



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 8:45am

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

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

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve January 9, 2020 SCPA Board of Directors meeting minutes
2. Approve and Authorize the CEO to Execute a Furniture Procurement and Installation Purchase Order for the Advanced Energy Center

Adopt a New Agricultural Rate Structure and Rates for the Remainder of the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

Public comment: None

SCPA Board of Directors February 6, 2020 Consent Calendar adopted by unanimous consent.

**III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

3. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Board for One-Year Terms

Chair Landman introduced the item by outlining the nomination process, then thanked staff, members of the public, and his fellow Board Members for the honor to serve as Chair.

Director Hopkins nominated Vice Chair Slayter as Chair, followed by a second by Director Bagby.

Public comment: none

Motion to appoint Vice Chair Slayter as Chair of the Sonoma Clean Power Board of Directors for a one-year term by Director Hopkins.

Second: Director Bagby

Motion passed: 10-0-0

Motion to appoint Director Bagby as Vice Chair of the Sonoma Clean Power Board of Directors for a one-year term by Director Hopkins.

Second: Director Belforte

Motion passed: 10-0-0

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

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds introduced the item by advising the Board that there was no change in Board Member assignments for 2020, except for a new Alternate Director from Cloverdale, Marta Cruz. She then introduced SCP's newest staff member, Programs Manager Carolyn Glanton. Director Reynolds advised the Board that the Community Advisory Committee appointed Dick Dowd as Chair and Karen Baldwin as Vice Chair for one-year terms. Director Reynolds then gave an overview of the upcoming budget cycle and Title 24 building standards.

Public comment: None

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

Chief Executive Officer Geof Syphers introduced Harriet Steiner who is serving as SCP's Special Counsel. He then provided a regulatory report on PG&E's Energy Resource Recovery Account ("ERRA") and a proposed CPUC rulemaking decision which will likely favor PG&E. He then detailed the financial implications to SCP due to the likely increase in exit fees. SCP Lobbyist Katherine Brandenburg then gave a legislative update on the session that began January 6<sup>th</sup> and some of the key bills that SCP is monitoring, which include AB 1839 (Climate change: California Green New Deal) and SB 917 (California Consumer Energy and Conservation Financing Authority: eminent domain: Northern California Energy). CEO Syphers clarified some of the key differences between SB 917 and the City of San Jose's efforts to municipalize PG&E's service territory. CEO Syphers then advised the Board that CalCCA is developing a bill to run in the current session for capacity and reliability resources.

Director Landman requested a staff assessment of SB 917 and the City of San Jose's proposal so the Board can determine which, if any, to support.

Public comment: Woody Hastings spoke on SB 917 and thanked former Chair Landman for his support of community choice.

6. Receive Report on Programs Strategic Action Plan

Director of Programs Cordel Stillman gave his biannual update to the Programs Strategic Action Plan, which details immediate actions, near-term actions, and long-term actions that are underway by the Programs team. He then noted that select programs were discontinued and described the following programs that have been added to the current iteration of

Strategic Action Plan: PSPS assistance for commercial & industrial customers; analysis of municipal solar systems for battery storage assistance; a Self-Generation Incentive Program (“SGIP”) assistance program; the Advanced Energy Build program; a Battery Incentive program; electric bike incentives; and on-bill financing through the Advanced Energy Center to assist decarbonization.

Director Belforte asked how Programs determines which items should be placed in the Strategic Action Plan; Director Stillman detailed how these initiatives come from a variety of areas and Director Belforte requested that staff distribute a survey to SCP customers to solicit future program ideas. Vice Chair Bagby requested that staff reach out to the Cities of Healdsburg and Ukiah for partnering on the proposed e-bike incentive program. Chair Slayter suggested contacted local cycling advocacy groups for outreach on e-bike incentives and his support for an e-bike loaner program

Public comment:

Woody Hastings thanked the Board and staff SCP for their support of the recently discontinued Solar Sonoma County program.

Ken Wells spoke in support of the proposed e-bike incentive program and suggested modeling the program after the Drive EV model.

Director Okrepkie noted the thoroughness of the Strategic Action Plan and commended staff’s efforts for securing grant funding when possible. Chair Slayter asked for additional details on the battery storage incentive program; Director Stillman stated that the SGIP program is administered by PG&E and that SCP intends to contract services to assist customers with securing SGIP incentives.

*Director Hopkins left at approximately 9:39 a.m.*

7. Approve Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 and Change in Customer Rates as of March 1, 2020

COO Michael Koszalka introduced the item by outlining staff’s request to align SCP’s rates with those of PG&E and requesting approval of the proposed budget adjustment. He explained that the PCIA fee to SCP customers will increase by anywhere from \$14.8 million to \$41.7 million in 2020, and adjusting rates now will smooth the transition between the current rate structure and future rates with the additional PCIA fee.

Director Tibbetts asked about any impacts to SCP’s efforts to secure a credit rating that a budget adjustment may have; CEO Syphers noted that he suspended SCP’s pursuit of a credit rating due to the highly-unsettled nature

of the energy market given PG&E's ongoing bankruptcy proceedings, and the impacts to credit ratings as a result.

Director Landman stated his support for staff's requested actions for this item.

Public comment: Community Advisory Committee Chair Dick Dowd noted the Committee's support of this item, as well as similar concerns to those raised by the Board.

Motion to Adopt a Change in Customer Rates as of March 1, 2020 so that Total Electric Bills are Equal to PG&E Bundled Services Total Electric Bills by Director King

Second: Director Tibbetts

Motion passed: 9-0-0

Motion to Approve Budget Adjustment for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 as Requested by Staff by Director King

Second: Vice Chair Bagby

Motion passed: 9-0-0

8. Adopt Policy Governing Preferred Resources for Serving Multiple SCP Customers During Public Safety Power Shutoffs

CEO Syphers introduced the item by detailing a PG&E proposal wherein the organization would install generation assets at substations for backup power during Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) events, and the likelihood that these generation facilities would be natural-gas powered. He then noted his belief 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. Given these issues, CEO Syphers requested Board guidance for adopting a policy for preferred resources during PSPS events.

Director Landman shared his concerns with PG&E's proposed plan, as it does not address what he characterized as core issues with grid reliability & safety and will likely rely on non-renewable power sources. Director Tibbetts shared his preference for advocating for undergrounding of utilities for future grid resiliency.

*Director Tibbetts left at approximately 10:59 a.m.*

Public comment:

Dick Dowd spoke about impacts from PSPS events and the need for a flexible and multi-faceted approach to grid hardening.

Andy Ferguson spoke in support of staff's recommendations and local distributed resources.

Motion to Adopt Policy Governing Preferred Resources for Serving Multiple  
SCP Customers During Public Safety Power Shutoffs by Director King

Second: Director Belforte

Motion passed: 8-0-0

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

None

**V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**VI. ADJOURN**

Chair Slayter adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.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