



AGENDA

LA MESA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

A Regular Meeting on Monday, June 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers
8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Total Time – 15 Minutes)
Members of the public may address the Commission on subjects within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Unless such subjects are contained within this agenda, there can be no discussion or action by the Commission until a subsequent, publicly noticed meeting.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 20, 2019
5. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION
 - a. Presentation by Scott Anders – CCA 101
 - b. Overview of City Process by Jenny Lybeck
 - c. Questions and Answers – Commission and Public
6. CITY STAFF UPDATES
7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE - Monday, July 15, 2019

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF LA MESA
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
6:00 PM, CITY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM
8130 ALLISON AVENUE, LA MESA, CA 91942**

DRAFT MINUTES
May 20, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 p.m.)
2. ROLL CALL (X indicates present)

Jim Stone, Chair	X
VACANT, Vice-Chair	
Robin Rivet	X
Maria Hesse	X
Stephen Grooms	X
Andrea Beth Damsky	X
Ashley Simmons	X
Maggie Eggers (EDCO)	X
Joe Garuba (Helix Water District)	X
Chardá Fontenot (La Mesa-Spring Valley School District)	Excused absence
Joe Britton (SDG&E)	X
Vacant (Helix Charter High School)	

Others present: Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst; Jenny Lybeck, Sustainability Analyst, Richard Leja, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Public: Mark Gracyk, Helix Water District; Jean Costa, Trey McDonald, Hector Valtierra

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2019
Action: Motion to approve minutes
Vote: 6-0-0
Ayes: Stone, Rivet, Hesse, Grooms, Damsky, Simmons
Noes: None
Abstained:
Absent:

5. WELCOME OF NEW SDG&E REPRESENTATIVE JOE BRITTON
Jim Stone introduced new SDG&E Representative Joe Britton to the committee.

6. REMEMBRANCE OF STEPHEN GUILAND
A moment of silence was observed. Robin Rivet stated that a service would be held at his house and asked Commissioners to contact her for more information.

7. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR
This item was tabled for a future meeting.

8. CITY STAFF UPDATE
Jenny Lybeck informed the commission that: a public meeting would be taking place on May 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room regarding the Alvarado Specific Plan; the City was awarded a grant in the amount of \$385,000 from Cal-Fire for the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan and the planting of 100 trees in support of the CAP; the City was awarded a

grant from Caltrans Sustainable Communities in the amount of \$150,000; and the Community Choice Aggregation Informational Meeting will be taking place on June 17, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Lyn Dedmon gave an update on the City's effort to locate a community garden at MacArthur Park.

9. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Richard Leja, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, gave a presentation on transportation improvements incorporating Vision Zero principles.

Jim Stone stated that the June 17th commission meeting agenda would be dedicated to the Community Choice Aggregation Informational Meeting that will take place in the Council Chambers beginning at 6:00 p.m.

10. CHEMICAL USE SUBCOMMITTEE

Maria Hesse stated that she recommends incorporating the Chemical Use Management Plan and best practices into the Urban Forrest Management Plan. Jim Stone asked Maria to come back with a specific recommendation for the commission to formally vote to recommend this inclusion.

11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Maggie Eggers stated that there would be a document shredding event held on June 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the EDCO station on Center Street.

Maria Hesse stated that there is a Farmers' Market petition going around to keep the market at the same location and time.

Joe Garuba stated that Helix Water District partnering with SDG&E was recognized with a recent award for energy efficiency.

Andrea Beth Damsky asked about the recent Earth Day event and Stephen Grooms and Jenny Lybeck stated that the event was well attended by the public and that Circulate San Diego, Solana Center, 350, and other groups were in attendance as well.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Prepared by:

Lyn Dedmon, Senior Management Analyst



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**WHAT: COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

WHO: LA MESA RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

WHEN: JUNE 17TH, 6:00-7:30PM

**WHERE: LA MESA CITY HALL
8130 ALLISON AVE.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Questions? Contact us at envirosvcs@ci.la-mesa.ca.us



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Community Choice

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What is Community Choice?

Under Community Choice, decision-making about electricity purchases on behalf of residents and businesses is made at the local level. This program would allow customers a choice of electricity provider (joining the Community Choice program or continuing to purchase electricity from SDG&E). Currently there are 18 other Community Choice organizations in California, including in San Francisco, Los Angeles County and the City of Solana Beach.

How does it work?

CCAs are established by local communities, either through the creation of a joint powers authority or enterprise fund. While CCAs are locally operated, they work in partnership with the existing investor owned utility (IOU). Through this partnership, CCAs procure the electricity while the existing IOUs continue to deliver the energy, maintain the grid, and provide billing services.

Why is the City exploring Community Choice?

Adopted in March 2018, La Mesa's Climate Action Plan charts a course to cut greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in half and power the community with 100% clean energy by 2035. CCAs are a mechanism to increase the amount of non-polluting, renewable energy and help the City achieve its target of 100% clean energy.

What are the benefits of CCAs?

- Increased customer choice.
- Local control of resource decisions and rates.
- Competitive energy costs.
- Opportunities for innovative new energy programs (energy efficiency, distributed generations, economic development, etc.).
- Support for local infrastructure investment.

What are La Mesa's next steps?

The cities of La Mesa, Santee and Chula Vista have partnered on a joint study to assess the viability of CCA in their respective communities. In anticipation of the draft feasibility study release this summer, the City is hosting an informational meeting on June 17th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in La Mesa Council Chambers. Join us to learn more about community choice and La Mesa's progress.

