



March 19, 2024

Chair Syphers and Honorable Board of Directors
 California Community Power
 901 H St., Suite 120 PMB 157
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Request: POSTPONE Adoption of Item 6E: Resolution 24-03-03 Adoption of Getting It Built Right Agreements

Dear Chair Syphers and Honorable Directors,

As we prepare for the upcoming Wednesday, March 20th board meeting, we want to address our concerns regarding *Item 6E: Resolution 24-03-03 Adoption of Getting It Built Right Agreements* slated for action. Specifically, we strongly request that the Ad Hoc committee postpone adoption of the proposed ‘agreements’.

The Alliance’s request to postpone the framework is driven by several key factors:

- The Alliance has eagerly awaited the opportunity to re-engage in discussion with CC Power after a period of approximately 2.5 years.
- The closed ad hoc committee recommendation was advanced to the full board without an opportunity for consultation or collaboration with interested parties.
- Furthermore, this item has been expedited to the CC Power board within just 3 weeks after its initial introduction, again providing limited opportunity for engagement by interested parties

We believe that proceeding with an action at CC Power's March 20th board meeting under these circumstances represents a significant missed opportunity for meaningful dialogue and the building of constructive relationships with labor, climate and environmental justice communities to **advance our shared goals of supporting workers, communities, and accelerating clean energy development, and meeting ambitious climate goals with minimal delay.**

We hear and understand CC Power's concern of 'circumventing locally-adopted policies,' and believe the proposed staff approach fails to resolve those concerns. To that end we advocate for an alternative approach to the proposed 'no-policy, policy' for the following reasons:

- **Implementation Uncertainty:** The proposed 'agreements' lack clarity, causing confusion among stakeholders about how standards would be applied during implementation given member CCA's varied or absent policies. Without clear guidance from CC Power at the outset the question remains whether the CCA with weak standards have their locally-adopted policy circumvented or if the CCA with strong standards have their locally-adopted policy circumvented.
- **Lack of Clear Basis for Action:** During a meeting with GM Morris last week, he mentioned CC Power's intention to adhere to the highest procurement standards of the participating CCAs. While this sentiment is appreciated, the absence of clear policies undermines accountability and leaves his assertion unsupported.
- **Clear, Consistent Market Signal:** By proactively establishing standards that clearly define the characteristics of a successful project, CC Power and its member CCAs send a consistent message to the market regarding expectations that project proposals deliver on collective goals. This upfront communication of standards increases the quality of proposals and streamlines the evaluation process all the while maintaining competitive financial performance.
- **De-Risk Projects:** Clearly defined procurement policies and practices de-risk projects by reducing ambiguity and uncertainty for project stakeholders during project procurement, development and approval. Ambiguity and uncertainty often cause project opposition, delays, legal disputes, or even abandonment harming both mission and reputation. Given CCAs strict regulatory obligations and the urgency of environmental concerns, avoiding delays is essential to expedite the implementation, resulting in direct benefits to both CC Power and its member CCAs.

To address the shortcomings of the proposed "Getting it Built Right Agreements", we recommend instead that the CC Power board agree to work with member CCA boards and the CCA Workforce & EJ Alliance to adopt uniform procurement standards for CC Power procurement.

We strongly urge the Board to postpone any decisions until April or later. This temporary continuation would enable a period of consultation and collaboration between staff, Directors and the CCA Workforce & Environmental Justice Alliance members. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Endorsement list of alliance organizations follows:

Susan Penner, Co-Chair, Legislative Working Group, 1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations

Alan Weiner, Coordinator, 350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley

Transition Team, California Alliance for Community Energy

Lucas Zucker, Co-Executive Director, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy

Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino, Network Manager, Central Coast Climate Justice Network

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Michael Chiacos, Policy Director, Community Environmental Council

Jordan Ackerman, Sr. Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Construction Trades Workforce Initiative

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Jessica Tovar, Steering Committee Member, Local Clean Energy Alliance

Gopal Shanker, President, Récolte Energy

Nancy Faulstich, Executive Director, Regeneración Pajaro Valley

Sara Nelson, Executive Director, Romero Institute

Alex Lansberg, Director, Research & Advocacy, San Francisco Electrical Contractors Assoc.

Jill ZamEk, Board Member, San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace

Robert M. Gould, MD, President, San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility

Joni Eisen, Representative, San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition

Ken Hough, Executive Director, Santa Barbara County Action Network

Pauline Seales, Educator Organizer, Santa Cruz Climate Action Network

Eric Veium, Chair and Co-Executive Director, SLO Climate Coalition

Melissa Yu, Senior Energy Campaigns Representative, Sierra Club

Timothy Duda, Directory, Terra Advocati

Woody Hastings, Fossil Fuel Phaseout Manager, The Climate Center

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