



MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020
1:00 P.M.

DUE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20 WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, AND THE ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO SHELTER IN PLACE TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE APRIL 20, 2020 MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PROVIDED A TELEPHONE CALL-IN NUMBER AND WEBINAR LINK TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS PRIOR TO, AND DURING, THE MEETING.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dowd called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m.

Committee Members present: Chair Dowd, Vice Chair Baldwin, and Members Brady, Chaban, Fenichel, Mattinson, Morris, Nicholls, Sizemore, Quinlan, and Wells

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

None

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve March 23, 2020 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Recommend Board Authorization and Delegation for the CEO to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement, and Subsequent Amendments, with Cadmus

Group, LLC to Conduct an All-Electric, Zero-Emission School Bus Planning and Engineering Study

3. Recommend Board Authorization and Delegation for the CEO to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with TRC Engineers, Inc. for Continuation of the Advanced Energy Rebuild Program and Delegation of Authority for the CEO to Further Amend the Professional Services Agreement as Needed
4. Additional Budget Request for Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Assistance Program

Public comment: None

Motion to adopt the April 20, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Quinlan

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed: 11-0-0

Member Sizemore abstained from Item #1 on the Consent Calendar

IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

CEO Syphers introduced the item by noting that although construction on the Advanced Energy Center was halted due to the Shelter in Place Orders, staff is continuing programmatic work such as vendor selection. CEO Syphers advised the Committee that the construction contract for the SCP headquarters project was awarded and preparation for construction work is underway, followed by actual construction as soon as permitted. CEO Syphers provided an overview of the Monthly Financial Statements and noted a decrease in both expenses and revenues as a result of COVID-19. He then advised the Committee that future meeting agendas will include a standing item on the impacts of COVID-19 to SCP.

Public comment: None

6. Receive Regulatory Update and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon introduced the item and gave an update on Governor Newsom's Executive Order directing the CPUC to monitor the potential impacts to customers as a result of COVID-19, namely

that customers under financial duress not be subject to loss of services for non-payment. In response to the Executive Order, PG&E filed a plan that would suspend customer disconnections and implement flexible payment plans until March 2021. Director Reardon described how PG&E's plan would allow partial payments to go directly to PG&E and the potential financial implications of the plan to SCP. He noted that CalCCA filed a protest wherein partial payments would be split amongst service providers and this item is pending CPUC action. The second item he detailed was PG&E's Request for Offers for generation resources at substations within SCP's service territory to limit the frequency and duration of Public Safety Power Shutoff events, and how PG&E is no longer pursuing their proposal as they are instead focusing on temporary generator solutions which have a one-year permit to operate. Director Reardon advised the Committee that SCP will continue to stay focused on the topic of grid reliability and safety. Finally, Director Reardon detailed a Proposed Decision outlining a new framework for central procurement of Resource Adequacy, which would remove procurement autonomy from SCP's Board of Directors. Given this, CalCCA is protesting the proposal.

Member Wells asked about PG&E's generation proposal and the type of resources under consideration; Director Reardon noted these would likely be multiple diesel-powered generators.

Public comment: None

7. COVID-19 Impacts on SCP

COO Koszalka introduced the item by noting that despite SCP's business office being closed, staff continues to work remotely with high levels of productivity. He highlighted the launch of new programs such as the Self Generation Incentive Program, online trainings, and continued progress on programmatic aspects of the Advanced Energy Center. Energy Analyst Ryan Tracey then described impacts to SCP's load as a result of COVID-19, which are down roughly 7% compared to normal conditions; he noted that the overall reduction reflects a 17% decrease in non-residential usage which is partially offset by a 3% increase in residential usage.

Vice Chair Baldwin requested that future reports on this item include more graphical representation of COVID-19 impacts to load.

Public comment: None

8. Resolution to Establish a Rate Stabilization Fund

COO Koszalka described previous Committee and Board action to establish a customer rate stabilization fund as a result of the significant increase in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment, and how the proposed Resolution

would allow for the establishment of the fund and the ability to defer revenue into the fund under Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Standard 62.

Public comment: None

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve Resolution 2020.02 to Establish an Operating Account Fund Under Government Accounting Code Standard Board (GASB) Standard 62 for the Purposed of Stabilizing Customer Bills by Member Quinlan

Second: Member Sizemore

Motion passed: 11-0-0

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Sizemore asked about SCP's position on Governor Newsom's signing of bills allowing fracking; CEO Syphers advised the Committee that SCP has not taken a position but will take her question as direction to investigate the issue further.

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board