



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2020  
1:00 P.M.**

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**50 Santa Rosa Avenue, Fifth Floor, Santa Rosa, California**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dowd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members present: Chair Dowd and Members Brady, Chaban, Fenichel, Nicholls, Mattinson, Morris, Sizemore, Quinlan, and Wells

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; and Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations

Clerk of the Board, Beau Anderson, administered the Oath of Office to new member Shivawn Brady; Member Brady then detailed her personal and professional background.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

None

**III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve January 23, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the January 23, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes by CM Wells

Second: CM Nicholls

Motion passed: 10-0-0

**IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

2. Receive Operations Report and Provide Input as Appropriate

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds introduced SCP's newest team member, Program Manager Carolyn Glanton. Director Reynolds detailed a recent tree planting that SCP staff participated in with EverGreen customers at the Jenner Headlands Preserve. She then advised the Committee that Patrick Slayter from the City of Sebastopol was selected as Chair of the Board of Directors for 2020, while Melanie Bagby from the City of Cloverdale will serve as Vice Chair. CEO Syphers stated that upcoming Committee meetings will focus on drafting and developing budget recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year, and that the SCP

Headquarters Construction Contract will come before the Committee at their next meeting.

Public comment: None

### 3. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Input as Appropriate

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon advised the Committee that the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fee will increase by no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. CEO Syphers and Director Reardon then described the challenges with ascertaining the validity of the PCIA fee, given that this information is not easily accessible to SCP and only available through data requests. Director Reardon then detailed a Request for Offers ("RFO") by PG&E for substation generation resources during Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, and the likelihood that most of the responding bids will be gas-powered resources given the requirements of the RFO. He then reminded the Committee that SCP raised issues with the RFO, namely that PG&E lacks jurisdiction within SCP's service territory to create generation resources on behalf of SCP or other municipal utility providers, and that this proposal should not be a substitute for grid safety and resiliency. Director Reardon detailed how SCP staff recently met with PG&E to discuss the RFO and to address outstanding questions around generation resources, community needs & preferences, along with grid safety and reliability.

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update, which along with the printed materials provided for the meeting, included a proposed bill to accelerate the adoption of renewable energy in California; bills to protect CCAs rights to procure preferred resources; a proposed CalCCA bill for Resource Adequacy functions; and Senator Skinner's bill for open access for distributed resources.

Public comment: Deborah Tavares spoke on purchasing nuclear energy from PG&E and liability issues associated with PG&E generation facilities.

### 4. Recommend that the Board Approve Budget for Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Assistance and Delegate Authority to the CEO to Negotiate, Execute, and Amend a Professional Services Agreement for SGIP Assistance Processing

Director of Programs Cordel Stillman provided a brief overview of the SGIP program, which is a rebate program administered by PG&E using CPUC funds, that incentivizes purchase of battery storage and other technologies. He detailed the onerous application process and how this agreement will help SCP customers navigate the application process and secure SGIP funding in a timelier manner. Programs Manager Carolyn Glanton then gave an overview of the program, including the revolving fund structure and program requirements.

CM Quinlan asked about any liabilities associated with advancing customers the SGIP incentive while their applications are pending; Director Stillman responded that customers are required to sign a participation form which

assigns the SGIP revenues to SCP, and if their applications is not approved, they are obligated to repay SCP.

CM Wells asked about the terms of the agreement; Director Stillman clarified that the agreement will run through December 31, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Public comment: Deborah Tavares spoke about battery storage and her reservations about microgrids.

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve the Budget for Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Assistance and Delegate Authority to the CEO to Negotiate, Execute, and Amend a Professional Services Agreement for SGIP Assistance Processing by CM Nicholls

Second: CM Mattinson

Motion passed: 10-0-0

#### 5. Discussion of SCP and PG&E's Potential Partnership to Accelerate Solutions to Public Safety Power Shutoffs

CEO Syphers introduced the item by detailing a recent Request for Offers ("RFO") that PG&E issued to obtain bids to construct electric generation resources at 20 substations located in high fire risk areas, many of which are in SCP's service territory. CEO Syphers highlighted that the RFO is structured in a way that natural gas powered resources are likely to be used during PSPS events. He then detailed potential approaches that might potentially be more responsive to community needs while supporting renewable energy & climate goals, and requested Committee feedback on potential options for clean power PSPS solutions.

Chair Dowd detailed the challenges that PSPS events bring, especially to the County's regional waste treatment facility. CEO Syphers described a recent vote by the City of Ft. Bragg to pursue clean power solutions for PSPS events. CM Sizemore noted that PG&E's Potter Valley Hydroelectric Facility is for sale and could be used as a generation resource. CM Mattinson observed that any gas-generation resources in the City of Sebastopol would likely be opposed by community members; he also noted that the proposed plan does little to address grid reliability and safety and appears to be a workaround to actually harden the grid. CM Morris noted her support for the City of Fort Bragg's approach, which emphasizes maintaining critical facilities with solar coupled with battery storage.

Public comment:

Deborah Tavares spoke about PG&E grid resiliency efforts and other matters.

Paul Brophy asked about the PG&E RFO and the potential for operating these resources outside of PSPS events, hardening transmission lines from the

Geyser's geothermal facility, and prioritizing wildfire abatement efforts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**VI. ADJOURN**

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beau Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Beau Anderson  
Clerk of the Board