



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019  
8:45 A.M.**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Board members present: Chair Landman and Members Bagby, Glass (alternate), Hopkins, King, Okrepkie, and Torrez

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

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve July 11, 2019 minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors meeting
2. Approve Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement with Malbec under ProFIT Program
3. Approve Amended Contract with TLCD Architecture for Advanced Energy Center
4. Adopt a Resolution to Allow for the Sharing of Certain Information Disclosed in Closed Session with Member City and Town Councils and the County Boards of Supervisors and their Respective Legal Counsels

Public comment: none

August 1, 2019 Board of Directors Consent Calendar passed with Directors King and Hopkins abstaining

**III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

5. Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds detailed current open positions for a Programs Manager and Commercial Accounts Specialist, and provided a 431 E St. headquarters building update. Chief Executive Officer Geof Syphers updated the Board on a recent communication with the County of Lake regarding their interest in community choice. Director Reynolds then noted the recent adoption of EverGreen by the City of Sebastopol for their municipal accounts and the County of Sonoma's funding allocation for switching select accounts to EverGreen. Director Reynolds' marketing update detailed the following events in which SCP participated: Cotati Kid's Day,

Mendocino County/Good Farm Fund Midsummer Night's Feast, Sonoma Farmers Market, and sponsorship of the Sonoma County Fair's Hall of Flowers. Chief Operating Officer Michael Koszalka updated the Board of total number of eligible accounts in SCP's service territory. Programs Manager Chad Asay then gave an overview of current status on the LEAD Locally grant project.

*Director Rogers (Alternate) arrived at approx. 8:59am.*

Director Hopkins asked how Board members can assist with EverGreen enrollment efforts and requested staff provide a media kit for outreach. Chair Landman directed staff to develop an action plan.

Director Reynolds noted that there are no Monthly Financials to review this month as the end of year fiscal audit is currently underway. CEO Syphers thanked Director of Customer Service Erica Torgerson for getting staff invited to a recent PG&E Emergency Workshop; he discussed one of the topics at the workshop, which included the fact that Sonoma and Mendocino Counties could be affected by planned power outages for significant periods of time.

CEO Syphers then advised the Board that four CCAs in the most fire-prone areas of the state, including SCP, have made an informal agreement to share office space in the case of long-term outages. He then detailed a recent special feature on SCP by local reporter Mary Fricker in the Sonoma West newspaper.

Director Rogers noted that the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma are hosting workshops on de-energization events. Director Hopkins detailed fire risks in her District and her support of microgrids for continuity of critical services during a de-energization event. CEO Syphers noted that shutoffs could have major financial implications to the broader economy.

Public comment:

Speaker name unknown, thanked SCP for the organization's work, and then detailed how his company installs heat pump heaters that can be used for energy storage purposes.

Paul Brophy, advised the Board to consider risks from earthquakes in addition to fires.

6. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Katherine Brandenburg, SCP Lobbyist, detailed the recent activity at the Capitol. Of the nine bills that SCP was actively working on, five were amended to a point where SCP found acceptable, killed, or held until the next session. She then detailed the following bills: AB 56 (E. Garcia) - Central Procurement; SB 350 (Hertzberg) - Central Buyer; SB155 (Bradford) - Integrated Resource Plan; and AB 1362 (O'Donnell) - CCA Code of Conduct.

CEO Syphers recounted SB 1054 (Holden) which passed both houses and was signed by the Governor on July 12<sup>th</sup>; the bill creates a \$21 billion insurance fund to address future wildfire liabilities, with portions of the premiums to be paid by ratepayers and shareholders. CEO Syphers then discussed SB 520 (Hertzberg - Provider of Last Resort) and SCP's concerns with the bill.

Director King requested an updated report on SB 1054 as this item progresses. CEO Syphers then detailed a recent CPUC workshop on PG&E rate increases

as well as a meeting with PG&E CEO Bill Johnson in which CEO Johnson asked that CCAs explore the possibility of PG&E exiting the power generation market. Director Okrepkie asked about the appointment of new CPUC President Marybel Batjer; CEO Syphers noted her reputation as a strong manager. Chair Landman asked about SB 1054 and intervener compensation with groups like The Utility Reform Network (“TURN”); CEO Syphers noted that TURN reviews actions of investor owned utilities and some of the language in SB 1054 is concerning because it could expand the amount of money that SCP ratepayers contribute to intervenor review of CCAs, which is not valuable given CCAs are owned by our ratepayers and governed in open public meetings by elected and accountable public officials.

Public comment: none

7. Receive Update on Alternate Meeting Date for November Board of Directors Meeting and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Director Reynolds stated staff became aware that the November meeting date conflicts with the annual CalCCA conference and requested it be rescheduled to November 14th

Public comment: none

The Board provided direction to staff to convene a special meeting on November 14, 2019.

8. Receive Update Regarding Opening of Recruitments for Community Advisory Committee Openings and Recommendation that the Board Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to Assist with Selection Process

Director Reynolds recounted past recruitment efforts for Community Advisory Committee openings and detailed how the Board has historically appointed an ad hoc to review applicants and make a recommendation to the full Board.

Public comment: none

Motion to appoint Directors Hopkins, King, Okrepkie, and Slayter to an ad hoc by Director Bagby

Second: Director Rogers

Motion passed: 8-0-0

9. Approve Bill Protection for Customers Transitioned onto the E-TOU-C Rate for a Maximum of 12 Months per Customer

Director of Customer Service, Erica Torgerson, recounted discussions with the Board along with staff’s recommendation that the Board approve bill protection for customers transitioned to the E-TOU-C rate. She noted the anticipated cost for bill protection is expected to be \$11.86 per transitioned customer for a total of \$184,914, and most of this financial impact would be in SCP’s Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. CEO Syphers emphasized that this is a one-time cost and will not require a multi-year financial commitment.

Public comment:

Dick Dowd, Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”) Chair, noted the CAC’s unanimous support for this item.

Jay Golden, Sebastopol resident, asked about impacts to EV-TOU rates.

Motion to approve bill protection for customers transitioned onto the E-TOU-C Rate for a maximum of 12 months per customer by Director King

Second: Director Rogers

Motion passed: 8-0-0

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

Mary Fricker, local journalist, advised the Board that her article on SCP is being published in four local newspapers and expressed her gratitude to CEO Syphers and Director of Public Affairs & Marketing Kate Kelly for their assistance.

#### **V. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Directors of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority will consider the following in closed session:

10. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Chief Executive Officer (Gov’t Code Section 54957); Public Employee Labor Negotiations – Chief Executive Officer Position. Authority negotiators: Chair, Mark Landman, Vice Chair, Patrick Slayter and General Counsel, Jessica Mullan (Govt. Code Section 54957.6)

*Directors Rogers and Okrepkie left at approximately 11:16am.*

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at approximately 11:17am and Chair Landman stated that the Board unanimously approved CEO Syphers merit increase and provided direction to staff on bringing a discussion forward on the CEO’s goals at the next Board meeting.

11. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: In re PG&E Corporation, Debtor; Chapter 11; US Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California San Francisco Division, Case No. 19-30088(DM) and Case No. 19-300889(DM)

*This item was not considered as announced by Chair Landman prior to convening Closed Session.*

#### **VI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Hopkins announced that she and Director Bagby were appointed to an ad hoc by the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District to explore biomass generation opportunities.

Director King stated that the Petaluma City Council established a Climate Commission, with appointments to be made in early 2020. He also announced

that the City hosted a workshop on REACH codes and that Council's direction was to establish REACH code, which would include a requirement that all new residential construction be all-electric; he thanked Senior Programs Manager Rachel Kuykendall for her assistance throughout this process. Finally, he noted that Petaluma's City Manager is reviewing a cost analysis of switching municipal accounts to SCP's EverGreen service, and that the City is considering purchasing solar arrays for all municipal buildings.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Chair Landman adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:22am.

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