



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020  
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 8:45 a.m.

Board Members present: Chair Landman, Vice Chair Slayter, and Directors Bagby, Gjerde, Hopkins, King, Torrez, and Okrepkie.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; and Jessica Mullan, General Counsel.

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve December 5, 2019 minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors meeting
2. Approve and Authorize the CEO to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with EHDD for Architectural Services

Public comment: none

January 9, 2020 SCPA Board of Directors Consent Calendar adopted by unanimous consent.

**III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

Chief Operating Officer Michael Koszalka introduced the item, provided a marketing update, and gave an overview of the monthly financial reports. Chief Executive Officer Geof Syphers announced that SCP's General Counsel, Jessica Mullan, took a position with the City of Santa Rosa, and that SCP has entered into agreements with outside counsel to ensure legal support during the interim period following her departure. CEO Syphers then stated that the Chair of the Community Advisory Committee, Dick Dowd, was recently appointed by the City of Santa Rosa to a vacant seat on their City Council; he also advised the Board that Counsel had determined that there are no conflicts with Chair Dowd continuing to serve on the Community Advisory Committee. Finally, CEO Syphers presented Chair Landman with a plaque thanking him for his service as Chair over the last year.

Public comment:

Deborah Tavares spoke formatting issues with printed meeting materials and about impacts to SCP from the Santa Rosa Wastewater Treatment Facility due to power-related closures.

Dick Dowd spoke in response to the previous speaker about any potential impacts to the Santa Rosa Wastewater Treatment Facility from the Kincade Fire.

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon updated the Board on the Energy Resource Recovery Account and the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment fee, which will not likely increase on March 1<sup>st</sup> as previously thought. He then gave an update on the CPUC's Self-Generation Incentive Program, including program eligibility, incentive levels, and the application process.

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update on the following laws that became effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>: allowing low-income residents to access the HOV lane if they buy an eligible used electric vehicle, and Title 24 Building Codes mandating rooftop solar for certain types of new construction. CEO Syphers then highlighted Senate Bill 378 by Wiener, which would, among other things, require the two largest investor-owned utilities to file an annual public report on age, useful life, fire risk, recent inspections, investments, and maintenance records for all equipment; expand the Code of Conduct to include prohibitions against using ratepayer monies to advocate against CCA activities; create a process to reimburse local governments for any expenses incurred as a result of PSPS events; require that any profit made during a shutoff to be returned to ratepayers; require sharing of information with local governments regarding a planned shutoff "as early as possible"; and set a minimum shareholder shutoff penalty of \$10 per hour per customer. CEO Syphers then described a bill by Senator McGuire that was put into print and would require that cell phone towers have a minimum of 72-hours of battery backup.

Public comment: Deborah Tavares spoke about privacy concerns and requested additional information about how to access Senate Bill 378.

5. Approve the NetGreen 2.0 Program and the Transition of Existing NetGreen Customers to NetGreen 2.0

Director of Customer Service Erica Torgerson introduced the item by noting this was the fourth public meeting on this topic and the Community Advisory Committee unanimously recommended Board approval. She then outlined the function of the NetGreen program and the requested actions in the staff

report for this item, which include the adoption of the NetGreen 2.0 program and the transition of existing NetGreen customers to the new program. Director Torgerson detailed how the cash-out process and timeline will remain the same for NetGreen participants, and even though the incentive for over-production will be reduced, it will still payout at twice the level of PG&E's program.

Public comment:

Bill Mattinson, Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee, spoke about the Committee's deliberations prior to making a recommendation to the Board.

Deborah Tavares commented on the safety of battery storage devices and alternative options that could be safer.

Motion to approve the NetGreen 2.0 Program and the transition of existing NetGreen customer to NetGreen 2.0 by Director King.

Second: Director Bagby

Motion passed: 8-0-0

#### 6. Receive Annual Report

Director of Marketing & Public Relations Kate Kelly introduced the item by noting that this is the first year that SCP is presenting the Annual Report in a digital video format.

Chair Landman and Director Bagby offered staff feedback on the printed materials that accompanied the digital video presentation, with suggestions that future iterations include savings to customers, greenhouse gas reductions, and a map of SCP's service territory. Director Hopkins asked how staff intends to distribute the report; Director Kelly stated that it will be shared through newsletters, emails to interested parties, and social media, among other platforms. Vice Chair Slayter thanked staff for moving towards a zero-waste format.

Public comment:

Woody Hastings thanked staff for moving towards a digital version and the value of SCP's promotional materials in highlighting the unique & innovative nature of SCP's programs.

Deborah Tavares spoke about Integrated Resource Planning and continued use of fossil fuel plants.

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

Jane Elias, Energy and Sustainability Manager with the County of Sonoma, spoke about financing through the Energy Independence Program and the

expansion of the program to offer seismic strengthening and wildfire safety improvements.

Deborah Tavares voiced her concern about the financing mentioned by the previous speaker.

## **V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director King announced the following: that the City of Petaluma's City Council recently had a discussion about adopting EverGreen, and due to the overall cost, the City will not switch to EverGreen during their next budget cycle; that he was re-appointed to the SCP Board of Directors for 2020; an upcoming large-scale City solar project; and finally, he detailed how a majority of the Petaluma City Council wrote a letter of support for San Jose's Mayor Sam Liccardo's letter regarding municipalization of PG&E.

## **VI. CLOSED SESSION**

Item tabled.

## **VII. ADJOURN**

Chair Landman adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson  
Clerk of the Board