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## AGENDA FOR THE REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

CIVIC EMPOWERMENT CENTER, BLUE FLAME BUILDING, 17<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 304 TEXAS  
AVE AND VIRTUALLY  
2.00 PM

PER LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY ORDER  
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The following members of RREAC were present via video conference/in person:

Howard Pearlmutter (District 1)

KC Griffin (District 3)

Maria Trevino (District 4)

Joshua Simmons (District 5)

Paul Garcia (District 6)

Joseph Gutierrez (District 7)

Miguel Fraga (District 8)

A quorum was reached.



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## MINUTES

1. Call to order and roll call (quorum).
  - a. Quorum was reached, representatives from the Mayor office and District 2 were not present.
2. Discussion on amendments to the RREAC resolution (Nicole Ferrini)
  - a. Prioritizing partnerships that can advance the objectives from the Strategic Plan and so looking at that and understanding the role and the guidance of those 4 new seats.
  - b. Ex-officio, non-voting new members
  - c. Resolution was read.
  - d. New seats: El Paso Water, Texas Gas, El Paso Chamber of Commerce, Environmental Services Department from the City of El Paso, Sun Metro.
  - e. So these entities are in fact able to hear your voice and then we are holding them accountable to you as well.
  - f. Howard Pearlmuter: how does this allow us to hold their organizations accountable?
  - g. NF: For us to be able to have those conversations on the record with those entities. And I think that, as we move forward with trying to achieve our plans, to have that collaboration informally would not be make that possible.
  - h. HP: we've got several different categories here. We have, as you say, Sun Metro, Environmental Services, water those are various parts of the city and having them be involved is very, very different than the utilities
  - i. The electric power industry can potentially be an ally and renewable energy and, and we are seeing progress that it is making towards renewables.
  - j. One utility is very different, the gas utility. It is not a partner because fossil fuels is the core of its business.
  - k. It's the opposite of what needs to happen.
  - l. There are other community organizations that should be included then.
  - m. This needs to be postponed.
  - n. NF: Definitely encourage you to share your thought process with your representative so that they can chime in on Monday. We are bringing this forward
  - o. HP: Why is there this rush? There hasn't been prior discussion.



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- p. NF: We are presenting the municipal energy plan as per the council direction on Monday and there's a natural alignment.
- q. HP: When was this resolution drafted? When was this put together?
- r. NF: it's been coming together for I would say since the last time we met and discussed our path forward with the plan. So it's been about a month. That's part of why we wanted to call this special meeting so that we make sure that we could make you all aware of the opportunity to communicate with your representatives.
- s. Joshua Simmons (JS): will Robert's rules still be in place with all the new members?
- t. NF: Yes
- u. JS: Include only the city representatives on the resolution and discuss the other new members further.
- v. NF: introducing these entities we are creating an accountability structure.
- w. Maria Trevino (MT): Bringing new people is kind of going to diversify our conversations in many ways and bring in other points of views that I feel are valuable when we're dealing with the strategic planning.
- x. Paul Garcia (PG): I think that if we have any issues or concerns, we bring it up with our city representatives, is that correct NF?
- y. NF: yes
- z. Ryan Brown (Public comment)
- aa. I don't know as much about the resolution or your process obviously. I've been working with Josh and Sunrise.
- bb. I wanted to say was that the reliance on green hydrogen in the future.

- 3. Pillar 4: Renewable Energy Infrastructure. Presentation and discussion on the Renewable Generation Study. (EPE)
  - a. Omar Gallegos (EPE) presents the Renewable Generation Study including slides and technical considerations provided by the consultant E3. This presentation covered scenarios, models, technologies analyzed.
  - b. Multiple questions from HP and JS were addressed by Mr. Gallegos.
- 4. Adjourn

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