Minutes of CHCF-B Administrative Committee (AC) Meeting
January 4, 2018 at 10:30 am

Adopted

Venue
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Ave., Room 3204
San Francisco, CA 94102

Attendees
Primary Members
Patrick Hoglund, ORA
Michael Foreman, AT&T
Charlie Born, Frontier

Liaisons
Sebastian Sandoval, CPUC – Fiscal Office for Michelle Morales, CPUC – Fiscal Office
Richard Maniscalco, CPUC – Communications Division

Others
Felix Robles, CPUC – Communications Division
Miriam Sidney, CPUC – Communications Division
Peter Hayes, AT & T
Landis Martflia, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1245

1. Introductions – None

2. Announcements

Manisha Lakhanpal, ORA Alternate, has transferred to the Energy Division. Patrick Hoglund is coordinating with his division, actively seeking a new ORA Alternate.

3. Public Comments – None

4. Review and Approval of Minutes
Patrick Hoglund motioned to review minutes from August 30, 2017 and September 20, 2017; Patrick Hoglund, Charlie Born, and Mike Foreman moved to approve and adopt both sets.

5. Liaison Staff Reports
a. Fiscal Report

Fiscal Report – Sebastian Sandoval (for Michelle Morales): Mike Foreman requested report format consistent with Michelle Morale's; Sebastian Sandoval indicated that next meeting this would be provided. Patrick Hoglund noted that as approximately 22 million dollars are budgeted for the fiscal year, it appears sufficient funds will be available for all applications this year.

b. Legal Report – None, Sindy Yun was absent.

c. Communications Division

Richard Maniscalco informed the Committee of a new $7.4 million loan that was taken from the B Fund. Information was as follows:

8660-012-0470—For transfer by the Controller from the California High-Cost Fund-B Administrative Committee Fund to the Safe Energy Infrastructure and Excavation Fund as a loan
Provisions:
The Director of Finance may transfer $7,406,000 as a loan to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the implementation of Chapter 809 of the Statutes of 2016. No later than July 1, 2019, the loan shall be repaid with interest calculated at the rate earned by the Pooled Money Investment Account at the time of transfer.

The general AC consensus was that lack of communication to the AC regarding the loan from Sacramento until after the fact was disturbing on many fronts. Non-communication 1) poses risks of fund insolvency and need to resume B-fund collections and 2) challenges sound stewardship, an endeavor contingent on timely information. Richard Maniscalso intends to draft a letter regarding these concerns and requesting better communication/notification in advance of future loans. Target audience TBD.

6. Other Administration Matters

a. Charlie Born and Mike Foreman discussed a possible program to use excess CHCF-B fund balance to perform inspections and repair of facilities located in high cost/high fire threat areas.

b. Finding alternates for Committee members.

7. New agenda items for next meetings

a. Review and approval of minutes;
b. Letter regarding lack of communication regarding 7.4 million dollar loan;
c. Alternative committee members;

d. Members of the public on but not responsive to the agenda mailing list;

e. Ricard Maniscalco's request for update on fire mitigation;

f. Charlie Born may provide update regarding legislation against sunset of the fund (Assembly Member Wood).

8. Date and Time for future meeting:
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

Minutes were submitted by Miriam Sidney and will be edited by Richard Maniscalco.