[**IRESN, Inc.**](https://www.iresn.org/) **City/Utility Advisory Committee Agenda**

**Tuesday, May 15, 11am Pacific**

**Dial-in Number: (712) 775-7031; Meeting ID: 666-492-502**

**Agenda**

1. Approve Agenda
2. Discuss/Approve Minutes
3. Updates/References (10 minutes)
   1. New Committee Members
   2. Characteristics of High Performing Cities[[1]](#footnote-1)
   3. State Policies[[2]](#footnote-2)
   4. Wrap-up Meeting 2 discussion of article “City/Utility Collaboration: To What End” - Linvill[[3]](#footnote-3)
4. Global Technology and Market Trends (30 minutes)
   1. Staff Report - Braun
   2. Committee Comments
5. Member and Staff Announcements/Proposals (10 minutes)
   1. State Level Mechanisms Addressing Community Interests – Dobriansky
   2. Municipal Sustainability and Energy Forum[[4]](#footnote-4)
6. Adjourn at noon.

**Notes:**

**IRESN City/Utility Project**

**Objective:** Recommend policies and programs states can adopt to encourage mutually beneficial teamwork and collaboration between local energy infrastructure owners (utilities) and the cities and counties they serve.

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| **Work Plan Outline** |  |
| Questions: | Month |
| 1. What motivates or undermines city/utility collaboration?    1. State policy interest    2. City goals    3. City steps to engage and/or commit    4. Utility steps to engage and/or commit 2. Global technology and market trends? 3. Relevant experience outside the US? 4. What relevant authorities and capacities do stakeholders bring to the table?    1. States    2. Cities    3. Utilities    4. Other, e.g. retailers, aggregators 5. Lessons from on-going opportunistic collaborations?    1. Micro-grids    2. Climate action plans    3. Net zero communities    4. Other 6. Vision Statement 7. Policy Recommendations | 1,2  3  4  5,6  7,8  9,10  11,12 |

**City/Utility Advisory Committee:** The committee will help IRESN identify decisive steps that have led to successful city/utility collaborations, as well as strategies being used to improve and expand on-going city/utility collaborations. The advisory committee’s findings will be captured in:

1. a city/utility collaboration vision statement outlining key near and long-term outcomes;
2. a summary of policy recommendations and lessons learned regarding city/utility collaboration opportunities, decision-maker engagement, ground rules, removal of roadblocks, etc.

**Committee Meetings and Responsibilities:** Monthly one-hour conference calls focusing on workplan topics. Optional participation in IRESN webinars and ad hoc sub-committee conversations. Committee agendas, minutes and working papers will be posted on an IRESN website page devoted to the advisory committee. Committee work includes:

1. Review and comment on project working papers
2. Support staff efforts to identify exemplary on-going collaborations
3. Recommend and vet additional and replacement advisory committee members
4. Advise preparation of project deliverables
5. Assist and advise dissemination of project results

1. <https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/high-performing-cities-characteristics/522661/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/customerchoice/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.iresn.org/news/2018/4/10/cityutility-collaboration-to-what-end> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <http://mseforum.com/free-webinar/> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)