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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM

In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting will be conducted entirely with a call-in option or internet based service option. All are invited to attend and participate.

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- Call to Order
- Review minutes from August 22, 2022
- Comments from the Co-Chairs
- Public Comment

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Possible Action on renewing WHNC participation in the Department of Water and Power Memorandum of Understanding – DWP MOU
- Discussion and Possible Action on CF 21-0352 - Strategic Long Term Resource Plan (SLTRP)
- Discussion and Possible Action on CF 16-0243 – LA 100 – 100% renewable energy portfolio

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Telephonic and Online
Monday August 22, 2022

Revised August 23, 2022

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Clarice Chavira, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Joan Trent, Brad Vanderhoof, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Committee Members Absent: Mark Neudorff, and Myrl Schreiberman

Other Board members in attendance: Kent Mariconda, and Rosi Mariconda

- Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. A quorum was established.
- Review minutes from May 2022: The minutes were approved as amended.
- Comments from the Co-chairs: Saif said the minutes from the June meetings will be approved in September.
- Public Comment: Goat Puppet Saloon Owner commented on City personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council File 22-0002-S106 - Extension of liquor sales to 4 AM.

Saif moved to approve a CIS in opposition. Aida seconded.

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Clarice Chivara – Yes, Saif Mogri – Yes,
Mark Neudorff – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Absent, Joan Trent – Yes,
Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes

Yes – 8, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The motion passes and will be sent to the WHNC Board.

- Council File 22-0002-S113 – Permit to carry concealed weapon

Steve moved to approve a CIS in support. Aida seconded.

Aida Abkarians – Abstain, Faye Barta – Abstain, Clarice Chivara – Abstain, Saif Mogri – Abstain,
Mark Neudorff – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Absent, Joan Trent – Yes,
Brad Vanderhoof – No, Joanne Yvanek-Garb – Yes

Yes – 3, No – 1, Abstain – 4, Ineligible – 0, Recused – 0

The motion passes and will be sent to the WHNC Board.

Co-chair Joanne Yvanek-Garb adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM

The next meeting of this committee is September 19, 2022 at 7:30 PM, online and telephonic.

LADWP MOU Info

JARGON NOTE: An MOU is a written agreement that indicates an initial level of consent shown by the involved parties to proceed with certain mutually agreed objectives. An MOU is *not* legally binding. It is a "best effort" agreement. [Certain agreements between DWP and its labor partners are MOUs, as are cooperation agreements, such as between DWP and perhaps the Bureau of Street Lighting.]

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

The official Neighborhood Council MOU documents (2007, 2012, and 2017) can all be found on the ladwp.com website, at the following link.

<https://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/ladwp/aboutus/a-inourcommunity/a-ioc-neighborhoodcouncils>

PARTICIPATING IN THE NC-DWP MOU

When the MOU was renewed in 2017, a well managed effort to keep track of Neighborhood Council board resolutions of participation did not occur. The West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) is welcome to participate in the DWP MOU process today and to designate an official DWP Representative under the agreement.

If the WHNC does actively participate today (regardless of whether or not it moved to officially participate in the 2017 agreement), I hope your board will also keep to the spirit of the agreement.

Obligations under the agreement include notifying LADWP of your agenda items that directly affect LADWP (such as opposition to a project, a rate change, or a program) in enough time so that LADWP has an opportunity to attend your meeting and to present its side of the issue. This would include items on committee agendas.

CONTACTING DWP ABOUT AGENDA ITEMS OR ANY LOCAL CONCERN

The web page linked above that contains the MOU documents also has a list of the current DWP Representatives to Neighborhood Councils. For the West Hills NC and other South Valley NCs your DWP Representative is:

Michael Ventre (213-367-1381, michael.ventre@ladwp.com).

After the NC-DWP agreement is renewed (hopefully as soon as possible), there will be a more coordinated way to assure official Neighborhood Council participation (or not, as your Board chooses).

APPOINTING AN OFFICIAL DWP REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE

The DWP Representative can be chosen by any method your Neighborhood Council wants to use. It can be by an appointment from the President or by a Board vote or by any other method.

We hope that any official DWP Representative will be able to participate in the **NC-DWP meetings that are held online on the first Saturday of each month from 8:30 to 10:00 am**. I suggest also naming an Alternate. Only official representatives can move items and vote. **Everyone is welcome to attend**. Meeting links are always on this page:

<https://www.ladwpnews.com/dwp-nc-mou-and-advocacy-committee-meetings/>

Please *register* your official DWP Representative on the following page,

<http://www.ladwpnews.com/neighborhood-council-registration/>

ALSO please send the NC name and your DWP Rep's name, email, and phone to these three addresses (MOU Committee, Advocacy Committee, and DWP, respectively):

MOTION

In 2016, the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a motion (CF 16-0243, Krekorian and Bonin) recognizing that “the city has an opportunity to re-create its utility in a way that recognizes the potential for a fossil-free future, demonstrates global leadership in its commitment to clean energy, and protects ratepayers from the increasing costs of carbon-based fuels.” The motion instructed the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to develop a partnership with the US Department of Energy and other entities to determine what investments must be made to achieve a 100% fossil-free energy portfolio for the DWP. This project is known as LA100.

As a result of the Council’s action on the Krekorian/Bonin LA100 motion, the DWP entered into an innovative, first-in-the-nation partnership with the US Department of Energy’s National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) to study the technical feasibility of achieving a 100% clean energy grid. The NREL study team, made up of nearly 100 technical experts, working with some of the most powerful supercomputers in the nation, led a thorough process on behalf of, and in close partnership with, the DWP. The study provides objective, technically rigorous, science-based recommendations on different 100% carbon-free energy scenarios, and considers their technical feasibility, cost, reliability, resiliency, health improvements, job benefits, and environmental justice implications.

The study was enhanced by the participation of more than 100 members of the stakeholder advisory panel, representing nearly 50 organizations that included environmental justice groups, industry representatives, local technical experts, and government agencies.

All scenarios in the LA100 analysis share dramatic local benefits, including:

- Significant improvements to local air quality and reduced hospitalization and death from respiratory ailments associated with ozone and particulate matter;
- Thousands of local, good-paying jobs created, such as maintenance of clean energy systems and construction of new transmission and distribution lines;
- The opportunity to reverse decades of environmental injustice by replacing dirty gas-fired plants in working class neighborhoods with clean energy; and
- A reliable and resilient grid, capable of adapting to a changing climate and shocks caused by natural disasters.

LA100’s “stress” scenarios, which assume high amounts of building and transportation electrification but modest energy efficiency and demand response programs, demonstrate the imperative of creating much more robust and creative programs to address future demand. Energy efficiency programs, which make LA100 goals more feasible, must prioritize low-income customers and ensure that all communities share in the benefits of the clean energy economy.

In the coming months, LADWP will prepare a Strategic Long Term Resource Plan (SLTRP), which is the first opportunity to create a schedule and begin planning and approving investments needed to reach the 100% clean energy goal. As the Department prepares its

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proposals for Council approval, the SLTRP should feature "no regrets" investment strategies, including:

- Substantial investments in new transmission capacity
- Substantial investments in new storage capacity
- A ramp up of distributed energy generation programs, particularly rooftop solar
- Expanded energy efficiency programs
- Rate structures that promote electrification of buildings, transportation, and facilitate demand response

In 2018, SB100 committed all power utilities in California to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2045, which represents the DWP's current legally mandated requirement. In 2019, this City Council adopted the LA Green New Deal, which further sets Los Angeles on a path to achieve net zero carbon by 2050, including strategies to electrify our building and transportation sectors.

In his January 27, 2021 Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis, President Joe Biden committed the federal government to decarbonizing the nation's electric power sector by 2035. Given this national target, the hope for federal funding to support these goals, and the technical knowledge acquired from LA100, Los Angeles is in a position to lead.

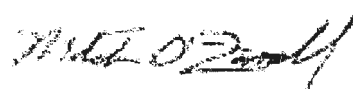
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Water and Power to prepare a Strategic Long Term Resource Plan that achieves 100% carbon-free energy by 2035, in a way that is equitable and has minimal adverse impact on ratepayers.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Strategic Long Term Resource Plan prioritize equity for environmental justice communities, defined as those scoring at or above the 80th percentile on CalEnviroScreen. The plan should ensure that emissions are not increased for any period of time at facilities in environmental justice communities, particularly Valley Generating Station.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the assistance of the Department of Water and Power, to report on the "no-regrets" projects that are common to all LA100 paths and present an accelerated pathway to launch and complete those projects. This report should include a list of "shovel-ready" projects that DWP can be ready to act on in order to seize on Federal and State funding opportunities.



Presented by: _____
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District



MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

Seconded by: _____



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MOTION

Climate change is the most significant issue facing the global environment today.

There is a broad, overwhelming consensus among scientists that the climate is changing as a direct result of human activity that produces greenhouse gases. The city has already acted decisively and deliberately to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases and thereby reduce its contribution to the changing climate. Among these steps are investing in LED street lights, developing electrical hookups for ships at the Port of Los Angeles, expanding the use of electric vehicles at the city and major investments in energy efficiency among all types of electrical customers.

The most significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions that the city will achieve will be the elimination of coal-fired power plants from the Department of Water and Power's electricity portfolio by 2025. In the period between 2005 and 2025, the utility will have reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by over 9 million metric tons each year. However, even after those investments in eliminating coal, the utility will still produce over 7 million metric tons of greenhouse gases, the equivalent of nearly 1.5 million cars on the road in Los Angeles each year. The remaining energy portfolio of the LADWP will be extremely reliant on natural gas, another source of greenhouse gases, and that portfolio will be susceptible to price and supply constraints of the gas market.

Clean energy and renewable technologies have developed significantly since the state began implementing renewable energy mandates in 2002 with the original Renewable Portfolio Standard legislation. Renewable projects, once viewed as a significant risk and potentially destabilizing for the electricity sector, are now readily available and adapted to the needs of utilities throughout the world. With advances in energy storage technology and distribution grid resilience, adopting greater quantities of renewables has become ever more possible and, in some cases, significantly more desirable than new fossil fuel generating stations.

On March 30, 1916, the Los Angeles Bureau of Power and Light constructed the first power poles to bring electricity from Pasadena and distribute it to customers in Los Angeles. Nearly a year later, its first hydroelectric generating station came on line to provide fossil-free electricity to even more customers. Today, with the LADWP on the verge of making significant investments in its infrastructure, and with that 100-year-old power system in need of significant upgrades, the city has an opportunity to re-create its utility in a way that recognizes the potential for a fossil-free future, demonstrates global leadership in its commitment to clean energy, and protects ratepayers from the increasing costs of carbon-based fuels.



I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council REQUEST that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power report with a program to develop and implement a research partnership, utilizing relationships with the region's universities, members of the Southern California Public Power Authority, the California Independent System Operator, neighboring utilities and other stakeholders, with the objective of determining what investments should be made to achieve a 100% renewable energy portfolio for the LADWP.

I FURTHER MOVE that the aforementioned research partnership should utilize the resources and develop in partnership with the efforts of the U.S. Department of Energy and its support of Mission Innovation and the Breakthrough Energy Coalition.

Presented by: Paul Kerkorian
PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

Co-Presented by: Mike Bonin
MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

Seconded by: Sheryl Kempf

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February 10, 2021

The Honorable City Council
Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
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Attention: Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell
Chairperson, Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice and River
Committee

Honorable Members:

Subject: Council File No. 16-0243 – Research Partnership / 100 Percent Energy
Portfolio / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

The enclosed report is an informational update to the subject referenced motion (Krekorian/Bonin-Wesson) that requests the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) report with a program to develop and implement a research partnership, utilizing relationships with the region's universities, members of the Southern California Public Power Authority, the California Independent System Operator, neighboring utilities and other stakeholders, with the objective of determining what investments should be made to achieve a 100 percent renewable energy portfolio for the LADWP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Winifred J. Yancy'.

Winifred J. Yancy
Director of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

enclosure: LA 100 Presentation

c/enc: Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas, Vice-Chair Energy, Climate Change,
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Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Member Energy, Climate Change,
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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles (City) with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the global crisis of climate change and the urgency that it compels, and further recognizing the adverse public health impacts that result from local air pollution caused by fossil fuels, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is committed to transitioning to a 100 percent clean energy supply while maintaining reliable and cost-effective electricity for its customers; and

WHEREAS, LADWP is aggressively decarbonizing its power generation portfolio through clean energy initiatives, including completely divesting from coal, expanding renewable energy, developing energy storage systems, investing in energy efficiency, and supporting the electrification of vehicles and buildings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the direction of the City Council (Council File #16-0243, Krekorian-Bonin), LADWP, in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, has spent four years engaged in the "LA100" study, comprehensively analyzing how to achieve a 100% clean energy portfolio, and its findings will show that all viable pathways to achieving 100% clean energy require expansion of LADWP's in-basin transmission capacity; and

WHEREAS, the in-basin transmission upgrade project will be fully analyzed in a programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consistent with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, to accomplish its renewable electricity goals, increase electrification and ensure electricity grid reliability, LADWP needs to accelerate permitting and shorten the timeline for resolution of any litigation challenging its programmatic environmental review of its in-basin transmission upgrade project; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that once the environmental review process is completed, it be given an expedited litigation timetable similar to previous legislation by expediting litigation timelines and preventing an injunction from stopping project construction while any deficiencies in the environmental review documents are addressed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 Legislative Program, Sponsorship of legislation that establishes specified procedures for the administrative and judicial review of the environmental review and approvals granted for new and upgraded transmission lines required to supply and maintain reliability of energy services to the City of Los Angeles as it moves toward a 100% clean energy supply.

Presented by



PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

Seconded by



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