



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020  
8:45 A.M.**

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**\*\*\*\*GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20\*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20\*\*\*\***

\*\*RE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19\*\*

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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED BY TELECONFERENCE INTO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING FOR MAY 7, 2020. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PROVIDED WEBINAR AND TELEPHONE CALL-IN DETAILS AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT PRIOR TO, AND DURING, THE MEETING.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Slayter called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Board members present: Chair Slayter, Vice Chair Bagby, and Directors Belforte, Gjerde, Harrington, Hopkins, King, Okprekie, Tibbetts, and Torrez

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

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve April 2, 2020 SCPA Board of Directors Draft Meeting Minutes
2. Delegate Authority to 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 Subject to the Conditions Set forth in the Staff Report
3. Delegate Authority to 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 Subject to the Conditions Set Forth in the Staff Report

4. Approve Additional Budget Request in the amount of \$750,000 for Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Assistance Program
5. Ratify Continued Use of New Residential Time-of-Use Rate E-TOU-D (Residential Time-of-Use Peak Pricing 5 – 8 p.m. Non-Holiday Weekdays) Effective May 1, 2020

Public comment: None

Motion to adopt the May 7, 2020 Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors Consent Calendar by Vice Chair Bagby

Second: Director Belforte

Motion passed: 10-0-0

### **III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

Chief Operating Officer Michael Koszalka introduced the item [with a short video](#) detailing the Town of Windsor's installation of a large-scale floating solar array at their wastewater treatment pond; Director Okrepkie noted that this project is the second largest floating solar array in North America. COO Koszalka highlighted that the California Energy Commission, after deliberation with SCP staff, will allocate funding for electric vehicle charging infrastructure in unincorporated areas within SCP's service territory through the CALeVIP program. He stated that the funding was previously assigned on a first-come-first-served basis, and this dedicated funding will allow SCP to promote charging infrastructure in low income and/or rural areas.

*Director Landman joined the teleconference meeting at approximately 8:56 a.m.*

Public comment: None

7. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Update and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon provided an update on a proposed plan by PG&E where they would collect any underpaid or partially

paid bills for their charges prior to distributing any remaining funds to CCAs; he stated that SCP & CalCCA advocacy efforts led to a May 1<sup>st</sup> filing by PG&E where any partial payments will be allocated on a pro rata & equitable basis to CCAs. He then advised the Board that the CPUC put a hold on a central buyer proposal for Resource Adequacy products. CEO Syphers gave an update on the CPUC's Proposed Decision for PG&E's restructuring plan, which was made available for public comment on April 20<sup>th</sup> prior to the item being placed on the May 21<sup>st</sup> CPUC calendar. He noted that PG&E is on track for the Governor's June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for emerging from bankruptcy. CEO Syphers advised the Board that although the Legislature is returning, due to COVID-19 it is not likely that many of the bills that SCP is currently monitoring will move forward this year.

Public comment: None

#### 8. Receive update on Impacts of COVID-19 to SCP

COO Koszalka updated the Board on SCP staff successfully adapting to remote work, the launch of the new Self Generation Incentive Program, design work at the Advanced Energy Center, and other initiatives to ensure business continuity with a physical office closure. He noted that SCP has engaged with two noted local economists-- Dr. Robert Eyler from Sonoma State University and Dr. Jon Haveman from Marin Economic Consulting-- to evaluate the potential economic impacts to SCP due to COVID-19. Energy Analyst Ryan Tracey updated the Board on load impacts due to COVID-19, which, to-date, are down by 17% across commercial classes and up 3% in residential usage. He noted that financial impacts for March are relatively negligible, whereas the month of April may reflect up to a 5% decrease from previous forecasts.

Public comment: None

#### 9. Approve Resolution 2020.02 Establishing an Operating Account Fund under Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Standard 62 for the Purpose of Stabilizing Customer Bills

COO Koszalka recapped the Board's previous approval of a Customer Stabilization Fund to maintain competitive rates due to the significant increase in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment ("PCIA") fee, and the need to establish an Operating Account Fund as an accounting mechanism to use any funding approved by the Board for stabilizing customer bills through the fund.

Director Okrepkie noted his support for staff's requested action, especially considering any potential financial impacts from COVID-19.

Public comment: None

Motion to Approve Resolution 2020.02 Establishing an Operating Account Fund under Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Standard 62 for the Purpose of Stabilizing Customer Bills by Director Harrington

Second: Director Landman

Motion passed: 11-0-0

#### 10. Approve Allocation of PG&E's Legacy Carbon-Free Resources

CEO Syphers introduced by describing advocacy efforts by SCP and CalCCA which led to a change in the PCIA methodology employed by the CPUC; due to the changes, CCAs now have the option to take allocations of resources such as Resource Adequacy, renewable energy, and GHG-free energy from the IOU portfolio that CCA customers are already paying for through the PCIA fee. He stated that PG&E is offering the GHG-free energy attributes, which would allow CCAs utilize the energy they have already purchased and report the GHG-free energy attributes on their Power Content Label.

CEO Syphers then described the following requested Board actions: 1) Should SCP accept its fair share of hydropower resources?; and 2) Should SCP accept its fair share of PG&E's legacy nuclear resources? He noted that staff's recommendation is to accept the hydropower resource as this has been employed in SCP's power portfolio in the past, but he would defer to the Board regarding the legacy nuclear option. He noted that rejecting the nuclear allocation would preserve the status-quo wherein SCP customers would pay for the power but not use any of it, whereas accepting the allocation would require using the power, reporting it on the Power Content Label and reducing customer rates by approximately \$3.1 million per year.

Director King asked if accepting the hydropower allocation would provide customer savings; CEO Syphers confirmed that it would, although savings for that resource are harder to quantify due to the variability of hydropower production because of wide variation in rainfall from year to year, and that the credit occurs after the fact.

Director Landman asked what would happen to PG&E's Power Content Label should SCP not accept the allocation; CEO Syphers initially stated that their Label would not change regardless of SCP's decision to accept or reject, but corrected that later in the meeting. CEO Syphers stated that for this first year of allocations PG&E's Power Content Label would show the nuclear energy rejected by SCP, but that in later years that energy would be allocated to other CCAs which have agreed to accept nuclear allocations.

Directors Tibbetts and Belforte noted the reputational risks of accepting the nuclear allocation regardless of the cost-savings.

*Chair Slayter called a recess at 10:03 a.m. and the Board reconvened at 10:14 a.m.*

Public comment:

*The Clerk of the Board first read comments from members of SCP's Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") followed by public comment in the chronological order they were received; below is a list of speakers and a brief general summary of their comments. Public comments for this item can be accessed in their entirety [through this link](#) or by request from the Clerk of the Board.*

Dick Dowd, CAC Chair; support for hydro and reject the nuclear allocation

Karen Baldwin, CAC Vice Chair; support the nuclear allocation

Bill Mattinson, CAC member; opposed the nuclear allocation

Michael Nicholls, CAC member; support hydro and opposed nuclear

Helen Sizemore, CAC member; suggested community education on this topic

Joel Chaban, CAC member; opposed the nuclear allocation

Terri Moon; opposed the nuclear allocation

Gary Pace; opposed the nuclear allocation

Ken Norton; opposed the nuclear allocation

Christina Meyer; opposed the nuclear allocation

James Freed; opposed the nuclear allocation

Ernie Carpenter; opposed the nuclear allocation

Gary Abreim; opposed the nuclear allocation

Cassandra Lista; opposed the nuclear allocation

Jeff Rooney; opposed the nuclear allocation

Willard MacDonald; opposed the nuclear allocation

Sunny Galbraith; opposed the nuclear allocation

Joan Birch; opposed the nuclear allocation

Judith Collins; opposed the nuclear allocation

Tracy Otsen; opposed the nuclear allocation

JoEllen DeNicola; opposed the nuclear allocation

Jan Weiner; opposed the nuclear allocation

Dianne Monroe; opposed the nuclear allocation

Caitlin Cornwall; opposed the nuclear allocation

Bo Svensson; opposed the nuclear allocation

Rachel Kaplan; opposed the nuclear allocation

Donna Warshaw; opposed the nuclear allocation

Carla Grady; opposed the nuclear allocation

Jennifer Palladini; opposed the nuclear allocation

Fred Allebach; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Ray Willett; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Anne Cummings Jacopetti; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Kelsey Cummings; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Emily Stock; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Linda Sartor; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Victoria Johnston; opposed the nuclear allocation  
David Hoffman; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Geoffrey Smith; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Dana Davis; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Jane Allan; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Ellen Bicheler; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Megan Coffey; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Amy Atchley; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Julia Hawkins; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Greg Mitchell; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Julie Jehly; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Gabriel Graubner; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Ixchel Tiffany Renee; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Barbar Stebbins; opposed the nuclear allocation  
Karen Nyhus; opposed the nuclear allocation

*Following Board direction, and in concurrence with Special Counsel Harriet Steiner, the Clerk of the Board read comments in support of the nuclear allocation in non-chronological order to inform their decision on this matter.*

Barbara Moulton; supported the nuclear allocation  
Eric Meyer; supported the nuclear allocation  
Richard Steeves; supported the nuclear allocation

Director Harrington noted the amount of public comment against accepting the nuclear allocation, and based on this, the Board should reject the nuclear allocation and accept the hydropower allocation. Director Okrepkie noted SCP's strong financial position & the outpouring of public comment against the nuclear allocation, and based on these factors, he would not support the nuclear allocation. Director Landman expressed similar comments. Director King noted his concern about the reputational risk to SCP should the Board accept the nuclear allocation and that he would not support a vote in favor of

doing so. Chair Slayter noted the amount of comments against supporting nuclear that he received, and on behalf of his constituents in Sebastopol, he would not vote in favor of any nuclear allocation.

Motion to Direct Staff to Accept PG&E's Hydropower Allocation into the Power Mix Portfolio and Reject the Nuclear Allocation into the Power Mix Portfolio for the Environmental and Economic Reasons Stated by the Board and Members of the Public by Director King

Second: Director Landman

Motion passed: 11-0-0

A complete copy of all public comments for this item can be found through [this link](#) or by request from the Clerk of the Board.

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

None

#### **V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **VI. ADJOURN**

Chair Slayter adjourned the meeting at 11:12 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 at the end.

**Beau Anderson  
Clerk of the Board**