



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020**

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

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

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

CONSISTENT WITH 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 JULY 29, 2020 MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

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, Mattinson, Nicholls, Quinlan, Sizemore, 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 June 24, 2020 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the June 24, 2020 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Sizemore

Motion passed: 9-0-0

IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds introduced the item by noting that SCP's business office remains closed to staff and the public until further notice. Chief Operating Officer Michael Koszalka advised the Committee that due to adverse impacts from COVID-19, SCP's budget is projected to be roughly 1% to 1 ½% below the previously approved budget for the month of July. Director Reynolds then provided an overview of current participation rates, introduced new Advanced Energy Store Manager David Harvey. She referenced a recent article in the Ukiah Daily Journal about SCP's efforts to assist the community through a \$15,000 donation. Chief Executive Officer Geof Syphers advised the Committee that SCP withdrew the organization's membership from the Sonoma County Alliance following divisive statements made by the Alliance's previous president disparaging the Black Lives Matter movement, along with the Alliance's lack of concrete commitments to promoting racial equity and justice. CEO Syphers stated that the Board of Directors will request actions from staff in the areas of racial equity and justice at their next meeting and will also be considering a proposed 4-year extension to his current personnel contract. Chair Dowd noted his support for withdrawing from the Sonoma County Alliance, and efforts that the Alliance has taken to be a more inclusive and diverse organization. Director of Programs Cordel Stillman then gave an update on the Programs Division's Strategic Action Plan, which is updated every January and June to reflect the status of existing programs and lists new programs that are under consideration.

Public comment: None

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon updated the Committee on PG&E's Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) Compliance Proceedings, which serve as a review of the utility's portfolio management and accounting practices over the previous year. Director Reardon noted that SCP and a coalition of Northern California CCAs discovered significant errors in PG&E's ERRA Application to the tune of \$175 million dollars, and that PG&E subsequently agreed to make reductions of \$110 million, while \$65 million remains contested.

Director Reardon then advised the Committee about an upcoming CPUC meeting on deploying microgrids as an alternative to using fossil-fuel generators during PSPS events.

CEO Syphers updated the Committee on the following legislative matters: AB 1720 (Eggman) for construction of a large pumped hydropower facility in Southern California and CalCCA's opposition; and AB 105 (Ting), which would provide an exemption for the portion of a commercial or industrial property that has a solar system or a free standing solar energy facility from a proposed ballot initiative that would reassess these properties at their market value rather than the purchase price, and CalCCA's support of this bill.

Public comment: None

4. Discussion on City and County Compliance with AB 1236 - Local Ordinances Requiring Permit Streamlining and Checklist for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Programs Manager Nelson Lomeli introduced the item by providing background information on AB 1236, which requires that by September 30, 2017, every city and/or county adopt an ordinance that creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for electric vehicle charging stations and adopt a checklist of all requirements to comply for expedited review. He noted that the cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma, along with the County of Sonoma have not yet adopted the ordinance or the checklist and therefore appear to be out of compliance with AB 1236; similarly, in Mendocino County, none of the cities or the county have adopted the ordinance or the checklist yet and therefore appear to be out of compliance with AB 1236 as well. He then described work by the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority, in conjunction with the Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials, to develop an *Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permitting and Inspection Streamlining Guidance* that includes an ordinance template, Staff report template, and a checklist template for code officials.

Committee Member Nicholls suggested that staff draft a letter to the jurisdictions that appear to be out of compliance offering the resources described by Programs Manager Lomeli; CEO Syphers stated that it would be appropriate for staff to pass along information from jurisdictions that are in

compliance to those that are not-compliant, as that could assist their efforts to fully adhere to AB 1236.

Public comment: None

Motion to Direct Staff to Send Letters to City Managers and County Administrators Offering Example Documents from Cities that are in Full Compliance and a Link to the Guidebook and Report this Conversation to the SCP Board of Directors by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Brady

Motion passed: 9-0-0

5. Review and Recommend Board Adoption of SCP's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan for CPUC Conforming Portfolios

Power Services Manager Rebecca Simonson presented SCP's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), asking the Committee to recommend Board approval of the 38 MMT preferred conforming portfolio. She described that the IRP is a biannual filing to the CPUC to demonstrate LSEs are planning supply and demand resources through 2030 to both meet the state's GHG reduction goals and demonstrate reliability. Manager Simonson discussed the differences between the methodology for internal planning and requirements for the CPUC filing, including input assumptions, emissions calculations, and the representation of PCIA allocations. She explained that the CPUC provides a Reference System Plan (RSP) as a guide to LSE planning, which provides a preliminary view of the statewide resource mix the CPUC has determined is necessary to meet GHG and reliability goals. Manager Simonson said that ultimately SCP selected a preferred portfolio that met the internal GHG target of 75 lbs/MWh by 2030 using The Climate Registry calculation, followed SCP's load shape, and aligned with the CPUC's RSP. This portfolio represented a drastic reduction in imported hydropower compared to the 2018 IRP and included 91 MW of new solar, 84 MW of 4-hr battery storage, 30 MW of geothermal, 50 MW of long-duration storage, and 8 MW of biomass incremental to SCP's currently contracted positions.

Public comment: None

Motion to Recommend Board Adoption of SCPA's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan for the California Public Utilities Commission Conforming Preferred Portfolio in Table #3 of the Staff Report for this Item

Second: Vice Chair Baldwin

Motion passed: 9-0-0

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:58 p.m.