

**MINUTES**

**California Alternative Energy and Advanced  
Transportation Financing Authority  
915 Capitol Mall, Room 110  
Sacramento, California  
January 21, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Bettina Redway, Chairperson, called the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA or Authority) meeting to order at 10:49 a.m.

Members Present: Bettina Redway for Bill Lockyer, State Treasurer  
Alan Gordon for John Chiang, State Controller  
Eraina Ortega for Michael Cohen, Director,  
Department of Finance  
Lynn Sadler for Michael R. Peevey, President,  
Public Utilities Commission  
Sekita Grant for Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair,  
California Energy Commission

Staff Present: Deana J. Carrillo, Executive Director  
Sherri Kay Wahl, Deputy Executive Director

Quorum: The Chairperson declared a quorum

**2. MINUTES**

Ms. Redway asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the December 17, 2013 meeting minutes. There were none.

Ms. Redway asked if there was a motion.

Ms. Ortega moved for approval of the minutes; upon a second from Ms. Grant, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Redway stated that the Board would take up item 4.A. out of order which is the approval of appointment of the Executive Director.

Ms. Redway stated that she strongly recommended Ms. Carrillo for the appointment. She stated that the Board knows Ms. Carrillo and that she is very familiar with the organization and has great leadership skills.

Ms. Carrillo noted that it was bitter sweet to be losing Saúl Gomez as Executive Director of the organization. He has been wonderful to work with, and a great leader for CAEATFA, but Staff knew that he would continue his good work and problem solving in other areas of public service that need attention in California. Ms. Carrillo stated she was honored that the Treasurer recommended her for the executive director position, and was grateful to all of the Board members for their support of confidence. She continued by expressing gratitude to the CAEATFA staff, and her pleasure in continuing the good work of CAEATFA and implementing smart public policy with the opportunities ahead of us.

Mr. Gordon moved for approval; there was a second from Ms. Sadler.

Ms. Redway asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board or public. There were none. The item was unanimously approved.

### **3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Carrillo started her report by giving an update on CAEATFA's assistance with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Efficiency Pilot Program. The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) had asked Staff to address the budget request within the standard budget process. The JLBC was asked to reconsider approving the appropriate budgetary authority for this fiscal year, 2013-14, but JLBC maintained its position that it is more appropriate to address the request within the 2014-15 budget cycle. Staff is working with the CPUC towards that add-on, and the budgetary request is in the Governor's January budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Ms. Carrillo continued by stating that CAEATFA has been working on a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Loss Reserve Program to assess local jurisdictions and addressing issues raised by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) and their residential programs. Staff has been working hard to develop that program and hopes to introduce proposed regulations for public comment. A public workshop will take place on January 24, 2014 and Staff expects to have proposed regulations and a draft program structure to the Board for approval in February.

Ms. Carrillo concluded her report by stating that no action has been taken under the Executive Director's authority.

### **4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **B. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPLICANTS' REQUESTS TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE TITLE CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT OF STE AWARD**

##### **1) MiaSolé**

Presented by: Alejandro Ruiz, Analyst

Staff introduced Greg Jung, Legal Counsel for MiaSolé.

MiaSolé requested approval of a 24 month extension of the initial term of its

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agreement to January 25, 2016, five years from the date of initial board approval. The extension was requested to accommodate a delay in MiaSolé's expansion plans due to a severe downturn in the solar market over the last three years. MiaSolé had stated that it intends to continue with the development of its solar manufacturing facility as was originally approved by the CAETFA Board in 2011.

Staff recommended that the Board approve MiaSolé's request to extend the initial term of the agreement as it is in the public interest and advances the purpose of the original award.

Mr. Gordon asked if Mr. Jung believed that thin-film solar panels have become less economically viable and if MiaSolé has a business plan to accommodate that.

Mr. Jung stated that he does not agree with the statement that thin-film solar panels are less economically viable. Thin-film solar panels are a different technology with much higher efficiency that puts it in a category by itself. MiaSolé is working to increase the efficiency and bring down the manufacturing costs.

Mr. Gordon asked how MiaSolé's product differs from Solyndra's product.

Mr. Jung stated that Solyndra's product fundamentally captured the sunlight differently and was cylindrical, and MiaSolé's is flat. MiaSolé is also working on developing a flexible thin-film solar panel that can be utilized for many different applications.

Mr. Gordon moved for approval and there was a second from Ms. Sadler.

Ms. Redway stated that there was a motion and a second, and asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none. The item was unanimously approved.

### **2) Alameda-Contra Costa County Transit District**

Presented by: Alejandro Ruiz, Analyst

Staff introduced Joe Callaway, Senior Project Manager for Alameda-Contra Costa County Transit District

Alameda-Contra Costa County Transit District (AC Transit) requested approval of a 12 month extension of the initial term of its master agreement to January 25, 2015, four years from the date of initial board approval. AC Transit experienced a 12 month delay in its purchases after it temporarily shut down all hydrogen facilities in 2012 due to a hydrogen gas leak and fire. AC Transit, along with Sandia National Laboratories and the California Air Resources Board, was able to identify the cause of the fire and identify needed improvements to the facilities and safety and operational procedures. The extension would allow AC Transit to complete its purchases for its hydrogen production and fueling demonstration project.

Staff recommended that the Board approve AC Transit's request to extend the initial term of the agreement as it is in the public interest and advances the purpose of the

original award.

Mr. Gordon moved for approval and there was a second from Ms. Ortega.

Ms. Redway stated that there was a motion and a second, and asked if there were any comments from the Board or public. There were none. The item was unanimously approved.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Redway asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, public comments, or concerns, the meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Deana J. Carrillo  
Executive Director