



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020
8:45 A.M.**

******GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20******
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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 JULY 2, 2020.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Members present: Chair Slayter, Vice Chair Bagby, and Directors Belforte, Gjerde, King, Landman, Okrepkie, Rogers (Alternate), and Torrez

Staff 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 June 4, 2020 SCPA Board of Directors Draft Meeting Minutes
2. 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
3. Approve a Contract with the Career Technical Education Foundation for the SWITCH Vehicle Education Program
4. Adopt a New Small Business Rate for Storage (B1-ST)

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the July 2, 2020 Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors Consent Calendar by Director Belforte

Second: Director King

Motion passed: 9-0-0

III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR

5. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Commercial Accounts Manager Nathan Kinsey announced that the City of Santa Rosa is switching all their municipal accounts to SCP's 100% renewable EverGreen power service effective immediately. Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds then stated that Customer Service extended their bill protection policy through July 31st, so no collections accounts will be pursued during this time. She then gave updates on the following items: the Energy Resiliency Audit Program; the end of the application period for the Advanced Energy Rebuild program; the opening of the Advanced Energy Build program; the addition of two new team members; enrollment numbers for CARE/FERA customers; construction progress on the SCP headquarters and Advanced Energy Center projects; and Sonoma Water's Energy & Water Educational Program.

Director Hopkins joined the meeting at approximately 8:56 a.m.

Public Comment: None

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon updated the Board on the following topics: Resource Adequacy and a proposed "Central Buyer" decision by the CPUC; a CPUC decision to speed the deployment of microgrids; and SCP's efforts to secure a portion of funding from the Self-Generation Incentive Program

CEO Syphers introduced the legislative update by noting the likely approval of the state budget, as well as the likelihood of further amendments due to the economic impacts from COVID-19. He then detailed AB 740 (which would facilitate microgrids by creating service standards and ensure projects are not capped in size); the signing into law of SB 350, which creates provisions for the State of California to take over PG&E's functions, under certain conditions, through the establishment of a public utility; the official emergence of PG&E from bankruptcy following the State's approval of their reorganization plan; and SCP's support of an Assembly Constitutional Amendment, ACA 5, which if passed, would place an initiative to repeal Proposition 209 on the November ballot.

Public Comment: None

7. Receive Informational Report on the 2020 Spirit of Entrepreneurship Grant Recipients

Commercial Accounts Manager Nathan Kinsey gave an overview of the SCP's Spirit of Entrepreneurship Grant, which support Santa Rosa Junior College students in developing experience in environmental

entrepreneurship. This year's 1st Place grant of \$6,500 was awarded to Laura Feil for her company, Terrabliss Naturals, which produces a sustainable line of CBD products. The 2nd Place award of \$3,500 went to Jennifer Friedman and her company, Humane Plate, which provides locally sourced, fresh, plant-based foods to Sonoma County schools.

Director Landman asked about the grant structure and why a significant amount of funding for the grant is directed towards the SRJC Foundation Endowment; Commercial Accounts Manager Kinsey noted that the funds placed in the Endowment gain interest and SCP reserves the right to award any funds placed in the Endowment to future recipients.

Public Comment: None

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

COO Koszalka introduced the item by noting that staff will reduce the frequency of these reports given a lack of significant updates to bring to the Board. Energy Analyst Ryan Tracey advised the Board that load impacts are down approximately 1% compared to pre-COVID levels all customer classes, and revenue is tracking very close to budget. CEO Syphers stated that while these projections are good news, the long-term financial impact from COVID-19 remains highly uncertain.

Public Comment: None

9. 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 study on adding batter storage at public education facilities within SCP's service territory. She described how adding battery storage systems could assist not only in reducing operational costs but also allow public facilities to serve as emergency centers during PSPS events and other disaster situations.

Public Comment:

Benjamin Peters stated that many schools switched to the A6 rate when going solar, and thus have zero demand charges and would see no financial benefit from storage on their utility bill.

Barry Cosgrove spoke against this item for several reasons, which included the competitiveness of the vendor selection process, the cost of the contract, the focus on public education facilities, and whether this agreement excludes disadvantaged communities which may not have solar power at public education facilities.

CEO Syphers suggested that the agreement be amended to include public education facilities without existing solar arrays based off feedback from the Board and members of the public; Vice Chair Bagby noted her support for the agreement and the proposed amendment.

Motion to 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 as Amended by Director King

Second: Director Okrepkie

Motion passed: 10-0-0

10. Consideration of Agency Statement Regarding Racial Equity and Social, Economic, and Environmental Inequality

Chair Slayter introduced the item by noting an error in the title, and it should instead read as "Consideration of Agency Action Regarding Racial Equity, and Social, Economic, and Environmental Inequality," and the need to take action as opposed to simply issuing a statement. CEO Syphers thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for bringing this item to the Board, and noted that SCP has undertaken the following recent actions: hiring a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion trainer for a series of workshops; identifying industry terminology that may have a racist history; setting expectations for staff on issuing, receiving, and accepting critical feedback; supporting ACA 5; the beginning of drafting of a racial equity plan for the development of future programs; and withdrawing SCP from the Sonoma County Alliance.

Chair Slayter stated that these ideals need to be grounded in SCP's culture, and that the agency's mission statement should be reevaluated to contain language regarding social equity and social justice.

Public Comment: Patricia Morris, Community Advisory Committee member, stated her support for Board consideration of this item and her observation that the members of SCP's Board and Committee do not reflect the diversity of SCP's customer base.

Director Belforte stated her support for advancing this item in some form and thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for bringing it forward. Director Okrepkie noted staff's efforts in the past to attract a diverse pool of applicants for the Community Advisory Committee. Director Hopkins thanked the Board and Staff for this item, and noted outreach efforts during the most recent Community Advisory Committee recruitment to increase racial and gender diversity. Vice Chair Bagby recommended, and Chair Slayter agreed, that staff prepare a statement for consideration by the Board at their next meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: Benjamin Peters spoke in support of having the Community Advisory Committee serve as a voice of the community and suggested that SCP convene additional committees to address the topic of diversity.

V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director King stated that the City of Petaluma finalized a contract for the installation of solar arrays at various municipal facilities, and thanked the City of Santa Rosa for adopting EverGreen.

Chair Slayter announced an upcoming Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting that is considering a gas station, car wash, storage station, and mini mart proposal adjacent to the Laguna de Santa Rosa outside Sebastopol city limits.

Directors Belforte, Rogers, and Torrez left the meeting at approximately 10:52 a.m.

VI. CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 11:11 a.m. to consider the following:

11. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Chief Executive Officer (Gov't Code Section 54957)
12. Public Employee Labor Negotiations - Chief Executive Officer Position. Authority negotiators: Chair, Pat Slayter, Vice Chair, Melanie Bagby and Special Counsel, Harriet Steiner (Govt. Code Section 54957.6)

Director Hopkins left the meeting at approximately 12:03

Public Comment: None

Chair Slayter reconvened the meeting from Closed Session at approximately 12:13 p.m. to announce that there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

VII. ADJOURN

Chair Slayter adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board