O’Neal (SDNEDC) presented. He noted that January’s minutes should reflect a resources subcommittee meeting time of 11:30, not 11:00.

**Agenda Item #10: Update on Pending Transmission Projects**

Susan Freedman spoke about a proposed independent regional infrastructure assessment. Laura Hunter recommended we do an update. David Geier agreed with Laura Hunter that we need to do an update. Irene Stillings noted that the RES and the REIS need to be updated. Scott Anders noted that it should be a Regional ENERGY Infrastructure Study—not just electricity and gas, but should include transportation, too, to fully address climate change. Susan Freedman noted that the CEC partnership addressed updating the RES, but resources would be needed to perform the infrastructure update.
Henry requested that staff and Irene Stillings (SDREO) return to the EWG with a plan to update our regional infrastructure study.

**Agenda Item #11: Climate Change Update**

Susan Freedman noted that Timothy Burroughs has left ICLEI to work for the City of Berkeley, but we still will be working with him. Co-Chair Abarbanel and Steve Castaneda (City of Chula Vista) agreed to circulate a letter of encouragement to their peers regarding signing on to the U.S. Mayor’s Climate Agreement. Through the CEC partnership, and in coordination with regional interests like the EWG, a regional climate action framework will be developed.

**Agenda Item #12: Suggested Meeting Topics for Next Meeting**

Scott Anders noted that the EWG is at a crossroads. He inquired as to the structure of a subcommittees in light of the tasks ahead:

- Do we need more transportation people on the EWG?
- Does the committee structure support the kinds of activities we are looking to get involved with?

Laura Hunter wondered if we could encourage something similar to Solar Santa Monica here in San Diego County.

David Geier noted that an AMI settlement has been reached, and it was decided that this will be a topic for discussion next month.

**Agenda Item #13: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.
ATTENDANCE
ENERGY WORKING GROUP MEETING – February 22, 2007

MEMBERS

Henry Abarbanel, City of Del Mar, EWG Co-Chair
Steve Castañeda, City of Chula Vista
Donna Frye, City of San Diego
David Geier, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
Scott Anders, Energy Policy Initiative Center (EPIC)
Laura Hunter, Environmental Health Coalition (EHC)
Irene Stillings, San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO)
Dave Weil, University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
Jim McCollum, Industrial Environmental Association (IEA)
Paul O’Neal, San Diego North County Economic Development Council (SDNEDC)
David Carey, Port of San Diego
Steve Zolezzi, Food and Beverage Association, Small Business
Alan Ball, Qualcomm, Large Business
Mike Evans, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
Marty Hunter, San Diego – Imperial Counties Labor Council

OTHERS

Rob Rundle, SANDAG
Susan Freedman, SANDAG
Greg Parks, San Diego Chamber of Commerce
Bill Powers, Sierra Club
Melanie McCutchan, EHC
Alexandra Hart, IBEW 569
Julie Gelfat, IBEW 569
Bob Resley, Resley Consulting
J.C. Thomas, SDG&E
J. William Nash, San Diego Unified School District
Keith Battle, Battle Strategies
Sephra Ninow, SDREO
Jennifer Porter, SDREO
Mattew Dickey, SunEdison
Scott Reed, SunEdison
Linda Wagner, City of Chula Vista
Patti Krebs, IEA
EWG SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES: MEMBERSHIP

Introduction

The ad hoc membership subcommittee held a conference call to continue review of current membership policy. The subcommittee agreed upon several recommendations including a size limit to the EWG, an attendance policy, and the requirement to name alternates. These items are detailed below. Energy Working Group (EWG) members are asked to review these recommendations and finalize their discussion on membership issues including status/attendance of current members and possible additions or removals. A list of current members and the original Board-approved member designations were included in the January 2007 agenda materials. An updated list will be distributed at the meeting.

As follow-up to the January 25, 2007, EWG meeting, the SANDAG Regional Planning Committee will make a recommendation on two new member categories at its April 6, 2007, meeting. The EWG had recommended the addition of an Independent Power Producer and the SD Renewable Energy Society at the January meeting.

Recommendation

The EWG is asked to recommend one new member, the South County Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and the attendance policy outlined here.

1. Each member is required to name an alternate
2. Each member can have one additional named alternate
3. Attendance policy
   a. Any member group that misses either two consecutive meetings or three meetings within a 12-month period will be moved to an advisory position
   b. If a voting member drops to an advisory role, a new organization can be elected to fill that slot
   c. Advisory members must attend 12 consecutive meetings to be placed in a queue for reconsideration as a voting member
      i. Advisory members have up to 24 months to attend 12 consecutive meetings before losing their seat permanently
d. SANDAG staff will notify members if they are at risk of relinquishing their voting rights after a missed meeting

e. The EWG will consist of no more than 25 voting members
   i. Last spot to be filled: South County EDC. This category was identified as part of the original composition of the EWG. (The EWG already recommended two additional members: Independent Power Producers and Renewable energy representative. The RPC will decide on these two on April 6, 2007.) This addition brings the Working Group to 25 members.
   ii. If a voting member drops out, the first candidates in queue will be either San Diego City Schools or County Water Authority (TBD by EWG)

f. Prospective new members must be agreed upon by the membership subcommittee prior to being placed in queue

g. SANDAG staff will inform broad-based coalitions, e.g., health organizations, and other groups not represented that they are welcome and invited to attend EWG meetings

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SANDAG staff is now working with CEC staff to develop a specific proposal for a multi-year agreement that would provide financial support from CEC to SANDAG to conduct planning activities. The partnership will address regional energy and climate planning and the CEC’s Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) recommendations. The timeframe for completion of these activities is attached as a draft master calendar. Page 2 includes other relevant energy activities.

Attachment: Draft Calendar

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**Sunrise Powerlink Proceeding at CPUC**
- Discovery conferences and intervenor testimony (Mar 07)
- Evidentiary Hearings begin
- Phase I Opening briefs
- Phase I Reply briefs
- Publication of DRAFT EIR/EIS
- All Parties Phase II Direct Testimony
- All Parties Phase II Rebuttal Testimony
- Public Participation Hearings (LOCAL)
- Phase II Evidentiary Hearings begin
- Public Comments due on Draft EIR/EIS
- Phase II Opening briefs
- Phase II Reply Briefs
- FINAL EIR/EIS Published
- Proposed Decision
- Final CPUC Decision
ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (SMART METERS) 

File Number 3003000

Introduction

Ted Reguly, Director, Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Program for SDG&E, will provide an update on SDG&E’s AMI proposal to the EWG. On February 9, 2007, SDG&E filed an all-party settlement among SDG&E, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA), and the Utility Consumers’ Action Network (UCAN). Smart meters should reduce operating costs and encourage customers to conserve electricity and shift usage away from time periods of high prices or energy supply constraints.

Discussion

In March 2006, SDG&E submitted a proposal to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for installing advanced “smart meters” with integrated two-way communications functionality. As proposed, smart meters will reduce operating costs and provide several features that will encourage customers to conserve electricity and shift usage away from time periods of high prices or energy supply constraints. Other benefits include improved outage management, enhanced customer services, and reduced need to access customer property.

Smart meters are a network of advanced electric and natural gas meters and/or modules connected to a communications network. It allows two-way communication between the utility and a customer’s meter, and will automatically read electric meters every 15 minutes for business customers and every hour for residential customers. It will read gas meters daily.

On February 9, 2007, SDG&E filed with the CPUC an all-party settlement among SDG&E, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA), and Utility Consumers’ Action Network (UCAN). The CPUC is expected to issue their final decision on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure or “smart meter” filing in April 2007.

The all-party settlement was a collaborative effort among SDG&E, the Department of Ratepayer Advocates, and UCAN to achieve the best plan for selecting and deploying smart meters and supporting technologies for its customers. Some of the changes include:

- A new remote connect/disconnect feature to speed up service for customers when moving in or out of their place of residence.
• The addition of a Home Area Network (HAN), a technology network inside the home to allow customers the ability to connect other digital devices such as computers, telephones, VCRs, televisions, video games, home security systems, "smart" appliances, fax machines, and other digital devices that are wired into the network capability. Customers eventually will be able to have an in-home real-time cost display showing a running total of their bill month-to-date, with energy rates programmed remotely.

• The creation of a technology advisory panel that will include energy regulators, technology experts, consumer groups, and customer representatives to provide the professional exchange of ideas, advice, and feedback relating to the effective deployment of smart meters and related technologies.

• A risk/reward mechanism to assure customers that SDG&E is carefully managing costs.

Once approved, meter installations are expected to begin in late 2008 and be completed in early 2011.

Additional information on SDG&E’s smart meter proposal is available online at www.SDG&E.com/smartmeter.

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CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE (CSI): SAN DIEGO PROGRAM

Introduction

The San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO) will provide members with an update on the California Solar Initiative program and its benefits for the San Diego region. It will provide specifics on incentives available to municipalities, for-profit and non-profit businesses and residences. A solar thermal pilot program will also be discussed. It will also provide an outline of upcoming events for Phase Two of the CSI proceeding at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Background

Through the California Solar Initiative (CSI), the CPUC will provide over $2.1 billion in solar incentives for the next ten years to existing residential, existing and new commercial, industrial and agricultural solar projects. The California Energy Commission (CEC) will provide incentives to new residential solar projects through its New Solar Homes Partnership. SDREO has been allocated $203.5 million for incentives in the San Diego region. The goal for the state is to install 3,000 MW of clean, renewable solar projects in California by 2017.

SDREO currently provides an incentive of $2.50/watt for all system sizes (payment made for up to 1MW, system size can be up to 5MW) and the option of a Performance-Based Incentive (PBI) for larger systems. In Phase One of the CSI proceeding, the CPUC modified its direction in response to the passage of Senate Bill 1, the California Solar Initiative. This included approval of mandatory advanced meters for CSI participants. Phase One also determined the administration of the residential retrofit program, created the program handbook (pending final approval), developed marketing and outreach guidelines, and settled research and development (R&D) issues (pending final approval).

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