



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020
1:00 P.M.**

******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 COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE MAY 19, 2020 MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE PROVIDED WEBINAR AND TELEPHONE CALL-IN DELTAILS AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS PRIOR TO, AND DURING, THE MEETING.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

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

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 April 20, 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 Enel X North America, Inc to Continue Providing SCP Customers with Smart Residential EV Charging Equipment Through the GridSavvy Community with a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$314,000 through June 30, 2021
3. Recommend to the Board of Directors to Approve and Authorize the CEO to Execute a Second Amendment with the County of Sonoma for Energy Audit Services for Commercial Customers for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$60,000 through June 30, 2021
4. Recommend that the Board Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO to Execute Second Amendment to Contract with Sixth Dimension LLC for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$360,893 through December 31, 2020
5. Receive Informational Update on SCPA Board of Directors Ratifying 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
6. Recommend Board Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with S2 Advertising for Comprehensive Media Consulting Services for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,217,400 through June 30, 2022

Vice Chair Baldwin noted that Committee Member Sizemore was not listed as present in the April 20, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes and requested that the minutes be updated to reflect her attendance.

Public comment: None

Motion to approve the May 19, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Quinlan

Motion passed: 9-0-0

IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

CEO Syphers introduced the item by noting that SCP recently celebrated 6 years of providing local and cleaner energy options to our communities; he

thanked the Committee Members for their efforts and contributions in helping SCP become a model for CCA programs across the state of California. He then updated the Committee on a recent Board of Directors decision to accept or reject PG&E's Greenhouse-Gas-Free allocation of their portfolio due to a recent CPUC decision; CEO Syphers stated that the Board unanimously accepted PG&E's hydropower allocation while unanimously rejecting the nuclear allocation. He then highlighted Item #3 on the Consent Calendar for Commercial Energy Audits and asked the Committee to share this program with their networks.

Public comment: None

Committee Member Brady requested that staff add an item to the next meeting agenda for a discussion around potentially developing a policy position recommendation to the Board regarding Governor's Newsom approval of natural gas fracking projects.

8. Receive Regulatory and Legislative Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon updated the Committee on a Proposed Decision in the Microgrids proceeding which was largely favorable to CCAs and Local Governments. Director Reardon described how the Proposed Decision drew heavily from an Energy Division staff proposal aimed at enabling microgrids and similar solutions to reduce the scope and harm of utility de-energization events, commonly called "PSPS" for Public Safety Power Shutoffs. He then detailed that the Proposed Decision authorizes PG&E to implement measures to alleviate PSPS impacts, although their programs will later be subject to a reasonableness review to determine if the programs' costs were justified, and if not, PG&E will not be allowed to recoup the funds from ratepayers.

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update and highlighted SB 1312 (McGuire) that would require utilities to notify local governments of impending PSPS events and disclose data about their transmission and distribution equipment which could trigger a PSPS event; SB 1448 (Bradford) promoting workforce diversity on wildfire mitigation plans; SB 862 (Dodd) & AB 2178 (Levine), which would allow local governments and affected communities to declare local emergencies solely because of significant power shutoffs; and SB 350 (Dodd, McGuire, Hill, and Assembly Member Holden) which would form a

non-profit public benefit corporation to replace PG&E should PG&E fail to meet the safety and performance conditions set forth in Governor Newsom's Insurance Bill.

Public comment: None

9. Receive Update on Impacts of COVID-19 to SCP

COO Koszalka introduced the item by noting the continued closure of SCP's business office, staff's ongoing success in transitioning to a remote workforce, and plans to eventually reopen the office in accordance with state and local guidelines. He then described how SCP has engaged with two noted local economists-- Dr. Robert Eyler from Sonoma State University and Dr. Jon Haveman from Marin Economic Consulting-- to provide a report with economic indicators to use as inputs for SCP's load forecast, and to assist with the development of the Recommended FY 20-21 Budget. Energy Analyst Ryan Tracey updated the Committee on impacts to customer energy use as result of COVID-19, which have declined by approximately 7% in total. He then advised the Committee that economic indicators suggest that a net 5%-6% decline in usage will persist through 2021.

Public comment: None

10. Recommend that the Board Approve Budget for an On-bill Finance Assistance Pilot Program and Delegate Authority to the CEO to negotiate, execute, and amend a Professional Services Agreement for an On-bill Finance Administrator Agreement for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$157,920 through June 30, 2021

Programs Manager Chad Asay provided an overview of the proposed On-Bill Finance Program, which would provide eligible residential SCP customers with 0% interest no-fee loans at a max term of 10 years and \$10,000 for purchases of energy-saving technologies made through the Advanced Energy Center. He then detailed how staff is also requesting a budget of \$1 million as loan capital for this program and should any program participants switch service away from SCP or move, the loan would be required to be paid in full. Programs Manager Asay then detailed the On-Bill Finance Administrator component of the program, and how the Administrator will be responsible for overseeing contractors & installations at customer locations, resolve customer

issues, approve installations, communicate on-bill charges, and coordinate data collection as-needed.

Member Fenichel asked what type of technologies will be eligible for purchase; Programs Manager Asay stated that potential technologies include grid-integrated water heaters, induction cooktops, mini split air conditioning, nighttime ventilation, and battery storage. Member Brady stated her support for allowing commercial agricultural businesses to participate in the program. Member Chaban asked how customers will be able to apply for the program; Programs Manager Asay stated that applications will be available online and in-person at the Advanced Energy Center.

Public comment: None

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve Budget for an On-bill Finance Assistance Pilot Program and Delegate Authority to the CEO to negotiate, execute, and amend a Professional Services Agreement for an On-bill Finance Administrator Agreement for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$157,920 through June 30, 2021 by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Fenichel

Motion passed: 9-0-0

11. Recommend that the Board Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget and Proposed Customer Rates Effective July 1, 2020

COO Kozalka introduced this item by noting changes in the Proposed Budget from the iteration that was previously brought to the Committee, with the most substantive changes including: SCP deferring revenue into an Operating Account Fund approved by the Board, and refined budgetary estimates due to impacts from COVID-19. He then noted that the Proposed Customer Rates are significantly lower than PG&E's bundled rates, but due to the PCIA fee, SCP customers pay a slightly higher total bill. COO Kozalka then provided a line-item overview of the Proposed Budget to the Committee.

Public comment: None

Vice Chair Baldwin asked if forecasts from other CCAs due to COVID-19 were considered in the Proposed Budget; COO Koszalka stated that the macroeconomic data provided by the local economists that SCP engaged with, along with CalCCA data and CAISO energy reductions, were used for formulating the Proposed Budget and determining revenue impacts from COVID-19.

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Annual Budget and Proposed Customer Rates Effective July 1, 2020 by Member Quinlan

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed: 9-0-0

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the May 19, 2020 Community Advisory Committee meeting by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Sizemore

Motion passed: 9-0-0

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board