



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020**

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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 OCTOBER 1, 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, King, Landman, Okrepkie, Tibbetts and Torrez

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

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve August 6, 2020 Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Approve Agreement for Professional Services with Maher Accountancy for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$176,750 through June 30, 2021
3. Approve Three New Service Tariffs, Updates to Five Board of Director Policies and Three New Polices
4. Approve Transfer of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Revenues into the Operating Account Fund

Public comment: None

Motion to adopt the October 1, 2020 SCPA Board of Directors Consent Calendar by Director Okrepkie

Second: Director King

Motion passed: 9-0-0

*Director Hopkins joined the meeting at approximately 8:59 a.m.*

### **III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

Chief Operating Officer Michael Koszalka introduced the item by noting an increase in August energy sales along with a corresponding increase in the cost of power. CEO Syphers then stated his support for regional and cross-jurisdictional efforts to reduce wildfire risk reduction; updated the Board on the recent rotating power outages; and efforts on the staff-level by 11 CCAs, including SCP, for a proposed joint powers authority that would allow participating CCAs to procure power on behalf of their customers. Director of Marketing & Public Affairs Kate Kelly introduced SCP's newest team member, Willy Linares, who joined as a Marketing Coordinator. COO Koszalka announced that SCP created a new department, Planning & Analytics, and that Rebecca Simonson accepted a promotion to Director of the Department; and he noted the promotion of Deb Emerson to Managing Director of Power Procurement to better reflect her duties and responsibilities. Director of Programs Cordel Stillman gave a brief update on the SCP Building Headquarters and Advanced Energy Center construction projects.

Public comment: None

*Director Harrington joined the meeting at approximately 9:20 a.m.*

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon gave an update on the following topics: efforts to accelerate the deployment of microgrids to promote grid resiliency in light of continued PSPS events; the PG&E Energy Resource Recovery Account proceedings and SCP's efforts, along with other stakeholders, to litigate alleged errors in PG&E's 2021 ERRA Application; efforts to ensure that information on above-market PCIA costs are provided to PG&E bundled customers; and SCP's recent Integrated Resource Plan filing with the CPUC.

CEO Syphers spoke about the end of the legislative session and the impacts of COVID-19 on the reduced number of bills considered by the legislature; a California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board meeting on potential actions by the CPUC to mitigate future wildfires; and an announcement by Governor Newsom to phase out sales of gas-powered vehicles by 2035. Special Counsel Harriet Steiner spoke on AB 992 and statutory requirements for social media under the Brown Act that will take effect on January 1, 2021.

Public comment: None

7. Receive Proposed Community Giving Guidelines and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Director of Marketing & Public Relations Kate Kelly introduced this item by recounting previous Board direction on community giving guidelines and staff's proposal to allocate remaining Fiscal Year community funds as follows: 50% for non-profit organizations advancing social justice, in particular racial equity and justice, within marginalized communities; 25% for groups supporting local small businesses and workers affected by COVID-19; and 25% for local non-profit groups supporting fire relief.

Director Hopkins noted her support and suggested that staff ensures the funds are equitably dispersed among SCP's service territory, and that staff consider outreach to tribal communities in assessing their needs. Director Landman requested a future presentation by staff on their methodology in determining community giving recipients.

Public comment: None

Chair Slayter recounted Board direction to staff and closed the item.

8. Provide Additional Authority to the CEO to Execute Change Orders to the Construction Contract for the Advanced Energy Center

Director of Programs Cordel Stillman detailed unforeseen construction issues with the Advanced Energy Center ("AEC") project, most notably, an antiquated electrical panel which requires replacement. He stated that the most expedient manner to address the deficiency is to have SCP's contractor replace the panel, and he then outlined an agreement where SCP will receive a rent reduction of approximately \$116,000 from the property owner for the anticipated costs of the replacement.

Public comment: None

Motion to Provide Additional Authority to the CEO to Approve Change Orders to the Construction Contract for the Advanced Energy Center Energy Center and Be Increased from \$282,200 to \$482,200, an increase of \$200,000, by Director Landman

Second: Director Tibbetts

9. Approve Budget Adjustment from Legislative to Programs Implementation in the Amount of \$50,000

CEO Syphers described previous Board direction to fund up to two grants for disadvantaged communities considering the feasibility of Community Choice Aggregation. He stated that he did not account for this proposed funding in the current Fiscal Year budget, and requested that the Board approve a

budget adjustment from Legislative to Programs Implementation to fund a City of Stockton feasibility study.

Public comment: None

Motion to Approve Budget Adjustment from Legislative to Programs Implementation in the Amount of \$50,000 by Director Okrepkie

Second: Director King

Motion passed: 11-0-0

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

None

**V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Hopkins announced a likely extension of the Glass Fire evacuation orders.

**VI. ADJOURN**

Chair Slayter adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson  
Clerk of the Board