



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 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 JUNE 24, 2020 MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Baldwin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:06 p.m.

Committee Members present: Vice Chair Baldwin and Members Brady, Chaban, 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 May 19, 2020 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve a Contract with the Career Technical Education Foundation for the SWITCH Vehicle Education Program
3. Recommend that the Board of Directors Adopt a New Small Business Rate for Storage (B1-ST)

Public comment: None

Motion to adopt the June 24, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Wells

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed: 9-0-0

IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

4. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve and Authorize the CEO, or his Designee, to Execute a Third Amendment to the Contract with EHDD for Design and Construction Administration Support for the SCP Headquarters Project

Member Quinlan requested that this item be pulled from the Consent Calendar and placed on the Regular Calendar for further discussion; he then noted that the Third Amendment had minor typos and questioned whether the Amendment contained all the necessary recitals. CEO Syphers advised Member Quinlan that he will take his comments as direction to staff and will bring the item to SCP's Special Counsel for additional review. Member Quinlan then asked why personnel changes with EHDD required an increase in the overall contract value; Director of Programs Cordel Stillman stated that the staff member assigned to this project by EHDD left their employment, and due to COVID-19, EHDD has been unable to successfully recruit for the position, which has necessitated that higher-level staff provide administrative support.

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve and Authorize the CEO, or his Designee, to Execute a Third Amendment to the Contract with EHDD for Design and Construction Administration Support for the SCP Headquarters Project Subject to Any Needed Revisions as Determined by Special Counsel by Member Quinlan

Second: Member Mattinson

Motion passed: 9-0-0

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

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds introduced this item by noting SCP's business office remains closed to staff and the public with no specific reopening date. She then announced the hiring of two new staff

members, including Jennifer Rafferty, who joined the Operations team as an Administrative Aide, and a store manager for the Advanced Energy Center who will be introduced to the Committee following his start date in July. Director Reynolds described Marketing efforts around energy conservation tips and CARE/FERA enrollments. Programs Manager Carolyn Glanton then updated the Committee on a series of well-attended monthly webinars, and some of the topic areas, which include solar plus storage, an introduction to electric vehicles, and home remodeling for climate resiliency & fuel switching. Senior Programs Manager Rachel Kuykendall advised the Committee of a new partnership with ecobee (a smart thermostat manufacturer) and upcoming GridSavvy demand response events.

Public comment: None

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs introduced the item by noting that the CPUC approved PG&E's plan to emerge from bankruptcy, which means that PG&E will be able to meet the Governor Newsom's June 30th deadline and will have access to funds for additional wildfire damages as established in AB 1054. Director Reardon noted that the CPUC approval plan largely maintains the status-quo but does question the viability of PG&E's monopoly status moving forward. He then detailed recent changes at PG&E, which includes the following: the company's plan to sell its flagship headquarters and relocate; the appointment of 11 new members to their Board of Directors; and a downgrade of their credit rating below investment grade to junk status.

Director Reardon then advised the Committee that on June 11th the CPUC approved a central buyer for local Resource Adequacy, and that PG&E will serve as a central buyer for SCP and any other CCAs within their service territory beginning in 2023. He noted that this decision absolutely detracts from SCP's ability to self-procure on behalf of its customers and will add to the costs that PG&E charges SCP customers for services rendered.

He then detailed a CPUC decision which recognizes the importance of local governments in planning and developing microgrids to protect customers from the harm caused by PSPS events, and that the main requirements of the decision include: Investor Owned Utilities (IOU) have to host semi-annual workshops in conjunction with local city and/or county offices of emergency services; IOUs have to develop a Resiliency Project Engagement Guide, which is a how-to guide on the development of microgrids with preapproved diagrams for developers & other stakeholders; and a requirement that the IOUs create a data portal with information such as current grid upgrade

projects, locations of upgrades, and their forecasted impact on reducing PSPS events.

CEO Syphers began his legislative update by noting the upcoming deadline for passing the State's annual budget, and that any approved budget will likely return for further amendment due to adverse economic impacts from COVID-19. He then spoke on SCP's support of an Assembly Constitutional Amendment, ACA 5, which if passed, would place a repeal of Proposition 209 on the November ballot; should the measure pass the fall ballot, public agencies would be allowed to resume affirmative action policies. He then spoke on SB 350 ("The Golden State Energy Bill") which is a proposal for the conditions under which PG&E would lose its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and electric power services would be transferred to a publicly-owned state entity.

Public comment: None

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

COO Koszalka noted that staff will reduce the frequency of these reports giving a lack of significant updates to bring to the Committee. He advised the Committee that SCP contracted with local economists for a study to assist with SCP's forecasting needs, and that the study projects a 5% decline in revenue for the fiscal year starting July 1st.

Public comment: None

8. Recommend that the Board of Directors Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Negotiate, Execute, and Amend a Professional Services Agreement with TerraVerde Energy, LLC with a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$500,000 to Analyze Battery Storage Systems at Public Education Facilities

Programs Manager Carolyn Glanton gave an overview of the proposed agreement with TerraVerde Energy to conduct a technical and feasibility analysis of adding battery storage to existing school-owned solar systems to public education facilities within SCP's service territory. Member Sizemore asked if there is significant demand for battery storage from public education facilities; CEO Syphers noted that due-diligence studies increase the likelihood of public facilities receiving state funding & incentives for battery storage, and battery storage systems are in demand since they not only reduce operational costs, but allow public facilities to serve as emergency centers during PSPS events and other disaster situations.

Member Morris asked about the school selection process and how it would be determined which schools get to participate; Programs Manager Glanton stated that TerraVerde will use a set of criteria to evaluate and establish a short-list of viable sites.

Motion to Recommend that the Board of Directors Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Negotiate, Execute, and Amend a Professional Services Agreement with TerraVerde Energy, LLC with a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$500,000 to Analyze Battery Storage Systems at Public Education Facilities by Committee Member Quinlan

Second: Member Mattinson

Motion passed: 9-0-0

9. Committee Member Discussion on whether to Recommend a Policy Position on Hydraulic Fracturing (aka "fracking") for Natural Gas

Vice Chair Baldwin introduced the item by noting that a certain percentage of SCP's energy portfolio is derived from natural-gas-powered generators, and to be mindful of this fact when developing a potential policy position for Board consideration. Member Brady noted that this topic had come up on more than one occasion, which is why she requested it be placed on the agenda, while acknowledging the challenges that come with advocating against natural gas in its entirety. Member Mattinson noted that a policy position on this topic would align with SCP's mission as outlined in its Joint Powers Authority Agreement, along with his support for reducing fossil fuel usage, particularly those sources derived from fracking. Member Nicholls asked if CalCCA has taken a position against fracking, and CEO Syphers stated that while CalCCA has not taken a position on this topic, SCP's Policy Position is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by all available means. Member Chaban noted his support for taking a policy position against natural gas usage; Member Sizemore expressed similar comments. Member Quinlan questioned whether it is even possible to differentiate between natural gas derived from fracking versus more traditional methods of extraction for power sourcing & advocacy purposes; CEO Syphers stated that is it highly unlikely given the structure of the commodity marketplace for natural gas products. Member Morris noted her stance against fracking but questioned whether advocacy on this topic is appropriate.

Member Mattinson recommended that staff draft a statement noting that SCP uses natural gas, given its low-cost and use for backup generation facilities, but the organization is committed to moving away from all fossil fuel energy

sources as soon as possible; Member Brady seconded this recommendation. Member Sizemore requested that any statement note the impacts of fracking to disadvantaged communities. CEO Syphers requested that the Committee appoint an ad hoc to support staff; Vice Chair Baldwin appointed Members Brady and Mattinson to the ad hoc.

Public comment: None

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VI. ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn the June 24, 2020 Community Advisory Committee Meeting by Member Sizemore

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion Approved by Unanimous Consent.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board