

# Low Income Oversight Board Meeting

El Cerrito City Hall  
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10am-3:30pm

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## Draft Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Called to order at 10:00am by Chairperson Castañeda**

**LIOB Board Members Present:**

*Robert Castañeda, Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma, Benito Delgado-Olson, Patricia Watts, Marlene Murphy-Roach, Jeffrey Linam, Jason Wimbley, Lourdes Medina and Maria Stamas*

**Absent:** *Larry Gross and Charlie Toledo*

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

*Naveed Paydar, Devla Singh, Mary Claire Brown, Dan Buch, Rami Kahlon, Kevin Truong, Chris Ungson, Steven Klaiver, Sarah Sharpe, Alison LaBonte, Jennifer Kalafut, and Zaida Amaya*

**Special Mentions Present:** *District 1 Supervisor John M. Gioia; Commissioner Cliff Rechtschaffen*

**In Person Participants:**

*Sheila Lee-SDG&E; Eugene Ayuyao-SCE; Davi Ibarra-SCE; Louis Lopez-SCE; Anna Solorio-EEC; Mary O'Drain-PG&E; Allen Fernandez Smith-PG&E; **David McCoard-Sierra Club(El Cerrito Resident)**; Holly Merrihew-SCE; Godofredo DeVera-SCE; Bryce Tiernan-SDG&E; April Johnson-SDG&E; Kathy Wickware-SDG&E; Paola Benassi-PG&E; Lori Leiva-PG&E; Martha Lucey-RHA; Eric Yamashita-SCE; Bill Pelter-ANBA; Erin Brooks-SoCalGas; Mark Aguirre-SoCalGas; Octavio Verduzco-SoCalGas; Alice Lee-SoCalGas; Lois Smith-MCE; Evan Jacobs-Cal-AM; Ortensia Lopez-El Concilio; Laura Mameesh-Olivine; Arleen Novotney-ACCES; Jack Hawks-Calif. Water Assn; Susanne Huttner-Organizing for Action Berkeley; and Lloyd Levine-CETF*

**Via Conference:**

*Due to technical difficulties parties participating via phone were inaudible.*

1. **Opening Remarks - Welcome and Introductions— Robert Castañeda, LIOB Chairperson and Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma**
  - [Appointment of Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma \(2/21/19\)](#)

*The Board thanked the City of El Cerrito for hosting the LIOB meeting at El Cerrito City Hall.*

*Chairperson Castaneda initiated the meeting with opening remarks, stating that the board has come a long way in the last 4 years that he has served as Chairperson, and that there is a lot more going on that impacts low-income consumers across the state with the re-authorization and the changes that are happening in the electric, natural gas and water industry.*

*Commissioner Rechtschaffen was present to introduce and welcome Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma as the new Commissioner assigned to the LIOB. Commissioner Shiroma was appointed by Governor Newson to the CPUC in January 2019 and has a long and distinguish career in public service, including 20 years with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). Commissioner Shiroma has been a civic leader in Sacramento and has served as a member of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board since 1999, and brings a lot of experience working with community based organizations and grassroots organizations.*

In his comments, Commissioner Rechtschaffen said, "I am somewhat sad to be leaving the Board, since I've had such a great experience working with all of you. Commissioner Shiroma's appointment says nothing about the LIOB or my tenure on the LIOB, but rather a reflection of the current Commission's view, in that we don't have Commissioners who just specialized in one area, but rather that we all work on these issues". "It has been a real privilege to served on the Board for the last 2 years and will very much miss working with everybody," said Commissioner Rechtschaffen. "It's been an excellent opportunity for me to learn about some of the CPUC's important low-income programs and to meet groups working around the state on these issues."

In closing, Commissioner Rechtschaffen thanked all of the LIOB members, and specially thanked Chairperson Castaneda and Vice-Chairperson Delgado-Olson for their hard work and all the dedication that they put forth to the most disadvantage and vulnerable communities. He also thanked Zaida Amaya from the Energy Division for all her hard work and gave a special appreciation to the utility partners including Brandi Turner from SDG&E, for their assistance with the community outreach efforts in helping the Board to better engage with community members at the LIOB meetings. He encouraged the board to continue exploring ways to make these meetings more inclusive and participatory.

The Board thanked Commissioner Rechtschaffen for his service and expressed their outmost admiration for his dedication, devotion and compassion to the low income and disadvantage communities. Through his leadership the LIOB has been able to take a stronger lead on issues that affect these communities. The support that Commissioner Rechtschaffen has given the Board has surpassed any expectations. The Board appreciates the passion, the relationships built, and the strong interest in low-income issues that Commissioner Rechtschaffen has demonstrated not only in his role at the Commission but in his tenure with the LIOB.

Commissioner Shiroma expressed her excitement to join the LIOB and thanked every person that serves on this Board as well as Commissioner Rechtschaffen for the great job he has been doing with this Board and looks forward to working with the Board and the constituents it serves.

## **2. Election of the LIOB Chairperson and LIOB Vice-Chairperson – Action Item - Alison LaBonte, Energy Division**

Ms. LaBonte referenced Resolution [E-4095](#) Charter of the Low Income Oversight Board, Article 6.1: the election of new officers to the LIOB.

Motion moved by Chairperson Castaneda nominating Vice-Chairperson Delgado-Olson for the LIOB Chairperson position, motion seconded by Board Member Stamas. (Yes Vote: Chairperson Castaneda, Vice-Chairperson Delgado-Olson, Board Members Watts, Medina, Linam, Stamas, Wimbley, Murphy-Roach and Commissioner Shiroma; motion passed)

Motion moved by Board Member Castaneda nominating Board Member Stamas for the for vice-chairperson position, motion seconded by Chairperson Delgado-Olson. (Yes Vote: Chairperson Castaneda, Vice-Chairperson Delgado-Olson, Board Members Watts, Medina, Linam, Stamas, Wimbley, Murphy-Roach and Commissioner Shiroma; motion passed)  
The Board congratulated Chairperson Delgado-Olson and Vice-Chairperson Stamas to their new roles with the LIOB.

## **3. Approval of the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 LIOB Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes, moved by Board Member Medina, seconded by Board Member Watts (Yes: Chairperson Delgado-Olson, Vice-Chairperson Stamas, Board Members Castaneda, Watts, Wimbley, Murphy-Roach, Linam and Medina; Abstained: Commissioner Shiroma; motioned passed)

## **4. Discussion of Letters from California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) Action Item -CETF's request to use the ESA/CARE funds for broadband purposes.**

The Board discussed at length the proposed letters from CETF, and after much deliberation the Board did not support the letters as they stand and does recommend ESA fund shifting. It was mentioned that the board has a statutory responsibility to advice the commission on low-income ratepayer programs for water, gas and electricity. The Board is in favor of finding a permanent solution that enables every family to have access to broadband and supports the effort of a stronger infrastructure at an affordable price. The Board agreed to work at the committee level to draft a general letter acknowledging the issues that have been brought to the attention of the Board, highlighting the concerns expressed by CETF on the digital divide and the benefits for low-income customers being connected to the internet.

Mr. Levine commented that the all of the forward looking energy efficiency gains that the CPUC is looking to make and posted on the CPUC's website are all dependent on smart meters, smart grids, and smart technologies, and that the benefits of these gains can't be realized if 30% of CA households aren't connected to the internet.

The Board also mentioned the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) that is intended to help the state meet its goals of 98% access to broadband in the regions of the state that remain unserved.

## 5. **Place Holder for Community Local Groups – CBO’s /Non-Profits**

Ms. Anna Solorio commended and acknowledged the work of Commissioner Rechtschaffen during the time he served on the LIOB. Ms. Solorio brought to the attention of the Board concerns regarding the scoping document for the ESA/CARE. The IOU’s have until June to submit a response to the scoping document; however, the scoping document has not been issued. She mentioned that last go-round the decision was delayed 3 times, and that it had a huge negative impact on the contractors as well as the customers they serve. She encouraged all parties to have thoughtful discussions and a balance view to benefit the low-income people in California.

Mr. Bill Pelter from [Ability Now Bay Area](#) provided a brief on the services provided by ANBA. ANBA serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and it assists with improving living conditions for people with disabilities and seniors in the community. Mr. Pelter pointed out the importance of the discount programs to seniors and people with disabilities, as they are faced with real and serious financial challenges, particularly in the Bay Area due to the rising cost of living. Mr. Pelter referenced a few publications with the Board: [Age-Friendly Berkeley Action Plan](#), this action plan is designed to enable people to remain in their homes and communities as they navigate the transitions of aging. [America’s Health Rankings and America’s Health Rankings Senior Report](#), this report provides the latest check-up on the health and well-being of our nation’s seniors. [2016 The State of Senior Hunger in America](#), this report provides a broad overview of the extent and distribution of food insecurity among seniors in the United States in 2016. Mr. Pelter also shared a recent opinion piece on the malnutrition on the aging population: <https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2019/02/03/opinion-newsom-must-address-malnutrition-of-aging-population/> and also made mention of the age friendly information from AARP: <https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2014/an-introduction.html> In closing Mr. Pelter thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak before the board and added that these programs are very important to individuals in helping them live an independent and meaningful life. He encouraged the continuation of outreach efforts, specially grassroots efforts in the hard to reach communities and suggested the use of local community based non-profit organizations and faith organizations.

Mr. David McCoard a resident of El Cerrito and also a member from the Sierra Club provided comments to the Board about their club and a coalition of groups, including Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), the Sierra Club, the Asian Pacific Environmental Network, and numerous others, are working to place limits in oil refineries’ overall greenhouse gas (GHG) and particulate matter emissions. The Sierra Club is a grassroots organization, built on the efforts of a lot of people working together to protect the environment and create a more sustainable future.

Mr. Dan Buch from the Public Advocates Office brought to the attention of the Board a [Petition for Modification of Decision \(D.\) 16-11-022](#) filed on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Public Advocates Office based its Petition for Modification on alleged irregularities discovered sometime after the Commission issued D.16-11-022. Mr. Buch clarified that individual board members that don’t have financial interest would potentially be eligible to be members of the procurement review group, subject to non-disclosure requirements.

Board Member Castaneda supports the concept of having a non-conflicted member of this board sitting on this review group.

Board Member Murphy-Roach commented that PG&E is prepared to clarify some incorrect conclusions that were drawn in the PFM and will be clarified in a very detailed response from PG&E. **Update:** [Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s Response in Opposition to the Public Advocates Office Petition](#) was filed on March 11, 2019.

### • **Board’s Discussion on Strategies and Follow Ups from Community Local Groups/CBO’s presentations**

Board Member Castaneda commented that today’s meeting marks the LIOB’s first roll-out in terms of CBO engagement. He noted that it’s not only important to acknowledge the comments provided at the LIOB meetings from different organizations, constituents or city officials, but also for the Board to take action and follow-up on items of concern and exercise the board’s role as an advisory board to the full Commission.

## 6. **Andrew Lee – East Bay Municipal District (EBMUD)**

Mr. Lee provided an overview of East Bay Municipal District’s Customer Assistance Program (CAP). CAP was established in 1987 and EBMUD was one of the first adopters of a CAP in the state. All of their residential dwelling units and homeless shelters within their service area are eligible and can apply for the program. Eligible customers qualify for 50 percent discount on water and 35 percent discount on wastewater charges. Their service area covers about 325-square mile service area in parts of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and they served

approximately 1.4 million customers and have approximately 380,000 service connections. Mr. Lee reported that EBMUD uses the HUD County income level to qualify customers, this offers a higher threshold, so more customers qualify for the program. CAP participation continues to trend upwards and averages about 10% increase in participation over the past 10 years. The latest estimates for penetration rate for EBMUD is below 10%, he mentioned that one of the reasons for the low penetration rate is because a lot of the constituents are on master meters, so their water bill is either paid by the landlord or some type of HOA. however, EBMUD always strides to do better and they participate in a lot of community events to inform people about the program. Mr. Lee also mentioned that in terms of revenue generation, EBMUD owns a lot of water shed land and this presents opportunities to do cell tower leases which generates income. He clarified that Contra Costa County and Alameda county have the same area medium income (AMI).

The Board complemented EBMUD for all of their efforts and exceptional services. Commissioner Shiroma acknowledged all of the hard work done by EBMUD, and yet the conundrum is that only 10% of the low income customer are on the program mostly due to the master meter issue.

**7. Joint Investor Owned Utilities' Reports -**

**a. Joint IOU's Report of the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) programs including Aliso Canyon**

- 2018 Wrap-Up Year-End Report, Including: CARE/ESA Enrollment and Expenditures, Unspent Funds, CHANGES and Aliso Canyon
- PY 19 Goals, Plans, Progress
- Good News, Positive Program Developments
- Areas Requiring Improvement, including Projects in the Indian Tribe Lands Promoting ESA/CARE

Ms. Sheila Lee provided a report on the CARE and ESA programs on behalf of the IOU's, the joint report included updates on their 2018 multifamily and highlights of their tribal activities.

Representatives from [SDG&E](#), [SoCalGas](#), [SCE](#) and [PG&E](#) provided individual updates on their respective utility companies. SoCalGas pointed out that the approval of SoCalGas' Mid-Cycle AL 5325 at the end of the program year increased their 2018 household treatment goal to 169,910. This moving target goal made it challenging for SoCalGas to ramp up program operations mid-way through the year, however, SoCalGas still managed to treat nearly 100,000 households, or 86% of its original 2018 goal of 115,500 homes.

The Board thanked all of the IOU's for focusing on the tribal outreach and following up on the plans to reach the highest need and the least served.

Board Member Castaneda commented that the Low Income Energy Assistance Program subcommittee intends to meet to go over some of the granular reporting provided on the IOU's monthly reports. He asked for feedback from Board members on what they'd like to see condense in the reporting. He commended PG&E for recognizing that the submittal of tax returns as part of the requirement for income eligibility is a regressive step, especially with the large immigrant population in the State and encouraged the continued discussion on how to improve and make this process more feasible. The subcommittee will also be asking for input on the unspent funds, and what are some of the constraints they are faced with and also on how to achieve the targeted energy savings goals.

PG&E clarified that in order to achieve the 2020 initiative of the 99,000 customers, 40% will be first-touch and 60% will be go-backs.

The Board expressed concern about SoCalGas' penetration levels and it was mentioned that the state is moving in a very progressive matter towards electrification, and that as the energy industry changes, there is going to be less reliance on natural gas, and the assumption is that the majority of customers on natural gas will be low-income.

Board Member Wimbley attended the disconnection workshop on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Stockton. He underscored the importance of the discussion that took place, because it's a real issue to low-income constituents that can't afford the privilege of having energy in their homes, and all of the associated impacts that go along with that. He requested for a report on the disconnection data that is published quarterly. He'd like to see the number of customers that participated in the CARE and ESA programs and received LIHEAP. This can be use as an opportunity to figure out a way on how to better triage the needs of these clients and in many cases their needs go beyond the energy programs and may need to encompass social services resources. He would like for the Board to have discussion on these very important issues.

Commissioner Shiroma asked for the percentage of low-income customers for each utility, also for the IOU's to provide a 3 year trend similar to the one provided by PG&E. She would also like to see data from the IOUs on kWh Saved and



Therms saved to see what kind of energy impacts these programs are having. Lastly, she would like for the IOU's to share best practices on education outreach.

Chairperson Delgado-Olson echoes the comments and suggestions from all of the Board Members, he suggested a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee and the Low Income Energy Assistance Program to address these issues.

## 8. **Special Reports/Updates-**

### a. [Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program Draft Report – Board Member Jeff Linam](#)

Board Member Linam reported on the State Water Board draft report in response to AB 401 (Dodd). The report outlines possible components for developing a successful program to help low-income households pay their water bills. The report identifies potential program recipients, different mechanisms for delivering benefits to low-income households, and possible funding sources to implement such a W-LIRA program. Only 46% of California's population is served by a community water system offering some form of a rate assistance program, and many of these programs have low levels of enrollment and limited financial support. As a result, less than 20% of the state's low-income population currently receives benefits from a low-income rate assistance program. One reason for the limitation in program offerings is that publicly-owned water systems are constrained by Proposition 218 in the use of their water fees and charges. Systems that do provide low-income rate assistance benefits are able to fund them from non-fee revenues. The State Water Board will use the input gathered in response to this draft to develop a final report to the Legislature in 2019.

Board Member Medina commented that this information is very useful and very needed in all of these communities because the infrastructures for water are contaminated and are not healthy. She mentioned that the Central Valley has a high rate of families with children with autism, and that there is supporting data that links autism to the pesticides in the drinking water. She added that state level regulation is needed and that it is a human right to have access to clean water.

The Board thanked board member Linam for his work. The Water and Climate subcommittee plans to meet to continue the discussion.

### b. [CSD – Challenges Implementing CSD/IOU Leveraging Directives – Board Member Jason Wimbley](#)

- [Energy Division's Clear Directive and Deadlines to the IOUs on the Coordination with CSD on their LIWP Leveraging](#)

Board Member Wimbley reported that following the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 letter, the IOU's, CSD and Energy Division met on February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, to discuss the issues at hand. On February 12, 2019, the Commission send a letter to the IOU's stablishing firm deadlines for implementation. PG&E met the February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 implementation date and a signed agreement is moving forward. CSD will be working with SoCalGas and Edison to sign a similar agreement, he noted that the same template agreement will be used to kick-start the negotiations. The deadline to finalize the agreement with SoCalGas and Edison is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. At this time SDG&E is not within CSD's scope mainly because they don't have any identified projects for this utility area, but LIWP is in the Governor's proposed budget and CSD supports the undertaking of multi-family projects in the SDG&E area.

## 9. **Updates on the Technical Advisory Committee and the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Committee**

- **Technical Advisory Committee Update (Board Members Delgado-Olson & Wimbley) – Updates on Progress**

Chairperson Delgado-Olson reported that the analysis outlined at the previous LIOB meetings it's in the final stages of the first phase of its analysis. The TAC will share the results through a joint committee meeting with the Low Income Energy Assistance Program subcommittee.

- **Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DCAG) Update (Board Member Stamas)**

Board Member Stamas reported that the DCAG has finalized their final report. She mentioned that the DCAG will be prioritizing their efforts in 5 areas •Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) • Energy Storage •Net Metering •the San Juaquin Valley Proceeding and •Climate Adaptation. She suggested for the LIOB to follow a similar model and that although the LIOB prioritizes ESA and CARE by default, there may be a few other areas that the Board may want to prioritize moving forward. She also reported that the DCAG has outlined a process to comment on proceedings as a group, she suggested for the Board to explore this process as the LIOB may want to follow suit. Lastly, it was reported that the IOU's are moving forward with their demand response pilots in the disadvantaged communities, with a total budget of \$2.5 million.

Commissioner Rechtschaffen informed the Board that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has adopted the [Environmental and Social Justice \(ESJ\) Action Plan](#). This Action Plan will serve as a roadmap for implementing the CPUC's vision to advance equity in its programs and policies for environmental justice and social justice communities.

## 10. **City Officials:**

- Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor of El Cerrito (Invited) -

*Due to unforeseen circumstances Mayor Pardue-Okimoto was not able to attend the LIOB meeting.*

- John Gioia, District 1 Supervisor Contra Costa County (Invited)

*Chairperson Delgado-Olson introduced and welcome the Chairperson of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisor John Gioia. Supervisor Gioia also represents West Contra Costa County and is also the Governor's appointee to the California Air Resources Board, and previously served as a Board Member for the EBMUD.*

*Supervisor Gioia spoke about the opportunities for cooperation among different agencies, whether Regional, Local or State. He mentioned that the Air Resources Board has been working with the CA Energy Commission and the CPUC on how to reach the state's climate change goals, but most importantly, ensuring that all residents are benefited from this.*

*Supervisor Gioia spoke about the grant that CHDC signed with the Air Resources Board on a pilot program for a low interest or grant base program for residents in the bay area to purchase cleaner cars, this will enable consumers to purchase advanced technology vehicles, which will result in immediate greenhouse gas benefits and clean transportation. He also brought to the attention of the Board the need to have a seamless process for residents on how to get information about rebates, technology and resources information. Many residents want to be part of having cleaner energy at home and having a central clearing house would be helpful. He suggested for counties, cities, local governments and local air districts to join forces to develop model policies, and to the extent that the PUC can help assist in this area, would be very helpful. He also mentioned that one of the biggest gaps for electric vehicles is the missing infrastructure that exists in multi-family buildings. Many low-income residents who live in apartment buildings opt-out from buying electric vehicles, because don't have the ability to charge them.*

*Chairperson Delgado-Olson informed Supervisor Gioia about the recent analysis from the TAC and the potential to reach all eligible participants that are on public assistance programs. The question was raised on how feasible it'd be to create a model that'd work for the County to have the intake counselors ask participants if they are enrolled in the CARE program, if not would they be interested in signing up.*

*Supervisor Gioia mentioned that Contra Costa has a one central point of access to a range of programs that are important for low-income residents to access and understand, some thought needs to be given on how to use the existing infrastructure to inform customers about these programs. Supervisor Gioia is willing to collaborate on this issue to find a solution and will bring this issue to the California State Association of Counties to provide this linkage not just in Contra Costa but Statewide.*

*Board Member Castaneda mentioned that there is also a strong desire to have a better and structure working relationships with farmworkers communities and organizations across rural California.*

*The Board thanked Supervisor Gioia for taking the time out of his busy schedule to come and speak to the Board on these important topics that affects the most vulnerable communities and looks forward to working collaboratively.*

## 11. **CPUC Standing Reports**

- a. [Legislative Update](#) - Office of Governmental Affairs

*Informational Item Only*

- b. [Water Utilities' Current Issues](#) – Ravi Kahlon and Kevin Truong

*Mr. Truong provided a high level presentation on the water utilities issues. The report included the current water conditions in California as well as the current snowpack. AB 746 required all public schools to tested for lead by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, he reported that 80% of the schools have been tested. Mr. Truong gave a brief on the [Water Utility Low Income Paper](#) which examines the evolution, incentives and effects of low-income discount programs on California water utilities. Mr. Kahlon mentioned that the CPUC has been doing low-income water programs since 1996 and continues to progress. He provided an update on the rulemaking proceedings R.17-06-024 (Water Low-Income Programs) and R.18-07-006 (Affordability). He also reported that CA American Water has filed an Advice Letter to allow multi-family buildings that solely house low-income resident to enroll in the low-income program to provide a discount. The CPUC's authority ends at the meter, it doesn't extend to the landlords, so the CPUC want to ensure that the landlords pass these discounts to the low-income tenants.*

c. [Energy Division Updates](#) – Alison LaBonte, Energy Division

- Guidance Document

Ms. LaBonte provided a high level update on the Disconnection OIR, the CARE/ESA post 2020 Guidance and the Low Income Needs Assessment. Ms. LaBonte commented that the Commission is being thoughtful with the guidance document process and appreciates the time that the Board has taken to provide input. Ms. LaBonte recognized the comments from Ms. Solorio's about the impacts any delays may have on contractor's and customers if deadlines aren't met. The Commission's guidance decision is targeted for spring 2019 in preparation for the IOU budget application filings due June 1, 2019, and a Commission Decision addressing the budget applications and post 2020 low income programs is anticipated 4th quarter 2020. The LINA report is on track, a draft report will be issued in the fall.

d. [Lifeline Telephone Program Update](#)

Action: Move the Lifeline Telephone Program Update to the Special Reports Section and Request Reports from Communications Division as needed

Ms. Jew provided a high level update on the lifeline telephone program. Ms. Jew highlighted that they continue to work with selected carriers to discuss outreach/education strategies to participants and continue to encourage wireless Lifeline providers to participate in the Federal Enhanced Lifeline program. Ms. Jew also provided an update on the ULTS Administrative Committee that oversees the Lifeline programs.

Board Member Medina mentioned that there may be an opportunity to promote the CARE and ESA program through this process.

Chairperson Delgado-Olson explained that the LIOB is a statutorily driven board, to advise the Commission on low-income issues related to electricity, gas and water and that with respect to the Lifeline Program, the board's role is to assist in outreach efforts that can or may coordinate with CARE and ESA outreach.

Motion: Move the Lifeline Telephone Program Update from the Standing Report Section to the Special Reports Section and Request Reports from Communications Division as needed. Motion moved by Board Member Medina, seconded by Board Member Watts. (Yes Vote: Chairperson Delgado-Olson, Vice-Chairperson Stamas, Board Members Watts, Medina, Linam, Castaneda, Wimbley, Murphy-Roach and Commissioner Shiroma; motion passed)

## 12. Subcommittee Reports and Updates

Action Item: Assignments and or Reassignments of Members to Subcommittees

None of the Subcommittee met during this period

The Board moved an approved the subcommittee memberships as follow:

- Low Income Energy Assistance Program Subcommittee- Board Members Castaneda, Stamas, Watts, Wimbley, Murphy-Rocha and Medina – Board Member **Medina** to join the LIEAP Subcommittee
- Legislative Subcommittee - Board Members Board Members Delgado-Olson, Stamas, Watts and Castaneda – Board Member **Castaneda** to join the Legislative Subcommittee
- Water and Climate Change Subcommittee - Board Members Liman, Delgado-Olson, Castaneda, Toledo and Medina – Board Member **Medina** to join the Water and Climate Change Subcommittee
- Low Income Needs Assessment (LINA) - Members Delgado-Olson, Castaneda and Murphy-Rocha – LINA subcommittee retains current membership

Motion: The Board moved an approved the subcommittee memberships as noted. Moved by Board Member Medina, seconded by Board Member Watts (Yes Vote: Chairperson Delgado-Olson, Vice-Chairperson Stamas, Board Members Watts, Medina, Linam, Castaneda, Wimbley, Murphy-Roach and Commissioner Shiroma; motion passed)

## 13. Future Agenda Items/Closing

The Board thanked Mayor Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto and the City of El Cerrito for hosting the LIOB meeting, all constituents, and the community local groups that were present at today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

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Monday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 Lead Board Members: Watts and Gross	City of Compton - Council Chamber 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA
September - Date TBD Lead Board Member: Castaneda	San Ysidro, Chula Vista, San Diego
December Date TBD Board Member: Medina	Hanford, Visalia, Fresno