
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, Fudge (Alternate), Gjerde, Hopkins, King, Landman, Strong (Alternate), and Tibbetts

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 November 5, 2020 Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
3. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer Execute an Agreement with Ibex Enterprises dba RDI, Resource Design Interiors to provide furniture for the SCP Headquarters Building in the amount of $268,209.82
4. Receive Overview of Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) Assistance
5. Adopt Resolution Attesting to the Accuracy of Sonoma Clean Power’s 2019 Power Source Disclosure Annual Report for CleanStart and EverGreen Products
6. Approve Board of Directors Meeting Dates for 2021 Calendar Year
III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR


CEO Syphers thanked outgoing Directors Belforte and Okrepkie for their respective years of service and contributions to SCP. Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds detailed the recent EverGreen Local Resource Plan Public Workshop #1 webinar and noted the successful turnout and significant amount of public feedback received. Director of Public Affairs & Marketing Kate Kelly gave a community outreach update, including SCP’s sponsorship of a drive-up food donation event in partnership with the Redwood Empire Food Bank, and additional donations to Mendocino County foodbanks. Programs Manager Carolyn Glanton detailed a series of upcoming contractor trainings for the Advanced Energy Center (“AEC”), which if completed, will allow contractors to become certified installers for products offered at the AEC. Director Reynolds noted the variance in electricity costs from the approved budget due to the high energy costs incurred as a result of the CAISO Stage 2 events in August and September.

Public Comment: Patrick Carter from the City of Petaluma spoke on applications for the CALeVIP program and the status of waitlist applicants.

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon detailed a CPUC’s Safety Enforcement Division report in response to the 2019 PSPS events that PG&E failed to demonstrate that the benefit of de-energization outweighed potential public safety risks. He reported that because PG&E failed to meet the burden of demonstrating that these events were necessary, SCP along with other Northern California CCAs, recommended that shareholders be held responsible for all liabilities incurred because of the shutoffs. Director Reardon then detailed a proposed settlement for reducing the PCIA fee, which if approved, would reduce the PCIA fee to SCP customers by approximately $9.8 million. CEO Syphers gave a brief legislative update on energy-related appointments on the state and federal level.
Public Comment: Woody Hastings spoke on the PCIA fee and efforts to remedy future under collections of the PCIA.


CEO Syphers detailed the proposal to form a JPA of CCAs that would procure resources on behalf of its members. He likened this effort to what municipal service providers can achieve through their membership in the Northern California Power Agency, which facilitates joint procurement of resources for its members. CEO Syphers then described the purpose, scope, operation, costs, benefits, and risks of the proposed JPA, which has a working title of “CC Power.” He then described the substantive discussion on this item by the Community Advisory Committee and highlighted some of the key questions brought forward by Committee Members. Finally, CEO Syphers noted that SCP will retain all rights of procurement and that any deals entered with CC Power would be entirely voluntary.

Director Strong asked about staffing for CC Power; CEO Syphers stated that a fulltime director, and potentially one support staff, will be hired and outside consultants will be utilized on an as-needed basis so SCP will not have staffing obligations.

Director King asked about any costs should SCP leave the JPA; CEO Syphers stated that SCP would be responsible for paying any remaining calendar-year administrative costs, which are estimated at $30,000 per year, along with any outstanding transaction costs for agreements that SCP may have executed.

Director Hopkins noted her support and then asked if there is potential for CC Power to develop generation resources in the future; CEO Syphers described how the JPA’s framework allows the entity to operate facilities and run energy programs.

Chair Slayter asked about any assurances that CC Power will represent SCP’s ideals and ethics, particularly in the areas of clean energy; CEO Syphers advised that SCP can consider these ideals as appropriate. Special Counsel Harriet Steiner noted language in the JPA that positively supports each CCA’s particular energy goals and programs.

Public Comment: Ben Peters provided written comment noting that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has a joint energy procurement division which includes a few SCP member agencies.


Brett Bradford and Andrea Lifto, from Pisenti & Brinker LLP, presented their independent report of SCP’s financial statement for Fiscal Years ending June
30, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Along with detailing the scope and responsibilities of their audit, they shared their findings that the financial statements are materially accurate and no significant deficiencies in internal control were identified.

*Director Tibbetts left the meeting at an unspecified time; Director Belforte left the meeting at approximately 10:56 a.m.*

Public Comment: None

Motion to Receive and Accept Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020 by Director Landman

Second: Director King

Motion passed: 8-0-0

*Director Hopkins left the meeting at approximately 11:06 a.m.*

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: Mark Mortenson from Friends of the Climate Action Plan & Working Group for Emergency Climate Action Now, spoke in support of SCP, encouraged greater community outreach, and welcomed future collaborations to mitigate the climate crisis.

V. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Slayter offered his holiday wishes and encouraged limiting gatherings this year.

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Slayter adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board