

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Chair Todd Rigby on the Zoom platform.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Rigby led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Board of Directors present:**

Todd Rigby, City of Eastvale (Chair)  
Russ Brown, City of Hemet  
Chris Barajas, City of Jurupa Valley  
Ted Hoffman, City of Norco  
Rita Rogers, City of Perris  
Ben Benoit, City of Wildomar

**Technical Advisory Committee Members present:**

Bryan Jones, City of Eastvale  
Chris Lopez, City of Hemet  
Rod Butler, City of Jurupa Valley  
Andy Okoro, City of Norco  
Clara Miramontes, City of Perris  
Gary Nordquist, City of Wildomar

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

Per legal counsel, the Board will be meeting in Closed Session to discuss anticipated litigation regarding legal issues related to correspondence received by Southern California Edison. The Board will also discuss a matter regarding the CPUC Resource Adequacy Proceeding.

There were no reportable actions.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR** – *(Wildomar / Norco) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 6.A through 6.G were approved. A representative from the City of Canyon Lake was not present.*

**A. Summary Minutes from the February 10, 2021, Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee are Available for Consideration.**

**Action:**        1.        *Approved the Summary Minutes from the February 10, 2021, Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee.*

**B. Regulatory and Legislative Activities Update**

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**C. WCE Statistics, Client Engagement and Outreach Update**

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**D. Marketing and Outreach Activities Update**

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**E. Financial Report Summary Update**

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**F. Joint CCA JPA – California Community Power**

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**G. Bad Debt and Collections Policy Update**

**Action:**        1.        *Received and filed.*

**7. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

**A. WCE’s Generation Rates Update**

Casey Dailey, Director of WRCOG’s Energy & Environmental Programs, reported that as a result of COVID-19, WCE, in addition to other CCAs and utilities, are seeing delinquencies increase between 6% and 9%. WCE’s delinquency rates have increased just over \$6M over the past year. Energy costs for 2020 exceeded projected models by approximately \$10M largely due to summer heat storms as did Resource Adequacy costs by approximately \$6M.

In October 2020, Southern California Edison (SCE) increased its delivery charges, and in February 2021 increased Power Cost Indifference Adjustment, and delivery charges. This created an increase in utility bills for all SCE customers, but more for WCE customers.

Findings from an initial Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) indicate the need to adjust the WCE portion of the overall total customer utility bill. In addition, the implementation of an energy surcharge, or power cost adjustment, is needed to account for an increase in energy costs due to the 2020 weather events.

Staff will conduct a robust COSA by end of year to determine if additional changes are needed prior to the next rate adoption.

- Actions:**
1.        *Directed staff to adjust all rate classes as a whole (effective March 15, 2021) with a cap of up to 20% per the COSA findings, but only by 10% for CARE customers, and power cost adjustment implementation will be effective May 1, 2021.*
  2.        *Adopted Resolution No. 2021-04; A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Western Community Energy adopting an updated Rate Schedule and Surcharge and rescinding Resolution No. 2020-12.*

*(Perris / Hemet) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 7.A was approved. A representative from the City of Canyon Lake was not present.*

## **8. REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, indicated that today's meeting summary and PowerPoint will be emailed to Board members shortly. Staff will also be emailing Board members a letter in which Legislators have asked the Governor to use surplus funds for the payment of unpaid utility (electric included) and internet bills.

## **9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items for future agendas.

## **10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no general announcements.

## **11. NEXT MEETING:**

**The next Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., on the Zoom platform.**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**The Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.**