**Low Income Oversight Board Meeting**

Friday, June 8th, 2018

Sacramento City Hall

*915 I Street*  
*First Floor - Council Chambers   
Sacramento, CA 95814*

*10am – 3:30pm*

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### Meeting Called to order at 10:10am by Chairman Castañeda

***LIOB Board Members Present:***

*Chairman Robert Castañeda, Commissioner Cliff Rechtschaffen, Vice-Chairman Benito Delgado-Olson, Jeffrey Linam, Patricia Watts, Lisa Davidson, Jason Wimbley, Larry Gross, Charlie Toledo Jose Atilio Hernandez and Maria Stamas*

***California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Staff Present:***

*Syreeta Gibbs, Executive Director Alice Stebbins, Rian Troth, Genesis Tang, Anna Jew, Jonathan Lakritz and Zaida Amaya*

***In Person Participants:***

*Kathy Wickware- SDG&E, Serj Berelson-Nest, Alicia Diggs, Joe Dier, Conduite for Lifeline, Mary O’Drain-PG&E, Sheila Lee-SDG&E, Erin Brooks-SCG, Vanessa Melvin-Gunn-CSE, Roger Snow-Proteus, Eric Yamashita-SCE, Nicole Holliman-SCE, Kim Rodriguez-SCE, Holly Merrihew-SCE*

***Via Conference :***

*Melissa Smith, Cindy Logan, Marth Lucci, Lola Odumlami, Emma Ponco, Mark Aguirre, Davi Ibarra, Mauricio Blanco, unaudible*

1. ***Welcome and Introductions— Robert Castañeda, LIOB Chair and Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen***

*Chairman Castaneda and Commissioner Rechtschaffen welcomed all present to the Low Income Oversight Board meeting in Sacramento. Chairman Castaneda acknowledged and thanked the presence of Alice Stebbins, the Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission. Special recognition was given to long standing Board Member Jose Atilio Hernandez. He has served on the LIOB since 2008, the Board expressed their gratitude for his service and making the Board into a formidable force and for his advocacy and dedication to the issues of poverty, empowerment and inclusivity. Recommendations for 2 appointees will be on the Commission’s agenda and a solicitation will be announced soon for a position expiring in October.*

*Commissioner Rechtschaffen encouraged the Board to think about the type of coordination it wants to have with the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group and the priority issues it wants to focus on. The CPUC is in the process of developing an environmental justice strategy and roadmap governing the CPUC’s activities in the energy, water, transportation and telecommunications sector. The CPUC’s plans to release a draft report, and public hearings will be conducted. Commissioner Rechtschaffen recommended for the LIOB to provide formal input and discussion at the next meeting. The utilities were reminded that the Commission has adopted a Tribal Consultation Policy and has appointed Ms. Stephanie Green as the liaison. Commissioner Rechtschaffen encouraged the utilities to work with the Tribal Governments and to use these resources, which could be a focus for the Tribal liaison and this Board. Commissioner Rechtschaffen attended the Western Public Services Commission Conference and there was discussion about allowing customers to pay through credit cards, and the impact/benefits this would have on reducing the number of disconnections, as well as who should bear the cost of the credit card transaction. The IOU’s will provide a report on their on credit card payment policy/process during the next board meeting.*

1. ***Public Comments— Facilitated by Chair Castañeda - Informational/Standing Item***

*No public comments were offered.*

1. [***Approval of the March 8th, 2018***](http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Docs/Approved%20Meeting%20Minutes%20of%20the%20LIOB%20030818%20-%20Approved%20at%20the%20060818LIOBMtg.docx)***, Facilitated by Chair Castañeda- Action Item***

*Motion: Commissioner Rechtschaffen moved and Board Member Toledo seconded a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 8th, 2018 LIOB meeting. Yes: Chairman Castañeda, Commissioner Rechtschaffen, Board Members Watts, Wimbley, Toledo, Linam, Hernandez and Davidson; motion passed. (No Abstentions)*

1. **CPUC Standing Reports and Legislative Subcommittee Recommendations: (60 min) – *Discussion/Action Items***
2. [Legislative Update - Office of Governmental Affairs](http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Docs/Item%204a.%20Legislative%20Update.pdf)

*Hazel Miranda provided an update on pending Legislative Bills.*

b. Legislative Subcommittee Update and Recommendations (Board Members Hernandez, Delgado-Olson and Watts)

* ACTION ITEM*:* Vote to Recommend PUC Support and Inform Legislature of the Recommendations

***Recommended Support***

[Senate Bill 623 (Monning**)**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB623)**;** [Senate Bill 998 (Dodd)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB998); [Assembly Bill 2537 (Carillo)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2537); [Assembly Bill 2636 (Eduardo Garcia)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2636); [Senate Bill 1072 (Leyva)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1072); [Senate Bill 1135 (Bradford)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1135);

*The Legislative subcommittee met on May 10th, 2018 and reviewed approximately 22 bills. The Legislative subcommittee narrowed the bills down to the 6 , plus AB 2695 (Ting) which has been put on hold. The board will continue to monitor AB 2695. The LIOB recommended the support of these bills, which are consistent with mission of the LIOB, to ensure the health, welfare and safety of the low-income ratepayers. OGA mentioned that the CPUC is still analyzing the different bills and indicated more information will be available next month. The Board agreed to provide a general offer to the Bradford office on SB 1135 and the Legislature in assisting with the definition of eligibility. The Board requested a follow up on the impact of the wild fires and the ripple effect for the programs.*

*Motion: Board Member Hernandez moved and Chairman Castaneda seconded: The LIOB advises the Commission to support bills* [Senate Bill 623 (Monning**)**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB623)**;** [Senate Bill 998 (Dodd)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB998); [Assembly Bill 2537 (Carillo)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2537); [Assembly Bill 2636 (Eduardo Garcia)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2636); [Senate Bill 1072 (Leyva)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1072); [Senate Bill 1135 (Bradford)](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1135); *on behalf of the Low Income Oversight Board and the low income rate payers. Yes: Chairman Castañeda, Commissioner Rechtschaffen, Board Members Watts, Wimbley, Toledo, Linam, Stamas and Hernandez; motion passed. (Abstentions: Board Member Davidson and Board Member Wimbley)*

*The Legislative subcommittee will partner up with OGA’s in the presentation of the Bills*

c. Water Utilities’ Current Issues – Kevin Truong- **No Updates** since the [3/8/18](http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Docs/Item%207b.%20Water%20Utilities'%20Current%20Issues%20LIOB030818.pptx) LIOB Meeting

d. [Lifeline Telephone Program Update](http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Docs/Item%204d.%20California%20LifeLine%20Presentation%20LIOB%20June%208%202018%20in%20SAC.ppt) – Tribal Lifeline Program – Anna Jew

*Anna Jew provided an update on the Lifeline Telephone Program. Communications Division will continue to work with the CPUC Tribal Liaison to discuss strategies of how to increase participation. Board Member Toledo commented that enrolling constituents in the enhanced Lifeline program continues to be a challenge.*

e. [Recent and Upcoming Activities for Energy Programs – Energy Division](http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Docs/Item%204e.%20Highlights%20%20Activity%20%20for%20Low%20Income%20Energy%20Program-LINA%20and%20MF.pptx)

*Syreeta Gibbs provided a high level presentation on the recent and upcoming activities for energy programs. Ms. Gibbs highlighted that ED is in the implementation phase of recent decisions authorizing the 2017-2020 ESA and CARE programs. Mid Cycle updates via tier 2 advice letter are due by July 16, 2018 to adjust budgets, energy savings targets, program measures and other administrative program components. Although LIOB members are not part of the mid-cycle review team, the LIOB has the opportunity to weigh in and provide comment once the ALs have been filed. Board member Davidson and Chairman Castaneda will take a lead on this process to discuss the best approach on how to proceed. Ms. Gibbs provided an update on the low income needs assessment study, and recapped that this study was mandated by statue, it has to be completed once every 3 years, the deadline for this study is December 2019. Ms. Gibbs mentioned that a draft research webinar was held on Tuesday, May 20th, 2018. During this webinar, the consultant presented the draft research plan. Comments on the draft research plan are due June 12, 2018. It was mentioned that per statue the LIOB is to assist in the developing of the LINA assessment. Ms. Gibbs commented that staff has been working closely with Vice-Chair Delgado-Olson and that the LIOB established a LINA subcommittee, staff will continue to work with the LIOB to improve and enhance this process. The board proposed to have more involvement in the next LINA cycle and requested to have a joint meeting with the LINA study team and the consultant. Ms. Caroline Chen provided an update on the Multi-Family Working Group. The program has officially launched, and all the utilities are in the implementation phase.*

1. **Special Reports/Updates – Informational/Action**
2. [Coordination Report of CSD and IOU on Low Income Weatherization Program (LIWP)](http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Docs/Item%205.%20%20Report%20of%20CSD%20and%20the%20LIWP.pptx)- Jason Wimbley, CSD

*Board Member Wimbley provided an update on the CSD and IOU collaboration efforts, which are tied to the recent decision on the data sharing objectives, as well as the co-funding strategies for multi-family. CSD continues to meet regularly with the IOUs to look at ways to infuse the ESA funding contributions into the Low Income Weatherization Program (LIWP) that focuses on multi-family which provides energy efficiency and solar investments in affordable housing properties in disadvantaged community areas. CSD and the IOU’s have successfully exchanged information related to the reporting requirements that are attached to the low-income home energy assistance program. Based on the information received from the IOU’s, CSD was able to successfully complete their first federal reporting to HHS. Board Member Stamas asked whether any funding from the utilities had officially been allocated to CSD’s LIWP multifamily program per the November 2016 CARE-ESA Decision. Board Member Wimbley responded that CSD is close to finishing its first contract with PG&E, which is a prerequisite to allowing CSD to do so and expects the other utilities to follow suit*.

* Update on the Restoration of LIWP Funding

*Board Member Wimbley reported that the 15-16 appropriation were scheduled to expire on June 30th, CSD submitted a change proposal to the legislature to request re-appropriation authority to extend the expenditure term of these dollars. The Assembly and the Senate subcommittees have approved the request. For 2018-2019, the administrations proposed budget did not provide any additional appropriation to LIWP, the final Cap-N-trade is still being negotiated. At the subcommittee level the assembly recommends funding the LIWP at $20 million for 2018-2019 and the Senate is proposing $30 million, plus an additional 1 time general fund augmentation of $8 million, negotiations are still on-going.*

1. **Technical Advisory Committee Update (Board Members Delgado-Olson & Wimbley) – Updates on Progress** 
   * Comparison of CARE enrollment data and public assistance enrollment data
   * Disconnection data
   * Data Sharing
   * Early findings
   * Next Steps

*Vice-Chair Delgado-Olson provided an update on the current activity the technical advisory. The charge of this committee is to examine ways in which the public assistance program can serve as a conduit to auto enroll individuals into the CARE program, and thus by extension the ESA program and other public assistance program. The TAC is looking at the potential impact this would have, what will this do, how many more people will it enroll into the CARE program. The TAC pulled the zip code enrollment data for the entire state for the CARE program, as well as disconnection and enrollment data in CALFRESH, CALWORKS, MEDI-CAL for zip codes. The TAC is working with a third-party analytics firm to take this data and comparing it to the 100% penetration rate for CARE and the current enrollment from CARE. The end goal is to find ways to help each side streamline enrollment and to look for ways to make these public assistance programs and other assistance programs streamline for the end user. Vice-Chair Delgado-Olson will provide an update on the conclusion of this analysis at the next LIOB meeting. Vice-Chairman Delgado-Olson thanked Rahil Maharaj for all his work on this project.*

1. [**Joint Investor Owned Utilities’ Reports - Informational/Standing Item**](http://liob.cpuc.ca.gov/Docs/Item%207.%20Joint%20IOU%20Report%20Revised1.pptx)
   1. Joint IOU’s Report of the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) programs including LIOB and Aliso Canyon updates

*Kim Rodriguez provided a high leveled report on the CARE and ESA programs on behalf of the SCE and the other IOUs.*

*Ms. Rodriguez clarified that SCE has approximately $59 million of unspent funds, SCE had originally included go-backs, in the calculations, however, the final decision mandates that the goals were based on first time treatments only. SCE had to revised their calculations and revised the budget, in their advice letter, SCE requested for additional funds using the current unspent funds. If this is approved SCE will not have any unspent funds left.*

1. **Subcommittee Reports and Updates - *Standing /Action/Discussion Item***
2. Low Income Energy Assistance Program (Board Members Castaneda, Gross, Watts Wimbley, Stamas and Davidson)

*The LIEAP met on May 31, 2018, the subcommittee discuss topics in relation to the MFWG and updates on the mid-cycle working group. The subcommittee discussed the transition that residential customer throughout the state are experiencing in their pricing plans. The subcommittee also discussed how each utility is conducting the default TOU pilots, and how the utilities will be transitioning all residential customers other than those that are excluded from the transition (medical base-line and CARE and FERA customer in the hot zones). The timing for each utility is different, SDG&E is going to begin the second quarter of 2019, the other 2 utilities will follow. The utilities are using direct outreach, their CBO’s, and there also a huge statewide ME&O effort that will be in place.*

1. Water and Climate Subcommittee (Board Members Linam, Delgado-Olson, Castaneda and Toledo) **No update**

*The water subcommittee did not meet, for future a meeting the subcommittee will be discussing the State Water Board’s response to AB 401, the report has been delayed, as well as an update on the LIRA rulemaking as well as the review on some of the information that PG&E has prepared on the pilot program to respect to energy and water savings.*

1. Low Income Needs Assessment (LINA) (Board Members Delgado-Olson, Hernandez, and Davidson) **No update**
2. **Future Meetings Dates, Location & Agenda Items - *Discussion Item***

*The Board discussed doing additional outreach to engage local community groups, local leaders and other non-profits in the areas around the state where the LIOB is holding meetings. Brandi Turner, SDG&E’s volunteered to assist and organize with other utilities. Staff will work with the Commissioner’s office and Public Advisor’s office to coordinate.*

Suggested Dates/Locations:

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| 2018 | |
| September – 20th, 2018 | Rialto City Hall  City Council Chambers  150 S Palm Ave  Rialto, CA 92376 |
| December 5th/6th, 2018 | Stockton |

***Meeting Adjourned at 2:45pm***