

**California Community Power**

# Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of CC Power

**1:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

**Teleconference Meeting**

**California Community Power  
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given **August 20, 2025**, at **1:00 p.m.**

**Teleconference Information:**

The following information is being provided as the forum by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment:

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**Public Meeting Locations:**

Any member of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment at the following addresses where Board members may also join the meeting:

**Ava Community Energy**

1999 Harrison Avenue, Suite 2300  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Central Coast Community Energy**

2601 Porter Street  
Soquel, CA 95073

**CleanPowerSF**

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
525 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Valley Clean Energy**

604 Second Street  
Davis, CA 95616

**Redwood Coast Energy Authority**

633 3rd Street  
Eureka CA 95501

**San José Clean Energy**

4 N. 2nd Street, Suite 700  
San Jose, CA 95113

**Silicon Valley Clean Energy**

333 W El Camino Real, Suite 330  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

**Sonoma Clean Power Authority**

Sonoma Clean Power Business Office  
431 E Street, Stillman Conference Room  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

## CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER

### AGENDA

<b>1</b>	<b>Call to Order.</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Verification of Meeting Quorum.</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Subsequent to Posting the Agenda.</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Public Comment</b> – any member of the public may address the Board of Directors concerning any matter not on the agenda.
<b>5</b>	<b>Consent Agenda.</b> A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on June 18, 2025.
<b>6</b>	<b>Regular Agenda.</b> A. Strategic Plan Refresh – Scope and Timeline B. Review and Discuss Draft Reserves Policy C. General Manager Report
<b>7</b>	<b>Discussion of Any Individual Member Items.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjournment.</b>

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# Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Directors of CC Power held on June 18, 2025.**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF  
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER (CC POWER)

June 18, 2025

On this date, a Regular Meeting of the Directors of CC Power was held via teleconference. Directors participated from the following public locations and members of the public had the opportunity to participate in public comment at each location.

**Public Meeting Locations:**

**Ava Community Energy**

1999 Harrison Avenue, Suite 2300  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Central Coast Community Energy**

70 Garden Court, Suite 300  
Monterey, CA 93940

**CleanPowerSF**

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
525 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Peninsula Clean Energy**

2075 Woodside Road  
Redwood City, CA 94061

**Redwood Coast Energy Authority**

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Representatives:

<b>Member Agency</b>	<b>Director</b>
Ava Community Energy	Howard Chang
Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)	Dennis Dyc-O'Neal, Alternate
CleanPowerSF	Barbara Hale
Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE)	Shawn Marshall
Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA)	Beth Burks
San José Clean Energy (SJCE)	Lori Mitchell, Chair
Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)	Monica Padilla
Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCP)	Geof Syphers
Valley Clean Energy	Mitch Sears

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Other Participants:

Alex Morris	General Manager
Philippe Gerretsen	Director of Origination
Tony Braun	General Counsel

1. Call to Order: Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.
2. Verification of Meeting Quorum: Mr. Braun verified that there was a quorum to proceed. Attendance is noted above. All Directors present participated via teleconference.
3. Matters Subsequent to Posting the Agenda: None.
4. Public Comment (any matter not on the agenda): None.
5. Consent Agenda: Chair Mitchell invited comments from the Board and there were none. Public Comment: None.

<b>ACTION:</b> M/S (Syphers/Sears) to <b>approve the Consent Agenda</b> . Motion carried by a roll call vote (Abstain: Director Burks).
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6. Closed Session – One Matter.

The Board recessed into a closed session at 1:09 p.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case (Goal Line Contract Dispute).

The Board of Directors returned from closed session at 1:34 p.m.

7. Regular Agenda Items.

- A. Resolution 25-06-01 Approval of Early Termination of the Goal Line Energy Storage Service Agreement.

Chair Mitchell introduced the resolution, reported Board discussion in closed session, and invited further comments from the Board. Director Hale provided comment and thanked staff for professional work on a difficult issue.

Public Comment: None.

<b>ACTION:</b> M/S (Syphers/Padilla) to <b>approve the Resolution 25-06-01 Approval Early Termination of the Goal Line Energy Storage Service Agreement</b> . Motion carried by a roll call vote (Abstain: Director Chang, Director Marshall, and Alternate Director Dyc-O’Neal).
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- B. Strategic Plan Refresh.

Chair Mitchell introduced a Strategic Plan Refresh work-plan project.

Chair Mitchell invited comments from the Board. Directors Marshall, Syphers, Chang, and Sears provided comments. Director Padilla asked for clarification on whether the Strategic Plan timeline would feed into the next fiscal year budget; Chair Mitchell responded.

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Public Comment: None.

C. General Manager Report.

Mr. Morris reviewed the Member Forum agenda and announced the addition of Scott Carroll and Jack Schaufler to the CC Power team. He provided an update on the Tumbleweed project and discussed the benefit from a potential Resource Adequacy optimization tool. Chair Mitchell invited comments from the Board. Directors Padilla, Syphers, Marshall, and Chang provided comments. Director Sears raised questions; Mr. Morris responded.

Mr. Morris provided an update on the responses received from the Geothermal request for information and the next steps. Director Syphers weighed in on the overlay with the Sonoma Clean Power GeoZone initiative. Chair Mitchell invited comments from the Board. Director Padilla raised clarifying questions; Director Syphers responded. Directors Marshall, Chang, and Sears provided comments. Director Sears suggested the development of principles to address the issue and to use as a starting point. Chair Mitchell suggested the formation of an *ad hoc* committee to discuss the issue and requested that Directors Syphers, Marshall, Padilla, and Chang join the *ad hoc* committee. Mr. Gerretsen asked for clarification on certain matters; Chair Marshall and Director Syphers responded.

Mr. Morris also reported on administrative items including upcoming Member invoices, the development of operating policies, and contracts signed with Best Best & Krieger LLP, Clean Energy Regulatory Research, and Jack Schaufler.

Public Comment: None.

8. Discussion of Any Individual Member Items: Director Syphers announced the development of a transmission planning model that will be rolled out next week.

The Board of Directors adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Howard Chang, Secretary

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# Agenda Item 6A

1. Strategic Plan Refresh – Scope and Timeline.

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August 13, 2025

From: Geof Syphers, Vice Chair of CC Power and CEO of Sonoma Clean Power

To: CC Power Board of Directors

Subject: **Strategic Plan Refresh**

**Recommended Action:** None at this time

## **Dear Fellow Board Members:**

California Community Power (“CC Power”) has evolved and matured since 2022, in line with the 2022 Strategic Plan. While critical progress has been made and will continue, it is also prudent to revisit the strategic plan to allow for current Board input, re-alignment, and augmentation. We’re calling this effort the “Strategic Plan Refresh”.

This effort is not intended to replace or duplicate the existing Strategic Plan. That plan specified a core vision and model for CC Power wherein members access joint-action opportunities or projects through an ‘opt-in’ approach. The Strategic Plan also specified 1) the need for CC Power to focus on planning power project under contract and 2) to consider or offer additional joint-action opportunities based on an array of ideas. These matters are now normalized in CC Power through the Phase 1-2-3 structure, active Project Advisory Subcommittee work on existing projects, and the use of Working Groups (Phase 1) to socialize and assess joint-action ideas. CC Power has established a one-year ‘work-planning and budgeting’ process to ensure alignment with the Strategic plan as well as member input in work prioritization and budgets.

The Strategic Plan Refresh will enable Board consideration for strategic priorities for CC Power beyond the 1-year look-ahead. To enable this, we propose to consider a focus on 2030-2035 and the possible projects or capabilities we want for CC Power in this time, e.g. power project ownership. The 2022 Strategic Plan teed up numerous ideas for joint action and this ‘refresh’ will further direct staff on longer-term priorities.

Our Board is comprised of CEOs from strong and diverse CCAs, but some Board members are newer to their CC Power Board role. This Refresh will ensure newer Board members have input into strategic plans and priorities.

Lastly, staff has identified an array of approaches by which members, through CC Power, will have more joint-action heft or abilities at a later date. Some of these ideas, such as a master services contract or road-maps, have not been fully implemented, and implementation-level discussions amongst the Board may be useful. Some of these approaches are in the work-plan

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for 2025-2026 and Board discussion will help further align CC Power efforts with the Board's longer-term priorities.

The first step for this refresh is to discuss with the Board this recommended scope and timeline. Please note that staff will also survey members to gather data and feedback re strategic priorities or approaches. We anticipate that this survey and up-front work will inform discussion at the in-person Member Forum in October.

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# Agenda Item 6B

1. Review and Discuss Draft Reserves Policy

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July 30, 2025

From: Alex Morris, General Manager

To: CC Power Board of Directors

Subject: **Draft Reserves and Carryover Policy**

**Recommended Action:** Discuss draft policy for possible September Board consideration.

## Staff Memo:

California Community Power's ("CC Power") Board approves its budget annually. As part of this budget process, CC Power has accumulated a small cash 'reserve' intended only to address timing uncertainty on invoicing or other small non-project cash flows considerations, e.g. non-discretionary General and Administrative expenses. These "reserves" are not intended to support credit-rating matters.

Separately, based on several years of operating experience, staff also observes that CC Power may at times have excess General and Administrative ("G&A") or other funds that the Board may wish to re-apply towards reserves or to 'carryover' as an offset against future revenue needs. CC Power, with direction from Treasurer Mitch Sears (VCE), seeks to formalize a policy on these matters.

The attached policy is draft and for discussion only. Pending discussion with the Board, a final draft version may be presented for Board consideration in September 2025.

The draft policy seeks to achieve the following goals:

- Provide guidance on a target amount of G&A and staffing-related "reserves" to be held and how quickly such reserves should be accumulated
- Predefine how and when such reserves may be used
- Codify how excess funds from some CC Power Operations can be considered for reserves or 'carried over', i.e. to offset future revenue needs.

The draft policy can be summarized as follows:

- CC Power shall establish a reserve fund set to cover approximately 6 months of non-discretionary and non-project (Phase 3) spending
- Reserves are to be accumulated over 5 years
- Reserves shall accrue interest
- Use of reserves shall be limited to pre-set situations
- Use of reserves requires authorization as defined and must be reported to the Board

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- Excess G&A and Phase 1 monies can be partially applied to reserves where and when logical
- All Other funds are either 'carried over' or returned to members based on member contributions, project shares, accounting prudence, or other relevant reasons

Based on the 2025-2026 budget, the above approach to reserves would direct a reserve fund of approximately \$1.3M. Since CC Power is estimated to already have approximately \$500k in reserves, the incremental reserves to be accumulated over 5 years would be approximately \$800k. On a per year basis, the above policy would direct accumulation of \$150k per year. With no rollover amounts being considered, this could amount to \$17k per year. This amount would be lower than past reserve accumulation amounts, such as 2024-2025 where \$19.4k/member was collected for reserves.

CC Power staff also expect that the CC Power Fiscal Year 2024-2025 will show underspending. Such underspending may yield additional reserves (if so allocated). Any such reserve additions may materially lower the go-forward reserve increases needed, depending on the end-of-year financials which are not complete at this time.

The CC Power budget is anticipated to change year to year. As part of this, pursuant to the above proposed policy, the specific Reserve goal will adjust somewhat year-to-year. CC Power staff believes this is a reasonable structure that can be accommodated and further tuned in the annual budget process.

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Date: July 30, 2025

**CC Power Policy on i) Building Limited Cash Safety Net (Reserves), ii) Use of Reserves, and iii) Treatment of Excess Funds, and iv) Carryover of Funds where applicable**

Policy:

- CC Power shall plan prudently for cash and liquidity needs. As part of this, CC Power will establish a ‘reserve’ of cash used only for select situations.
- Limiting the Need for or Use of Reserves:
  - a. CC Power shall primarily address short-term liquidity through prudent planning, a Board Approved budget, prudent cost management, and timely invoicing approaches.
  - b. General & Administrative, Phase 1, and Phase 2 invoices will be issued for the full anticipated fiscal year in the beginning of the fiscal year, providing adequate expected cash for annual operations.<sup>1</sup>
- Reserves Fund Establishment and Amount:
  - a. CC Power shall establish a short-term cash liquidity reserve with a target funding amount equal to approximately six (6) months of non-discretionary expenses, *excluding* costs allocated to Phase 3 project accounts, based on the most recently approved budget.
  - b. Reserves shall be held in liquid financial forms or instruments and shall accrue interest through low or limited risk financial investments.
- Use of Reserves: Reserves Shall only be used for the following cases:
  - i. For emergency liquidity or critical operational issues, including payroll, benefits, insurance, and critical non-discretionary expenses in emergency cases where material or otherwise significant harm may

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<sup>1</sup> Phase 3 invoices are determined at the project level and are not standardized.

occur if reserves are not used, and where the use of reserves is warranted based on normal business judgement.

- ii. To cover shortfalls in cost-recovery for non-discretionary Phase 2 or 3<sup>2</sup> operations within the annual budget cycle, such as non-discretionary staff and administrative costs planned for Phase 2 projects or Phase 3 cost-recovery.
  - 1. Example: a large Phase 2 project is estimated to be pursued within a budget year, but this project is not activated by members, creating a need to recover some limited staff costs that could not be otherwise recovered through different or alternative projects. As needed, reserves can be used to cover these under-recovered costs.
- iii. As directed by the Board.

- Approval and Notifications regarding Use of Reserves
  - a. Emergency Use of Reserves must be discussed and approved by either the Board, the Chair and/or Vice-Chair if available, or another CC Power officer if neither the Chair nor Vice-Chair nor the full Board are available in the time required based on the financial situation. Following this discussion, the General Manager is authorized to use reserves for an applicable purpose and situation and must notify the board of any such actions at the next Board Meeting.
  - b. Use of the Reserves where directed by the Board does not require further explicit Board notification or approval.
- Treatment of Excess or 'Carryover' Funds from year-to-year
  - a. CC Power may identify 'excess funds' within the four account types: G&A, Phase 1, Phase 2, or Phase 3.
  - b. For excess G&A and Phase 1 funds, up to 50% of excess funds at the end of a fiscal year can be directed into reserves through Board Approval.
  - c. For Excess Phase 2 and Phase 3 funds, such funds shall be returned to members or potentially 'carried over' to reduce future invoicing needs as directed by the member and based on accounting requirements, reasonable business judgement, and operational practices.

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<sup>2</sup> CC Power uses a Phasing process for work planning and execution. Phase 1: Idea assessment and research. Phase 2: active pursuit of a joint-action project, program, or deal, typically including solicitations for services or projects and negotiations. Phase 3: Acceptance and ongoing execution of a project.

- Accumulating Reserves: Sources and Timing
  - a. Reserves accumulation shall be planned to occur on a 5-year basis.
  - b. Reserves shall be accumulated through budgeting and excess G&A and Phase 1 funds from a fiscal year.
  - c. The Board may authorize deviations from this Policy.