



# SUMMARY MINUTES

**ABAG POWER Executive Committee**

**Regular Meeting 2019-01**

**February 20, 2019**

Conference Room 7102 – Tamalpais  
375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Dave Brees opened the meeting with introductions at 11:00 A.M.

### **Present Committee Representatives**

Angela Walton (Vice Chair)

Chris Schroeder

Dave Brees (Chair)

Diana Oyler

Doug Williams

Mike Sung

Misty Mersich

### **Jurisdiction/Agency**

City of Richmond

City of Milpitas

City of Los Altos

County of Contra Costa

City of Santa Rosa

City of Fremont

City of Cupertino

### **Staff Present**

Arleicka Conley

Cindy Chen

Jenny Berg

Ryan Jacoby

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Motion was made by Schroeder/S/Walton/C/6:0:0 to approve as proposed the Summary Minutes of the December 12, 2018 Executive Committee meeting.

The aye votes were: Brees, Mersich, Schroeder, Sung, Walton, Williams

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absentees were: None.

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### **ENERGY PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT**

Berg announced the selection of Therese McMillan as MTC's Executive Director, beginning in March 2019. She acknowledged a successful transition of key staff for ABAG POWER following the retirement of Jerry Lahr, MTC's prior energy programs manager.

She provided updates regarding the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) program and PG&E's Chapter 11 Bankruptcy filing status as of January 29, 2019. Members were assured, per an interim Bankruptcy Court Order that ABAG POWER, as a Core Transport Agent (CTA), will operate in a "business as usual" fashion. Any further updates will be followed closely.

Lastly, she noted recent state-wide building decarbonization efforts, and a desire to align ABAG POWER towards similar goals related to renewable natural gas.

Jacoby provided updates regarding recent natural gas price volatility driven by a combination of continued cold weather patterns and predictions, low storage inventories, and pipeline maintenance projects.

### **APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Brees welcomed and appointed Diana Oyler to the ABAG POWER Executive Committee in accordance with Section 7.1.4 (Vacancies) of the ABAG POWER Bylaws.

### **APPOINTMENT OF ABAG POWER SECRETARY**

Motion was made by Schroeder/S/Mersich/C/7:0:0 to appoint Jennifer Berg, Assistant Director, Energy Programs Manager, as the ABAG POWER Secretary.

The aye votes were: Brees, Mersich, Oyler, Schroeder, Sung, Walton, Williams

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absentees were: None.

Following the appointment, staff provided an updated contact list of key personnel and committee members.

### **REPORT ON NATURAL GAS PROGRAM**

#### **Monthly Summary of Operations FY 2018-19**

Jacoby provided members with the Monthly Summary of Operations reports for FY 2018-19. Members were updated on the percentage savings comparisons with PG&E, noting that financial statements through December, 2018 indicated a cumulative savings figure of -14.2%.

In addition, he noted that gas purchasing data from Alberta will be displayed beginning in February, 2019. He also provided further analysis regarding monthly expenses, gas usage, rate fluctuations and comparisons.

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### **Gas Hedge Chart**

Jacoby provided information on the program's short- and long-term gas purchases, and provided a summary of the committee recommendations establishing the current gas purchasing strategy.

### **Market Price Chart**

Jacoby provided information on current and historical gas prices, noting a significant rise in prices from November 2018 to January 2019 due to this winter's persistent inclement weather.

### **ABAG POWER FY 2018-19 OPERATING BUDGET**

Jacoby reviewed the current year budget and provided an analysis regarding the increase in Cost of Energy. He provided a staff recommendation to amend the current year budget and revise members' levelized charges, effective March 1, 2019, to minimize the impact of a relatively large year-end true-up.

Motion was made by Schroeder/S/Walton/C/7:0:0 to amend the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Budget by \$335,219, and authorize a corresponding increase in members' levelized charges throughout the remainder of FY 18-19, effective March 1, 2019.

The aye votes were: Brees, Mersich, Oyler, Schroeder, Sung, Walton, Williams

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absentees were: None.

### **CANADIAN GAS PURCHASE AND TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS**

Jacoby provided updates on the purchase and transport of gas from locations within Canada. He provided actions taken to-date, and current and future market prices.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jacoby reported an intent to prioritize efforts related to renewable natural gas and similar resources, and presented several variations of new ABAG POWER logos.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Dave Brees adjourned the meeting at 12:50 PM.

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\*Example of a motion – *[Member No. 1/S/Member No. 2/roll call vote/C/8:0:0]* means Member No.1 motions, seconded by Member No.2, after roll call vote, motion carries, 8 = "yes" votes, 0 = "no" votes and 0 = abstention.