



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 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\*\***

*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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED IN THE AUGUST 6, 2020 MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.*

**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, Harrington, Hopkins, King, Landman, Okrepkie, and Torrez

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

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve July 2, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors Meeting

Public comment: None

Motion to Approve the August 6, 2020 Consent Calendar by Director Landman

Second: Director Hopkins

Motion passed: 10-0-0

**III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds introduced the item by noting the SCP business office remains closed until further notice and staff continues to work remotely. She then gave an overview of COVID-19 impacts to SCP and detailed that energy usage is up 6% compared to pre-COVID conditions. Director of Programs Cordel Stillman introduced SCP's newest team member, Advanced Energy Center Store Manager David Harvey. Director 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. CEO Syphers detailed a Community Advisory Committee ad hoc that was convened for the purposes of developing a policy recommendation on fracking. He then discussed an upcoming CPUC workshop for PSPS events, and the ad hoc's request to send a letter stating opposition to the use of fossil-fuel generators during PSPS events. Following direction from the Chair, CEO Syphers confirmed Board support for sending a letter in advance of the CPUC workshop.

Public comment: None

### 3. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon updated the Board 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 of approximately \$175 million, and that PG&E subsequently agreed to make reductions of \$110 million, while \$65 million remains contested. Director Reardon then detailed a recent CPUC workshop on developing microgrid pilot projects, and his advocacy efforts to develop tariffs that customers could use to develop microgrids more broadly; he cited a Redwood Coast Energy Authority and PG&E microgrid project partnership as an example of a successful tariff to emulate. Finally, he advised the Board of CPUC Executive Director Alice Stebbins' dismissal by the Commission.

Public comment:

Ben Peters spoke about prioritizing agency resources for promoting deployment of microgrids.

David Slifer asked about SCP staff support for questions regarding microgrids.

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update on the following items: legislative disruptions due to COVID-19; a proposed economic stimulus plan by Senator Hertzberg and Assembly member Ting; AB 1720 (Eggman), which would mandate the use of large pumped hydropower (CalCCA oppose); and AB 813

(Burke), 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 (CalCCA support).

Public comment: None

4. Approve Public Employee Labor Contract Extension with Geof Syphers for Services as Chief Executive Officer through August 31, 2025

Chair Slayter recounted previous Board direction to negotiate a contract extension with CEO Syphers, and the subsequent agreement to extend his contract term through August 31, 2025. CEO Syphers expressed his gratitude for the Board's consideration of this matter.

Public comment: None

Motion to Approve Public Employee Labor Contract Extension with Geof Syphers for Services as Chief Executive Officer through August 31, 2025 by Director King

Second: Director Okrepkie

Motion passed: 10-0-0

5. Approve Annual Contract Goals for CEO Syphers

CEO Syphers detailed his proposed annual contract goals to the Board.

Public comment: Ben Peters encouraged the Board to consider goals for diversifying SCP's revenue sources.

Vice Chair Bagby noted her support for researching options into diversifying SCP's revenue stream; Chair Slayter stated his support for considering options as well.

Motion to Approve Annual Contract Goals for CEO Syphers by Chair Slayter

Second: Director Landman

Motion passed: 10-0-0

6. Recognize and Approve Anticipated Budget Overages for Fiscal Year 19/20

COO Koszalka stated that he expects two budget line items (Cost of Energy and Scheduling and Data Management) to exceed the annual budget, and based on the recommendation of SCP's accounting firm, Maher Accountancy, staff is requesting Board approval for these overages in order to be strictly compliant with Board Approval of each budget line item. He noted that total Current Expenditures are expected to close out 2% below budget.

Public comment: None

Motion to Recognize and Approve Anticipated Budget Overages for Fiscal Year 19/20 by Director King

Second: Director Landman

Motion passed: 10-0-0

7. Adopt SCP's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan for Preferred Portfolio in CPUC Compliance Filing

Power Services Manager Rebecca Simonson presented SCP's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), asking the Board to approve 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 import hydro 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:

Ben Peters inquired about the GridSavvy program and suggested the Board discuss this in greater detail. He then spoke about energy efficiency as a load resource.

Motion to Approve SCP's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan for Preferred Portfolio in CPUC Compliance Filing by Director Okrepkie

Second: Director King

Motion passed: 10-0-0

#### 8. Provide Direction to Staff on Actions Supporting Racial Equity and Justice

Chair Slayter detailed past Board discussion on this item, and the need to memorialize efforts—including some already underway—to advance the goals of racial equity and justice.

Public comment: Patricia Morris, a member of the Community Advisory Committee (“CAC”), thanked the Board for their efforts to seek applicants of diverse backgrounds to the CAC and noted her concern about the lack of ethnic diversity on the Committee.

Chair Slayter acknowledged the concerns raised during public comment and agreed that future CAC recruitments should include greater outreach to underrepresented communities. CEO Syphers described efforts by SCP to promote greater diversity among SCP’s staff and the CAC. Vice Chair Bagby highlighted the recommended actions in this staff report to develop a comprehensive plan to address racial equity in justice in all aspects of SCP. Chair Slayter noted that no vote was required on this item as only general direction was requested by staff.

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

Public comment: Ben Peters congratulated SCP on the CALeVIP program.

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

None

#### **VI. ADJOURN**

Chair Slayter adjourned the meeting in honor of Congressman John Lewis at approximately 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson  
Clerk of the Board