



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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 DECEMBER 16, 2020, MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dowd called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 p.m.

Committee Members present: Chair Dowd, Vice Chair Baldwin, and Members Chaban, Fenichel, Nicholls, Mattinson, Morris, Sizemore, and Quinlan

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Office; Mike Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; and Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve November 16, 2020 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Audited Financial Statement for FY 2019/2020
3. Recommend that the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer execute an agreement with, and subsequent amendments, with Enel X North America with a Total Not-to Exceed Amount of \$530,000 through June 30, 2021

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the December 16, 2020 Consent Calendar by Vice Chair Baldwin

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed: 9-0-0 by a Roll Call Vote

IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds introduced the item by noting SCP's business office remains closed due to the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and staff continues to work remotely. Director of Public Affairs & Marketing Kate Kelly gave an update on SCP's Holiday Donation Programs, including recent & upcoming food donation events in partnership with the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Director Reynolds presented on the status of the SCP Headquarters project, followed by Programs Manager Chad Asay who updated the Committee on the Advanced Energy Center and the various programs & events either underway or planned for that facility. Director Reynolds then detailed the Monthly Financial Statements and upcoming public meetings.

Public Comment: None

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon updated the Committee on PG&E's recent mailer to customers notifying of an increase in CCA customer rates and a decrease in in bundled customer rates. He stated that the figures referenced in PG&E's mailer were based on PG&E's pending Application with the CPUC, and how since then, SCP and other CCAs developed a joint-settlement agreement with PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E which would smooth these rate increases over a 3-year period instead of the 1-year initially proposed by PG&E. CEO Syphers then gave a legislative update with a focus on energy-related political appointments at the state and federal level.

Public Comment: None

6. Approve Community Advisory Committee Meeting Dates for 2021 Calendar Year

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds introduced the item, which was brought forward at the Committee's request to establish a regular meeting schedule. She then detailed the process used to determine the preferred meeting day and time of the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1pm-3pm.

Member Morris noted her continued support for evening meetings, particularly as it relates to greater public participation and agency-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Public Comment: None

Following Committee discussion, staff was directed to establish a regular meeting schedule of the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1pm-3pm for the 2021 calendar year.

7. Discuss EverGreen Local Resource Public Workshop #1

Director of Planning & Analytics Rebecca Simonson introduced the item by detailing the Local Resource Plan, which will establish what local resources needed to be invested in and developed to meet the growing demands of EverGreen customers. She then provided a recap of the Public Workshop for the Local Resource Plan that was held on December 1st. Director Simonson detailed how the workshop focused on priority setting for the EverGreen product & local development and received significant public participation and feedback on the following topics: preferences for types of renewable resources, locations, land use, labor and cost; suggestions to improve the existing EverGreen product; resources to improve reliability and Public Safety Power Shutoff Resiliency; and input on improving the participation and inclusion of underserved communities. Following this, she described next steps in the process for the development of the Local Resource Plan.

Member Sizemore thanked staff for recording the webinar and posting it to the SCP website; she also noted the significant amount of public participation, comments, and poll respondents.

Member Morris stated she viewed the recording and was struck by the strong preference for solar plus battery storage among webinar participants, and that perhaps this is in response to greater familiarity with the technologies; she then suggested that this could be an opportunity for greater customer education around innovative and emerging technologies. Director Simonson stated that the next Local Resource Plan workshop will expand on various resource technologies and the potential for SCP's service territory.

Public Comment: None

8. Recommendation that the Board Provide Stability to Customer Bills by Approving a Conditional Rate Adjustment to Reduce Generation Rates 30 Days after PG&E Implements Fee and Rate Changes

CEO Syphers introduced the item by providing background on PG&E's historical practice of issuing new rates with limited notice, impacts of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment Fee ("PCIA"), and previous Board

action to establish an Operating Account Fund for the purposes of customer bill stabilization. He then described recent forecasting of PG&E's PCIA fee and generation rates that determined SCP customers' total bills would be significantly more than PG&E Bundled customer effective January 1, 2021. CEO Syphers detailed staff's recommendations for conditional rate adjustments and the use of up to \$6 million from the Operating Account Fund for Bill Stabilization to ensure rates within 5% of PG&E's bundled rates.

Chair Dowd noted his support for staff's recommendations as it will protect customers from bill volatility and sudden increases. Members Chaban and Sizemore suggested customer outreach and education around SCP's efforts to maintain competitive rates through the Operating Account Fund for Bill Stabilization.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Member Nicholls to Recommend that the Board of Directors approve a conditional rate adjustment that protect customers from significant bill increases from changes in PG&E's fees and bundled rates as follows:

1. If after PG&E implements new rates for PCIA and bundled generation, SCP's rates are compliant with Financial Policy B2 Sections 1B and 1C and SCP rates result in customer bills no more than 5% above PG&E, make no changes to rates.
2. If conditions for #1 are not met, approve a conditional rate adjustment for implementation 30 days after PG&E rate changes as follows:
 - a. Reduce SCP rates such that customer bills average no more than 5% above PG&E so long as no more than \$6M of the Operating Account Fund for Rate Stabilization is forecast to be used with the current Fiscal Year.
 - b. If conditions #2a is not met, set SCP rates such that \$6M of the Operating Account Fund for Rates Stabilization is forecast to be used within the current Fiscal Year regardless of bill comparison to PG&E and return to the Board for further direction.

Second: Member Mattinson

Motion passed: 9-0-0 by a Roll Call Vote

Vice Chair Baldwin left the meeting at approximately 2:47 p.m.

9. Recommend that the Board of Directors Adopt a Resolution Joining CC Power, a JPA of California CCAs, for the Purpose of Joint Procurement of Energy Resources and Products

CEO Syphers began by thanking the Committee for their previous substantive discussion on this item and conveyed the Board's gratitude as well. He then recounted the scope of CC Power and how participation in the JPA would allow for joint procurement of energy resources. CEO Syphers then updated the Committee on standing question posed at their last meeting, such as risk management and liability; SCP's rights to withdraw from CC Power; staff's decision to not use NCPA for these services; and any exposure from financial defaults by CC Power.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Recommend that the Board of Directors Pass a Resolution for SCP to join CC Power, a Joint Powers Agency of California Community Choice Programs, in Order to Facilitate Pooled Purchases of Energy Resources and Products in Accordance with California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Agreement Page 1 through 13 as Contained in the Meeting Agenda Packet by Member Sizemore

Second: Member Quinlan

Motion passed: 8-0-0 by a Roll Call Vote

10. Receive Report on the Potential Use of Microgrids to Reduce Distribution Costs and Fire Risks in Certain Remote Areas and Consider Recommending a Limited Number of Pilot Projects

CEO Syphers introduced the item by detailing a recent call with PG&E, wherein they stated they are exploring an agreement with certain customers to build microgrids within SCP's territory instead of replacing distribution lines that were destroyed by wildfires. He noted this type of project has never happened in SCP's territory, and while it raises numerous jurisdictional questions, he stated his support for a very limited number of these applications while policy implications are worked through.

Member Nicholls asked how the affected customers are receiving power and if PG&E, as the provider of last resort, is obligated to rebuild the transmission lines; CEO Syphers stated that it is his understanding that the customers are relying on self-generation and that PG&E is ultimately required to rebuild, or, reach consensus with all affected parties on building microgrids in-lieu of distribution lines.

Member Mattinson noted his overall support, but expressed concern about signing an agreement with PG&E given the preliminary nature of the proposal; CEO Syphers advised Member Mattinson that he would strike this

language from any future Board items and consider alternative forms of approval given these concerns.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Member Nicholls to Recommend that the Board of Directors Delegate Power to the CEO Working with the Special Counsel to Negotiate with PG&E Approving a Limit Pilot Use of Remote Microgrids inside the SCPA Service Territory, Subject to the Following Limitations:

- Limit this approval to a small pilot study where the total across all remote grids is less than 200 kW of peak load.
- Require PG&E to materially involve SCPA in early communications directly with the affected customers to allow SCPA to understand their needs, to inform the customers of opportunities to use clean power sources if they choose to own the microgrid, and if appropriate, to have conversations about SCPA owning or operating generating and storage resources.
- Requires that any approval between SCPA and PG&E in no way sets precedent for future policies, regulations, fees, tariffs, changes to SCPA's right or obligation to serve customers, or any other related matter.

Second: Member Morris

Motion Passed: 8-0-0 by a Roll Call Vote

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Quinlan inquired about the process for electing a Chair and Vice Chair, requested that staff formalize the process for considering a Chair and Vice Chair, and stated his interest in serving as Vice Chair. CEO Syphers advised the Committee that staff will add this item to a future agenda.

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board