



# Western Community Energy Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee

## REVISED AGENDA

Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
1:15 PM

Western Riverside Council of Governments  
3390 University Avenue, Suite 200  
Riverside, CA 92501

**WRCOG'S OFFICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO COVID-19**

### [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 858 8829 8927

Password: 101321

Dial in: (669) 900 9128 U.S.

### **SPECIAL NOTICE – COVID-19 RELATED PROCEDURES IN EFFECT**

Due to the State and local recommendations for social distancing resulting from the threat of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), this meeting is being held via Zoom under Assembly Bill 361 (Government Code Section 54953) (AB 361). Pursuant to AB 361, WRCOG does not need to make a physical location available for members of the public to observe a public meeting and offer public comment. AB 361 allows WRCOG to hold Committee meetings via teleconferencing or other electronic means and allows for members of the public to observe and address the committee telephonically or electronically.

In addition to commenting at the Committee meeting, members of the public may also submit written comments before or during the meeting, prior to the close of public comment to [snelson@wrcog.us](mailto:snelson@wrcog.us).

Any member of the public requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in this meeting in light of this announcement shall contact Suzy Nelson 72 hours prior to the meeting at (951) 405-6703 or [snelson@wrcog.us](mailto:snelson@wrcog.us). Later requests accommodated to the extent feasible.

The Board of Directors may take any action on any item listed on the agenda, regardless of the Requested Action.

1. **CALL TO ORDER (Todd Rigby, Chair)**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time members of the public can address the Board of Directors regarding any items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Directors that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Board of Directors in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. Prior to the motion to consider any action by the Board of Directors, any public comments on any of the Consent Items will be heard. There will be no separate action unless members of the Board of Directors request specific items be removed from the Consent Calendar.

**A. Summary Minutes from the September 1, 2021, Special Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee**

***Requested Action(s):*** 1. Approve the Summary Minutes from the September 1, 2021, Special Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee.

**6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion.

**A. SCE Billing Update and WCE Customer Transition**

***Requested Action(s):*** 1. Receive and file.

**B. California Arrearage Payment Program Update**

***Requested Action(s):*** 1. Receive and file.

**7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dr. Kurt Wilson

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Members are invited to suggest additional items to be brought forward for discussion at future Board meetings.

**9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members are invited to announce items / activities which may be of general interest to the Board.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - One (1) potential cases

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to 54956.9(d)(1) - Case number: 6:12-12821 (US Bankruptcy Court, Central Division)

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., virtually on the Zoom platform.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

# 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 1:16 p.m., on September 1, 2021, in WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair 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 - Kevin Bash\*
- City of Perris - Rita Rogers
- City of Wildomar - Ben Benoit

\*Arrived after roll call

#### Technical Advisory Committee Members:

- City of Eastvale - Bryan Jones
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler
- City of Norco - Andy Okoro
- City of Perris - Ernie Reyna

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR** – (Perris / Jurupa Valley) 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.C were approved.

#### **A. Summary Minutes from the August 11, 2021, Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee**

#### **Action:**

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the August 11, 2021, Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee.

## **B. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Agency Budget**

### **Action:**

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-14; A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Western Community Energy adopting the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Agency Budget.

## **C. Approval of a First Amendment to Calpine Consulting Agreement for Post-Bankruptcy Services**

### **Action:**

1. Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between Western Community Energy and Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$490,000 through June 2022, for essential post-bankruptcy billing and customer services.

## **6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION**

### **A. WCE Post-Deregistration Activities Update**

Dave Wright, WCE Interim General Manager, reported that the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is providing nearly \$700M to Utilities (both electric and gas) and CCAs to provide financial assistance to customers that have been impacted by COVID-19. WCE is required to work with Southern California Edison (SCE) to complete a customer survey; SCE will submit information on WCE's behalf. WCE then must submit the information to validate what SCE had submitted. Information is due by September 9, 2021. The CSD has indicated that it is not certain if a CCA currently in bankruptcy will qualify for or receive any funding. If WCE qualifies for funding, the CSD would forward it to SCE, which would then forward it to WCE.

SCE is proposing re-entry fees at \$14.7M. If this were to occur, the average residential customers would see an average increase on their bill of approximately \$14 to \$15 per month for six months.

There are approximately 4,700 Net Energy Meter (NEM) customers who are owed credits from WCE. These customers are in the general creditor class of the bankruptcy.

Christopher Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, indicated that staff are asking SCE to attend next month's WCE meeting to discuss the transition process.

Chair Rigby indicated that customers are receiving partial bills and he would like SCE to also provide information on that.

Director Ben Benoit indicated that it would be beneficial to send letters to customers regarding any credits due or not due.

### **Action:**

1. Received and filed.

## **7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Dr. Kurt Wilson had no update to provide.

## **8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

There were no items requested for future agendas.

## **9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no general announcements.

## **10. CLOSED SESSION**

- Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - One (1) potential case
- Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to 54956.9(d)(1) - Case number: 6:12-12821 (US Bankruptcy Court, Central Division)

Steve DeBaun, WCE legal counsel, indicated that the Board will only hear information on the second item as there is nothing to report on for the first item.

There were no reportable actions.

## **11. NEXT MEETING**

The next Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 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 2:37 p.m.



# Western Community Energy Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** SCE Billing Update and WCE Customer Transition  
**Contact:** Tyler Masters, Program Manager, [tmasters@wrcog.us](mailto:tmasters@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6732  
**Date:** October 13, 2021

---

**Requested Action(s):**

1. Receive and file.
- 

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on the various billing-related questions that have arose across multiple communities in recent months.

**Background:**

On September 1, 2021, the WCE Board of Directors discussed a number of questions that have been received from multiple communities related to various billing-related issues.

Staff have reached out to Southern California Edison (SCE), and Michael Williams, Principal Manager, SCE Business Customer Division, will provide an update and presentation to the Board on the communities' billing questions.

**Prior Action(s):**

None.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This item is for informational purposes only; therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

**Attachment(s):**

None.



# Western Community Energy Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee

## Staff Report

**Subject:** California Arrearage Payment Program Update  
**Contact:** David Wright, Interim Director, [dwright@wrcog.us](mailto:dwright@wrcog.us), (951) 405-6732  
**Date:** October 13, 2021

**Requested Action(s):**

1. Receive and file.

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this item is to provide an update on WCE efforts to participate in the California Arrearage Payment Program.

**Background:**

*This item is reserved for a presentation on the efforts over the last month to include WCE customer arrearages into the State's California Arrearage Payment Program (CAPP).*

State leaders have taken steps to limit economic impacts on residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19. Most recently, to mitigate the negative effects that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the economy, the State Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$1 billion from the State's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to the California Department of Community Services & Development (CSD) to implement the CAPP.

The CAPP is designed to provide financial assistance to active and inactive residential and commercial customers that have delinquent balances incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic relief period, which spans from March 4, 2020, through June 15, 2021. Both Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) and Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) customers are eligible for funding, in proportion to their respective shares of eligible past due amounts. CAPP earmarks \$695 million of the \$1 billion specifically to IOU and CCA customers that need financial assistance.

WCE staff continues to work with the CSD - the administrator of the CAPP funds - and Southern California Edison to provide relevant WCE customer arrearage information for potential participation in the CAPP Program.

**Prior Action(s):**

**September 1, 2021:** The Board of Directors received and filed.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The amount of funding available to WCE for the CAPP is unknown at this time.

**Attachment(s):**

None.