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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, March 8, 2023 7:00 PM

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1. Call To Order & Establish a Quorum
2. Review & Approve Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2023
3. Comments from the Co-chairs
4. Discussion & Possible Action on the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen Project-Council File No.: 23-0039
5. General Public Comments
6. Adjourn Meeting

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JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 8, 2023 7:00 PM

DRAFT

Co-Chair Steve Randall called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and a quorum was established.

Committee members in attendance: Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Saif Mogri, Faye Barta, Brad Vanderhoof and Joan Trent. Other Attendees: Laura Bass and Chris Rowe

The minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

Comments from the Chair(s): Saif Mogri mentioned a couple of council files that affect the LADWP and that may be something to consider for the next meeting.

Public Comments: Chris Rowe mentioned that she was not sure how many Board members get emails from DTSC and how information is conveyed on SSFL. She mentioned a survey and that she will email it to the committee. Char had already sent it in.

Saif made a presentation on the difference between Global Warming and Climate Change. Climate Change is a long term change in the global climate patterns and global warming is the gradual increase of temperatures.

Global Warming is increasing because of human actions which increases GHG, whereas climate change is due to a combination of human and natural affects.

Saif addressed some of the things that we can do to reduce global warming and affect climate change. LADWP is moving away from coal generation, and another is moving away from gas guzzling vehicles to EV's and hybrid vehicles. California is a leader in affecting change, but these changes have to occur globally.

Chris Rowe mentioned that we have reached 8 billion humans on earth and have reached population capacity on earth. We need to educate the world on family planning. Brad mentioned that climate change takes a long time, such as the ice age taking over millions of years. Steve mentioned a chart that showed slight change over the years. The chart ran from 1880 to 2015 and the temperature increased by about one degree in 43 years. In another chart, Steve pointed out that there is a projected increase of 2 degrees by 2060. The second chart showed change happening during the industrial age and the two world wars and then again in 1975-1980. Brad mentioned that the trajectory is really steep and anytime that they redo these graphs, they seem to make the trajectory even steeper. Faye stated that she is concerned about the future generations if we don't change our habits today. Char mentioned a book titled "Unsettled" by Steven Koonin, former Undersecretary of Science during the Obama administration. Char highlighted a few excerpts from the book. There was some discussion on China's population.

Saif left the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an overview of the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen project; potential alternatives to the project; public health and safety impacts; public engagement process for the project; role of green hydrogen at large in the City's transition to 100% renewable energy; and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Yaroslavsky – Park – Raman):

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to report to the City Council with details of the project on a semi-annual or more frequent basis as requested, including immediately prior to:
 - a. Releasing a Request for Proposal or other similar solicitation for the design and construction of the Scattergood Units 1 and 2 Green Hydrogen Ready Modernization Project.
 - b. Any contracts to the Board of Water and Power Commissioners for this project. Such reports shall include at a minimum how the project will operate consistent with the Council direction in Council File (CF) No. 21-0352, CF No. 22-0255, and the following:
 - i. Result in no increase of any criteria pollutant emissions (nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, etc.) over any time period (i.e., 1-hour, 8-hour etc.) relative to the emission limits established by Best Available Control Technology for a similar natural gas fired combustion turbine with the goal of minimizing or eliminating these emissions to the maximum extent feasible.
 - ii. Not create new significant public health and safety risks resulting from catastrophic failures of systems to produce, store, transport, and use green hydrogen in this project.
 - iii. Incorporate hydrogen leak prevention, mitigation, and monitoring throughout the production, transportation, storage, and combustion system and estimate the hydrogen leakage rates of the project from the point of fuel production through delivery and combustion and the local air pollution and greenhouse gas impacts of that leakage.
 - iv. Solely utilize hydrogen that is produced using new, dedicated renewable energy resources or excess renewable energy resources.
 - v. Not rely on local potable water supplies and not impair LADWP's goal of eliminating all water imports.

2. DIRECT LADWP to conduct a new or updated assessment of non-combustion alternatives to the project, including the use of green-hydrogen powered fuel cells, high levels of energy storage, large-scale multi-day demand response programs, new and upgraded transmission lines to import higher levels of renewable energy, and others that considers the public health benefits, safety risks, and costs and benefits, and REPORT to the Council on the results of this analysis within six months.

3. DIRECT LADWP to directly engage, using equitable engagement principles, communities, Neighborhood Councils, and Community-Based Organizations along any hydrogen pipeline or transportation routes and adjacent to in-basin gas-fired power plants on the impacts of hydrogen production, storage, transport, and combustion, including but not limited to air quality, climate change, and public health and safety.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On February 3, 2023, your Committee considered Motion (Yaroslavsky – Park – Raman) relative to an overview of the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen project; potential alternatives to the project; public health and safety impacts; public engagement process for the project; role of green hydrogen at large in the City’s transition to 100% renewable energy; and related matters. The Motion attached to the Council file includes some background on the matter.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations reflected above, as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
YAROSLAVSKY:	YES
MCOSKER:	YES
RAMAN:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	ABSENT
HERNANDEZ:	ABSENT

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

Council File No.: 23-0039

Council Meeting Date: February 8, 2023

Agenda Item No.: 4

Agenda Description: CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (YAROSLAVSKY - PARK - RAMAN) relative to an overview of the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen project; potential alternatives to the project; public health and safety impacts; public engagement process for the project; role of green hydrogen at large in the City's transition to 100% renewable energy; and related matters.(Energy and Environment Committee report to be submitted in Council. If public hearing is not held in Committee, an opportunity for public comment will be provided.)(Click on www.lacouncilfile.com for background documents.)

Council Action: ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	Blumenfield	ABSENT	de León	YES	Harris-Dawson
YES	Hernandez	YES	Hutt	YES	Krekorian
YES	Lee	YES	McOsker	YES	Park
ABSENT	Price Jr.	YES	Raman	ABSENT	Rodriguez
YES	Soto-Martínez	YES	Yaroslavsky		

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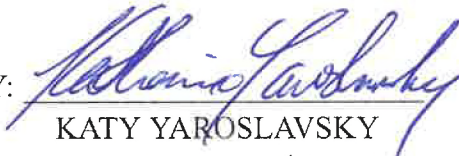
Adopted Report(s)Title
Report from Energy and Environment Committee_2-3-23

MOTION

I MOVE LADWP respond within 15 days to the Energy and Environment Committee with a report that includes the following:

- An overview of the Scattergood Generating Station Green Hydrogen project;
- Potential alternatives to the project including fuel cells, multi-day demand response programs, long-duration energy storage, and others;
- The public health and safety impacts or risks of producing, transporting, storing, and combusting green hydrogen, including emissions of NOx and other pollutants;
- The public engagement process for the project conducted to date and the planned public engagement process in the future, including with Neighborhood Councils;
- The role of green hydrogen at large in the City's transition to 100% renewable energy;
- An assessment of the commercial readiness of technology to produce, store, and transport green hydrogen at scale; and
- The water needs of producing green hydrogen and the sources for that water, including timing of that water supply.

PRESENTED BY:


KATY YAROSLAVSKY
Councilwoman, 5th District


TRACI PARK
Councilwoman, 11th District

SECONDED BY:



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