

## Minutes for EIC meeting 3/23/2023:

1. Call to Order (roll call)
  - a. Members: MikeS, Steve, GeorgeL, Vrinda, BillR
  - b. Council, staff & guests: GeorgeT, Johann
2. Agenda Review
  - a. Ok as is.
3. Public Comment
  - a. New member Bill Ralston introduced himself to the committee. History at SRI, assessing risk and communicating the range of possible futures.
4. Minutes Approval: [February Regular Meeting](#)
  - a. Steve moved, Mike seconded, unanimously approved.
5. Reach Code Discussion (Vrinda)
  - a. Reviewed current reach codes for new buildings. Slides [here](#).
  - b. Several options:
    - i. “Major remodel” – most are using 50% of existing space – falls under the “new building” reach code. Which we could extend.
    - ii. Custom existing buildings Reach Code, triggered by some existing metric.
  - c. GeorgeT: We’re now in the late majority of SVCE jurisdictions; but staff is overwhelmed; keep it simple! Same as fire sprinklers, or story poles (900sf). EIC needs to handle the public outreach because some are worried about this.
  - d. Bill: Worried about the BAAQMD 2027 mandate: many may not be able to afford it. Need to save budget for adaptation. Worried about forcing people to make a change that they didn’t expect.
  - e. Steve: Maybe focus on something really easy, both for town staff and for community outreach.
  - f. GeorgeL: Outreach should educate and focus on safety and resiliency. Doesn’t expect much pushback.
  - g. Next step: Vrinda to provide summary of proposal and review with Peter, noting that Steve Padovan drafted to old reach code.
6. Direct Install Program Discussion (Steve)
  - a. Monitoring new Palo Alto HPWH program (goal is 1000 HPWHs, but none yet installed). SVCE to roll out MF direct install later this year. Menlo Park & SMUD doing direct install for low income.
  - b. Investigating possible Zonal electrification incentives via PG&E’s new gas infrastructure tool. Peter working on NDA. PG&E proposing behind the meter updates eligible as capital improvements.
7. GHG Subcommittee Update (Steve)
  - a. Received draft 2021 inventories from CSG for review: see them here:
    - i. [Community Inventory](#) (focus on Summary sheet)
    - ii. [Govt Operations Inventory](#) (focus on Summary sheet)
    - iii. [Notes from CSG](#)
  - b. We’ve only done a quick review so far: 29% reduction from 2005; 40% only residential gas has increased; big reduction from non-res gas use in 2020 & 2021.
8. Community Measures Subcommittee Update (Steve)
  - a. Assessments:

- i. QuitCarbon: 12 initiated; 5 completed, 2 of which are now working with contractors. Six are stalled. Might not be getting new leads (?).
    - ii. RetrofitZero (now ZeroHomes.io): 7 initiated; 3 completed; 1 in progress; 3 stalled. Requesting more town outreach – higher conversions in MA.
    - iii. QC would like to have referral fees; ZH would like to contract directly with residents; is that ok? Discussion:
      - 1. Mike: Make sure residents are prepared, caveat emptor.
      - 2. Vrinda: One assessor asked for extra \$500 for more detailed panel analysis because utility data couldn't be collected (?).
    - iv. Bill: Should do outreach to residents on a regular basis!
  - b. Incentives: One HPWH \$1k incentive delivered, 5 more pending inspections (max budgeted is 14).
  - c. Streamline: No update.
  - d. Financing: SVCE Tariff-on-bill financing awaiting CPUC approval.
9. SVCE Grant Proposal Update (Steve)
- a. Site walk; discussed possible locations with Cody.
  - b. Goals: sunlight for solar power; high foot traffic; close to entrance; placards for site tour.
10. Municipal Measures Subcommittee Update (George L)
- a. Electrifying town hall: funds are segregated... may not do holistic plan?
  - b. GeorgeL will check in with Daniel
11. Council Update (George T)
- a. Lots of focus on housing plan with HCD
  - b. Undergrounding: PG&E walkthrough completed on Foothill Firestation project.
12. Agenda Requests for Next Meeting (4/27)
- a. Reach code update from Vrinda
  - b. Bill to present summary of the latest ICCP report (detailed title TBD)
13. Adjournment at 8:26pm