

# Western Riverside Council of Governments WCE Board of Directors

## Minutes

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Todd Rigby at 1:27 p.m., on June 9, 2021, in WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Ben Benoit led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL

#### Board of Directors:

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

#### Technical Advisory Committee Members:

- City of Eastvale - Bryan Jones\*
- City of Jurupa Valley - Mike Flad
- City of Norco - Andy Okoro\*
- City of Perris - Clara Miramontes
- City of Wildomar - Gary Nordquist

\*Arrived after Roll Call

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Jurupa Valley / Wildomar) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 5.A was approved.

#### A. Extension of Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Agency Budget

#### Action:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-11; A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Western Community

Energy extending the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Agency Budget through August 2021.

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to 54956.9(d)(1)  
Case Number: 6:21-12821 (U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Central Division)

There were no reportable actions.

## **7. OPEN SESSION**

This item was added to the agenda at the meeting in order for the Board to consider adopting a resolution authorizing deregistration with the California Public Utilities Commission.

(Jurupa Valley / Wildomar) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 7 was approved to be added to the agenda.

Chris Gray, WRCOG Interim Executive Director, reported that at this time it is appropriate for WCE to file a notice of deregistration with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in order to allow for the transition of customers back to Southern California Edison (SCE), and will allow WCE to work collaboratively with SCE and the CPUC to effectuate that change.

Steve DeBaun, WCE legal counsel, indicated that a copy of the resolution was distributed to Board members present, and emailed to those attending the meeting via Zoom.

Director Ben Benoit indicated that this Board is doing everything it can to help protect the customers. Director Benoit intends to work for a state legislative fix to hopefully cover some of WCE's debts.

### **Action:**

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-12; A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Western Community Energy authorizing deregistration with the California Public Utilities Commission.

(Wildomar / Jurupa Valley) 6 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Item 7 was approved.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

The next Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., on the Zoom platform. Board and Committee members will have the option of attending this meeting in-person.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:58 p.m.