

Western Riverside Council of Governments WCE Board of Directors

Minutes

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 1:48 p.m., on July 14, 2021, in WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Todd Rigby 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 Hemet - Chris Lopez
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler*
- 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 – (Hemet / Jurupa Valley) 5 yes; 0 no; 1 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.C were approved. The City of Perris abstained from item 5.A only.

A. Summary Minutes from the May 24, 2021, Special Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the May 24, 2021, Special Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee.

B. Summary Minutes from the June 9, 2021, Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the June 9, 2021, Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee.

C. Approval of Amendments to Consulting Agreements for Post-Bankruptcy Services

Actions:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between Western Community Energy and GDS Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for technical and regulatory consulting services.
2. Authorized the Executive Director to execute a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between Western Community Energy and Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$290,000 through August 2021, for essential post-bankruptcy billing and customer services.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. WCE Deregistration and Customer Transition Update

Dave Wright, WCE Interim General Manager, reported that after the Bankruptcy petition was filed, WCE's energy suppliers legally terminated their contracts with WCE. This left WCE with no energy resources, and caused WCE to file Deregistration with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). WCE worked with Southern California Edison (SCE) and the CPUC to transition customers back to SCE with minimal customer impact.

As of June 15, 2021, all customers (115,000 customer accounts) were transitioned to SCE services. Customers receive no negative impact in their services and customer's bills will remain substantially the same, with only a minor change on the generation portion of the bill.

WCE currently has 4,700 NEM (solar customers) customers at time of transition that had an outstanding credit balance (amount owed by WCE to said customers) of \$670,000. WCE and bankruptcy counsel are evaluating ways to compensate these customers through the bankruptcy process.

Chris Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, thanked the CPUC for finding a way to transition customers back to SCE rather quickly, and thanked SCE staff for working with WCE on a daily basis.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. CLOSED SESSION

- Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - Two (2) potential cases
- 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.

8. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the interest of time no report was provided.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items requested for future agendas.

10. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Ben Benoit thanked Chris Gray for his hard work during the transition of the new Executive Director.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., on the Zoom platform. Board and Committee members will have the option of attending this meeting in-person.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 3:21 p.m.