



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2020
1:00 PM**

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, Vice Chair Mattinson, and Members Baldwin, Chaban, Fenichel, Morris, Nicholls, Sizemore, Quinlan, and Wells.

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

New Committee Member ("CM") Patricia Morris introduced herself and spoke about her personal and professional background.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Deborah Tavares spoke on matters related to the PG&E bankruptcy.

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve December 18, 2019 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Recommend that the Board Approve and Authorize the CEO to Execute a Furniture Procurement and Installation Purchase Order for the Advanced Energy Center

Public comment: None

Motion to move Item #3 (Recommend that the Board Adopt a New Agricultural Rate Structure and Rates for the Remainder of the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year) from the Consent Calendar to the Regular Calendar by CM Baldwin.

Second: CM Mattinson.

Motion passed: 10-0-0

Motion to adopt the January 23, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by CM Wells

Second: CM Nicholls

Motion passed: 10-0-0

IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2020

CM Quinlan proposed a more robust process for future elections, wherein incumbents and other interested members could provide a statement of interest with their qualifications to inform deliberations. CM Wells voiced his support for adding additional background information in future staff reports, and his comfort with electing a Chair and Vice Chair for the upcoming term. Vice Chair Mattinson also supported more information in future staff reports as it could potentially assist new members.

Public comment: None

Motion to appoint CM Baldwin as CAC Vice Chair for 2020 by CM Fenichel

Second: CM Sizemore

Motion passed: 10-0-0

Motion to appoint Chair Dowd as CAC Chair for 2020 by CM Quinlan

Second: CM Chaban

Motion passed: 10-0-0

3. Receive Operations Report and Provide Input as Appropriate

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds advised the Committee that SCP's Annual Report was just released in video format for the first time, and shared a one-page piece of marketing collateral for the Annual Report. She provided brief updates on the Advanced Energy Center as well as the Advanced Energy Rebuild program, which has over 340 applicants to date.

Chief Operating Officer Michael Koszalka advised the Committee that CEO Syphers was absent for the day and that SCP's General Counsel, Jessica Mullan, recently resigned to take a new position. Director Reynolds told the Committee that staff is currently utilizing outside counsel and evaluating SCP's overall legal staffing needs before recruiting for a general counsel position.

Public comment:

Deborah Tavares spoke about heat pump technologies.

Paul Brophy asked about the Annual Report and whether it contains SCP's Final Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year; Director Reynolds told Mr. Brophy that the Report is available on the SCP website.

4. Receive Regulatory Update and Provide Input as Appropriate

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon advised the Committee about the likelihood of a very significant increase in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fee, which will likely take effect on April 1st or May 1st. Director Reardon then described a proposed PG&E plan to build new substation generation resources to operate during Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events, and SCP's concerns about the plan given the apparent lack of planning to repair transmission lines and long-term reliance on fossil-fuel powered generators.

Public comment: Deborah Tavares spoke about the PCIA fee and PG&E's proposed substation generation plan.

5. Receive Programs Strategic Action Plan and Recommend Board Approval

Director of Programs Cordel Stillman provided an update on the Programs Strategic Action Plan which is presented to the Committee twice a year. He highlighted short-term, near-term, long-term, and proposed action plans for the upcoming year. Director Stillman noted the success of the GridSavvy program; the expansion of the D.I.Y. Toolkit program to Mendocino County; the Induction Cooktop program expanding to Petaluma; the high number of participants in Advanced Energy Rebuild program; efforts underway with the LEAD Locally program; SCP receiving \$5.1 million in CALeVIP grant funding towards the installation of EV charging stations; and completion of transit electrification studies for select transit agencies within SCP's service territory.

Director Stillman then advised the Committee about a few select programs that have been added to the Strategic Plan since its last iteration, which include assistance to commercial and industrial customers for audits on mitigating adverse effects due to PSPS events; an analysis of existing municipally-owned solar systems and what is needed to add backup battery storage; undertaking a transit electrification study for local school districts; an electric bike rebate incentive program; and hiring a consultant to assist SCP customers with securing incentives for residential battery storage.

Vice Chair Baldwin asked about the Transit Electrification Feasibility Reports and next steps; Director Stillman advised VC Baldwin that now the reports are complete, any next steps are incumbent on the transit agencies although staff will continue to follow up and support their future efforts.

CM Quinlan asked about the addition of a new program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in agricultural practices and the nexus with SCP's mission; Director Stillman acknowledged that the program isn't necessarily

energy-related but does very much align with the goals of SCP under its Joint Powers Authority agreement.

Public comment:

Rick Learned spoke in support of staff recommendations.

Deborah Tavares expressed her concerns about various wireless technologies and land use issues.

Chair Dowd thanked staff for their efforts on the Action Plan and recognized the somewhat fluid nature of document.

Motion to recommend Board Approval of the Programs Strategic Action Plan by CM Quinlan

Second: CM Sizemore

Motion passed: 10-0-0

8. Recommend Board Approval of a Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Change in Customer Rates as of March 1, 2020

COO Koszalka introduced the item by noting the likely increase in the PCIA fee and the subsequent reasoning for staff's recommended actions on this item.

CM Quinlan asked about any implications that raising rates may have, in particular to customer participation rates; COO Koszalka noted that MCE had higher rates than PG&E for a period of time and did not see a strong correlation between higher rates and higher percentages of customer opt-outs. CM Wells asked staff to clarify the percentage increase. Power Services Manager Rebecca Simonson advised CM Wells that rates will increase by 2% should the Committee recommend, and the Board ultimately approve, a change in customer rates.

Public comment: Deborah Tavares spoke about numerous concerns related to PG&E.

Motion to Recommend Board Approval of a Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and Change in Customer Rates as of March 1, 2020 as Requested by Staff by CM Mattinson

Second: CM Nicholls

Motion passed: 10-0-0

9. Recommend that the Board Adopt a New Agricultural Rate Structure and Rates for the Remainder of the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

Director of Customer Service Erica Torgerson reviewed past Committee deliberations on commercial rate changes and how staff's requested actions will harmonize and time of use peak period hours with those of PG&E's.

Public comment: None

Motion to recommend that the Board Adopt a New Agricultural Rate Structure and Rates for the Remainder of the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year as Recommended by Staff by Vice Chair Baldwin

Second: CM Sizemore

Motion passed: 10-0-0

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at 3:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board