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June 15, 2018

10-11:30AM

1. WELCOME & SELF-INTRODUCTIONS- Brissa Sotelo-Vargas
2. PRESENTATIONS
Clean Power Alliance – Southern California’s Community Choice Aggregation
 - **Ted Bardacke**
Executive Director, Clean Power Alliance of Southern California
Clean Power Alliance (CPA) is the region’s new, locally-operated community choice aggregation (CCA) and has approximately 1 million eligible customers in Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Ted Bardacke is CPA’s new Executive Director and will join us to discuss CCAs, renewable energy goals, the customer experience and the relationship with existing investor owned utilities.
Q&A**California’s Energy Landscape**
 - **Ranbir Sekhon**
Director, Portfolio Planning & Analysis, Southern California Edison
3. UPDATES
 - Safe, Clean Water LA
 - CARB seeking input on AB 617 Rulemaking
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - BizCon: June 20th
 - City Council Honor’s Gary: June 26th
 - Summer VIP Reception: June 27th
 - County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing – Safe, Clean Water: July 10th

Next Meeting

July 20, 2018
10-11:30AM



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Ted Bardacke
Executive Director
Clean Power Alliance

Ted Bardacke is Executive Director for Clean Power Alliance, California's new, locally-operated, electricity provider for 31 communities and approximately one million eligible customers across Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Ted brings a unique background to the organization that includes experience in the public sector, journalism, education, and non-profit leadership. During his career, Ted has developed expertise in renewable energy planning and project development, electricity and water rate setting, customer service, and sustainability program design and implementation.

Ted comes to the Alliance from the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, where he was Director of Infrastructure and Deputy Director of the Mayor's Sustainability Office. In those positions he was the Mayor's chief policy liaison to the Department of Water and Power and the Department of Public Works and was instrumental in crafting the city's first-ever Sustainability Plan, with an emphasis on pursuing distributed systems in the electricity and water sectors, and utilizing mobility infrastructure to pursue low-carbon and ecologically-beneficial outcomes.

Ted's accomplishments at the Office of Mayor Garcetti include securing a 5-year water and power rate increase to fund a transition of 75% of the city's energy mix to low carbon resources and reducing purchases of imported water by 50%. Ted also supervised major energy planning initiatives, including the 2016 Integrated Resources Plan and a multi-year study to define pathways to reach 100% renewables. Ted led major policy initiatives in energy efficiency, including an ordinance requiring annual building energy and water use disclosure and expansion of residential and commercial PACE financing availability.

From 2003 to 2013, Ted worked in the Green Urbanism Program at Global Green USA, a nationally-leading organization advancing smart solutions to climate change. Prior to that, Ted served as a foreign correspondent for the *Financial Times* of London, based in Mexico City and Bangkok and was a commentator for the BBC World Service and Deutsche Welle. Ted has taught at Pomona College, universities in Mexico City and Southeast Asia, and is a permanent Lecturer at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs. He is co-author with his teaching colleague Walker Wells of *Blueprint for Greening Affordable Housing* (Island Press, 2007) and holds degrees from Wesleyan University and the Graduate School of Architecture at Columbia University.



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Ranbir Sekhon

Director, Portfolio Planning & Analysis
Southern California Edison

Ranbir Sekhon is currently Director of Portfolio Planning & Analysis in the Energy Procurement & Management organization at Southern California Edison Company (SCE). His responsibilities include energy portfolio analysis, risk assessment and demand and price forecasting. In addition, he supports SCE's wholesale energy contracting and management activities and wholesale energy market operations through the development of analytical models and data analysis.

Mr. Sekhon has represented SCE before the California Public Utilities Commission on energy procurement and market design issues. He joined the SCE team in 2007, prior to joining SCE. Ranbir worked as a Management Consultant for PA Consulting Group and was responsible for managing teams of consultants on various consulting projects. Six of his nine years with PA were spent working with global energy sector clients on engagements ranging from Energy Transaction and Risk Management (ETRM) systems implementation to strategic planning and business process & quantitative model development.

Mr. Sekhon earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Mathematics and Computing with First Class Honors from Queen Mary College, University of London.

To LA County Supervisors

Dear

We are writing to urge you not to move forward, at this time, with your plan to place a new property tax for general water quality, water supply and community benefits on the November 2018 ballot.

We agree that an adequate supply of water is essential to the economy of Los Angeles County. We also understand that the Board of Supervisors has good intentions to put a process in place that will lead to a specific plan and specific expenditures in the future. Good intentions without a specific plan, however, are not sufficient to support a new tax of this magnitude.

When the voters of Los Angeles County were asked to support Measure M in the fall of 2016, they were presented with a very detailed plan regarding how the money would be used. That plan was the basis for building public support and the voters agreed.

When the voters of Los Angeles County were asked to support Measure H in the spring of 2017, they were presented with a very detailed plan regarding how the money would be used and that plan was the basis for building public support.

The public and the business community have frequently supported new taxes that are justified by well-defined goals and a thoughtful set of priorities with a time schedule. Those components are not included in the current proposal. It is also unclear whether the current proposal is the most cost-efficient plan to improve and enhance our local water supply. It is estimated that \$20 billion has been invested over the decades in the storm water and sanitary sewer systems throughout the county. We have no idea whether the new tax revenue will maximize those investments or ignore them.

What we do know is that the County of Los Angeles and the cities in Los Angeles County face state and federal mandates regarding storm water

runoff and water quality. Meeting these mandates will be expensive and it does not appear that the County proposal is focused on solving this problem.

While the proposed tax could provide funds to address these mandates, it is impossible to tell from the current proposal how much funding would be provided relative to the need. If the revenue from this new tax is not focused on meeting these mandates, then cities will likely be forced to ask taxpayers to authorize a second tax in the future.

In the current proposal, homeowners and businesses that have invested their own money in controlling storm water on their property would not get full credit for their investments. As a result, they would pay twice and be required to subsidize others. Likewise, it is not clear how much credit, if any, the 3500 businesses that currently pay for an industrial storm water permit will be given.

What we do know is that wholesale exemptions from the new tax are contemplated for public agencies that are among the largest property owners in the County. Publically owned property contributes to water runoff and water quality problems as well. When these properties are exempted, homeowners and businesses have to pick up a greater share.

This letter represents businesses and homeowners that would be required to pay the new tax. We stand ready to work with the County and other stakeholders to develop a specific plan that addresses the most urgent water needs in our County and is fair to all taxpayers. The current proposal does not meet those criteria, which is why the business community is urging you not to move forward with a public vote in November.

Signed

Chamber and Leading Citizens and Business Associations