

# MEETING MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 8:45 A.M.

Meeting Location: 50 Santa Rosa Avenue, Fifth Floor, Santa Rosa, California

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Landman called the meeting to order at 8:46am

Present: Chair Landman, Vice Chair Slayter, and Directors Bagby, Gjerde (participating by teleconference), Harrington, King, Rogers, Torrez, and Okrepkie

Staff Present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; and Jessica Mullan, General Counsel

## II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve the January 10 & 25, 2019 meeting minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors

Public comment:

George Uberti, spoke about pending PG&E litigation and impacts on SCP's services

Deborah Tavares, asked about decommissioning of Potter Valley project, the Humboldt County nuclear generation facility, and any impacts to SCP's services

Motion to approve the January 10, 2019 meeting minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors by Vice Chair Slayter

Second: Director Bagby

Motion Passed: 8-0-1

Motion to approve the January 25, 2019 meeting minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors by Vice Chair Slayter

Second: Director Bagby Motion Passed: 7-0-2

#### III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Receive Internal Operations, Monthly Financial Report, update on PG&E bankruptcy, and provide input as appropriate.

CEO Geof Syphers updated the Board on PG&E's bankruptcy, including SCP's efforts-to-date to protect ratepayer interests and ensure the strength of the organization.

General Counsel Jessica Mullan detailed her recent focus on ensuring continuity with PG&E and SCP's shared billing arrangement.

CEO Syphers advised the Board on the updated legal budget, anticipated needs for outside counsel for the remainder of fiscal year, along with an expected increase in this budget area in coming fiscal year.

Director Harrington asked about the centralized Resource Adequacy entity and status of this proposal; CEO Syphers detailed that this proposal is ongoing at the CPUC.

CEO Syphers updated the Board on the ongoing load deviation issues (errors from forecasted load), which are coming from the residential sector alone. Although anecdotal, staff's investigation found it likely that the majority of the deviation is due to reductions in the cannabis industry. Director Rogers requested that staff provide sources of load deviation with participating jurisdictions.

Director of Internal Operations, Stephanie Reynolds, then updated the Board on the following items: orientation binders for new Board members; status on the 431 E St. building remodel project; EverGreen outreach to member jurisdictions; financial statements through December, which due to the load forecasting issue has resulted in lower revenues and expenses; various programs updates, and the upcoming CAC meeting schedule.

CEO Syphers thanked Director Rogers for the City of Santa Rosa's efforts to install new EV chargers located in Courthouse Square, which were supported in part by grant-funding from SCP.

Director Slayter noted the recent install of an EV charger that SCP provided grant funding for at the Forestville Wellness Center.

Director Harrington requested that staff post the new member orientation binder to the SCP website.

# Public comment:

Deborah Tavares, asked about PG&E bankruptcy, stated concerns over the PG&E Solaren project, sources of SCP grants, and the decommissioning of the Humboldt nuclear generation facility.

Lou, commented on the AER program and local Climate Action Plans.

George Uberti, asked about financial reports and the role of County of Sonoma Auditor Controller Treasurer Tax Collector Office in review SCP's financial statements.

3. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and provide input as appropriate. Director of Regulatory Affairs, Neal Reardon, updated the Board on the Application for Rehearing of the PCIA decision, which the CPUC declined to consider. Therefore, the Application is deemed denied and the next procedural step to challenge the decision would be through the courts. He then noted that a Scoping Memo has been released for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the PCIA.

Director Reardon then detailed PG&E's Energy Resource Recovery Account ("ERRA") process for setting rates, which has had several delays at the CPUC and that ERRA is on the agenda for Feb. 21st.

Director Harrington asked about the Application for Rehearing decision and what rights SCP has through a decision of the courts. General Counsel Mullan clarified this process and rules for appeal. Director Harrington suggested bringing rate setting for CCAs to citizens through a ballot measure.

Director Slayter asked if the recent PG&E bankruptcy filing would allow for a buyout of the PCIA. General Counsel Mullan stated that these sorts of questions will likely arise later in the bankruptcy hearing process.

Katherine Brandenburg, SCP Lobbyist, provided a legislative update, including the Governor's budget presentation and the upcoming State of the State. She highlighted that energy is the main topic of conversation at the Capitol. Ms. Brandenburg noted the Governor's appointments to the CPUC & CAISO along with the creation of a Commission on Wildfire Recovery.

#### Public comment:

Deborah Tavares, asked about implications of the proposed PG&E rolling blackouts plan, and induction cooktop issues.

Jay Golden, Sebastopol resident, asked about the PCIA and PG&E's renewable energy contracts.

George Uberti, spoke about the Auditor Controller Treasurer Tax Collector Office and disqualifiers for internal audits.

CEO Syphers spoke to Mr. Golden's question regarding PCIA, and SCP's intent that benefits be spread equally.

Director Harrington reminded members of the public that comment should be restricted to items on the agenda.

# 4. Receive Update on SCP Mission Statement Project

Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Kate Kelly, updated the Board on SCP's mission statement project, including efforts-to-date following the recent brand update, project goals, who staff engaged with, and the existing mission statement. She recapped the work of an ad-hoc consisting of Directors Harrington and Tibbetts, survey results, and insights from this process.

Director Harrington then revealed the new mission statement: "SCP is turning the tide on the climate crisis, through bold ideas and practical programs."

#### Public comment:

Debrorah Tavares, talked about solar radiation programs, weather modification & control, and provided a letter on these issues to the Board

Tom Conlin, Sonoma Sierra Group, spoke in favor of the updated mission statement.

George Uberti, spoke about the mission statement and SCP as a Joint Powers Authority.

5. Approve SCPA's new Information Technology Security Policy and Advance Metering Infrastructure Data Security and Privacy Policy

Director of Customer Service Erica Torgerson presented the two new policies to the Board, which are now needed based on CPUC decisions. The purpose of the policies are customer privacy and protection. In addition, the policies also establish an SCP IT security team and restricts staff access to confidential data.

Public comment:

Deborah Tavares, spoke about potential sales of confidential data.

Supervisor Gjerde left the meeting at approximately 10:18am

# IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public comment:

Deborah Tavares, spoke about the use of Calpine and liability issues around hydrogen sulfide emissions from geothermal facilities and liability issues arising from earthquakes at production site.

George Uberti, spoke about the SCP Joint Powers Agreement.

Director King updated Board on new City Manager for Petaluma; in addition, Director King also spoke to a recent New York Times article on energy usage by all 50 states.

Director Landman congratulated Director Hopkins on welcoming her new baby.

### V. ADJOURN

Chair Landman adjourned the meeting at 10:27

Respectfully submitted,

Beau Anderson

Clerk of the Board