



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 24, 2019**  
**1:00 PM**

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50 Santa Rosa Avenue, Fifth Floor, Santa Rosa, California

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dowd called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Brophy, Chaban, Dowd, Mattinson, Nicholls, and Quinlan.

Staff Present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; and Jessica Mullan, General Counsel.

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

None

**III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve November 29, 2018, CAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November 29, 2018 meeting minutes by CM Quinlan.

Second: CM Chaban

Motion passed: 6-0-0

*CM Sizemore arrived at approximately 1:15 p.m.*

Motion to amend the November 29, 2018 meeting minutes by CM Brophy.

Second: CM Quinlan

Motion passed: 7-0-0

*The motion to amend the November 29, 2018 meeting minutes was in response to public comment under Item #3 on the agenda; please see minutes for Item #3 for additional details on the amended motion.*

#### **IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

##### **2. Receive Update on SCP Mission Statement Project**

Director of Public Affairs and Marketing, Kate Kelly, recapped SCP's rebranding effort, which includes a recent brand reimagining, new website, and the pending mission statement update. Director Kelly outlined the goals of the mission statement update, and work to date on the project, which includes surveys and phone interviews from stakeholders such as Board members, CAC members, and SCP staff. Director Kelly anticipates that the new mission statement will debut in March.

Public comment:

Woody Hastings, Center for Climate Protection, suggested staff reference the existing mission statement in future presentations of this item and that staff reach out to customers for feedback as well.

Director Kelly highlighted past efforts to reach out to ratepayers for feedback during the brand refresh.

##### **3. Receive Operations Report and Provide Input as Appropriate**

Director of Internal Operations, Stephanie Reynolds, advised the CAC that SCP is currently recruiting for the following positions: Risk and Regulatory Compliance Officer and Chief Operating Officer.

Director Reynolds then detailed the load deviation issue, which staff continues to investigate. CM Brophy asked about next steps and CEO Syphers detailed some potential sources for the deviation such as metering protocol and changes in cannabis industry practices; SCP staff will be meeting with PG&E on this matter in the near future.

Director Reynolds provided an update on the Cloverdale ProFIT contract, stating construction is underway, with an estimated start of delivery in March of this year.

Customer Service Specialist Danielle Baker detailed SCP's recent billing improvements, which include uniform formatting for easier reading and the addition of a Spanish language billing option.

Director Reynolds gave a brief overview on the following initiatives underway by Programs: electrification of local transit agencies, energy

efficiency toolkits, induction cooktops, non-profit EV program, DriveEV results dashboard, Advanced Energy Rebuild, and the Lead Locally grant.

CM Chaban asked about the incentive amount for non-profit EV purchases and Director of Programs Stillman confirmed that the incentive is for \$12.5k and the program funds expire at the end of the fiscal year. CM Mattinson asked about the expected opening date for the Energy Marketplace storefront and CEO Syphers stated that a specific date is premature at this point, given some unanticipated issues with code compliance in the space. CM Quinlan asked about sales projections being lower than anticipated; CEO Syphers clarified that this is due to load deviation and that income and expenses are both lower as a result. CM Brophy asked whether the cost of electrification of bus fleets is justified by potential CO<sub>2</sub> reductions; CEO Syphers stated his belief that this will have a significant impact on greenhouse gas reductions, although this cannot be measured at this time.

Public comment:

Mike Turgeon, Friends of the Climate Action Plan, asked about low carbon reach codes.

Steve Pierce, Sebastopol resident, asked whether there will be increased marketing of the EverGreen program, plans for future ProFIT projects, and the value of using measurable metrics for evaluating future programs such as the electrification of local transit.

Woody Hastings, Center for Climate Protection, spoke in support of evaluating whether electrification of local transit agencies is justified from a cost perspective in relation to CO<sub>2</sub> reductions, and the value of cost-benefit analysis in determining program priorities.

Andy Ferguson, Friends of Climate Action Plan, offered clarification on his public comment included in the November 29, 2018 CAC meeting minutes. Chair Dowd subsequently requested that the CAC amend the meeting minutes to read as "PAYS" vs "PACE.

Motion to amend the November 29, 2018 meeting minutes by CM Brophy.

Second: CM Quinlan

Motion passed: 7-0-0

CEO Syphers then detailed the likely PG&E bankruptcy reorganization and SCP's engagement of bankruptcy counsel. He advised the CAC of an upcoming closed session meeting of the Board of Directors relating to bankruptcy litigation to protect SCP's interest, as this requires Board direction per the JPA. CEO Syphers then relayed his understanding that PG&E has made public statements regarding their commitment to honoring customer payments to SCP and other CCAs.

CM Brophy asked if PG&E is required, under legislation, to provide power under a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. CEO Syphers stated that he believes this is the case but he can't quote a specific code at this time; however, given PG&E's monopoly status, there is a certain duty to serve and it's unlikely they could simply stop providing services.

CM Quinlan asked if SCP has any reason to suspect that there are any contracts between SCP and PG&E that they may attempt to restructure; CEO Syphers declined to answer. CM Quinlan asked about accounts receivable and CEO Syphers stated that he can't answer specifically.

CM Sizemore asked about possibility of including undergrounding as part of restructuring; CEO Syphers stated he does not know beyond what has been reported in media.

Public comment:

Andy Ferguson asked about ongoing costs for grid safety and reliability, and whether this has been discussed at the State Legislature.

Woody Hastings asked about the report-out for the upcoming closed session of the Board of Directors and when that would be available.

#### 4. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Input as Appropriate

Director Reardon detailed the CalCCA application for rehearing of the PCIA decision, which was not taken up by CPUC within 60 days; therefore, the application is considered denied. Potential next steps include taking an appeal to the courts or legislative remedies.

CEO Syphers stated that CalCCA is pursuing a bill around transparency and mitigation of costs for ratepayers, which will be made public on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. He then discussed a proposed bill by Senator Bradford that would restructure PG&E and that recently retired CPUC

Commissioner Peterman was assigned to PG&E restructuring efforts by Governor Newsom.

Chair Dowd voiced support for pursuing legislative solutions as opposed to regulatory solutions,

5. Receive, Comment and Recommend Board Approval of SCP Programs Strategic Action Plan

Director of Programs, Cordel Stillman, provided the biannual Strategic Action Plan update to the CAC. Director Stillman highlighted the success of the following programs: DriveEV, GridSavvy, the Education Program for Schools, Induction Cooktops, Advanced Energy Rebuild, and the Lead Locally grant project.

Director Stillman detailed new programs that have been added, such as pursuing a grant from the California Energy Commission for EV charging stations in tandem with local air districts; working with local transit agencies to identify electric infrastructure needs; and expanding Level 3 charging sites throughout SCP's service territory. He then stated that the following programs have been discontinued: DriveEV, workplace charging stations, model home development, and that the ProFIT program has migrated out of Programs into the Procurement Division.

Chair Dowd voiced support for amending the executive summary to note that stimulation of the local economy is done through distributed energy, energy efficiencies in residential & commercial buildings, and with the creation of local jobs. He also suggested that there be a program on encouraging SCP's participating jurisdictions to adopt EverGreen as an action plan.

CM Mattinson asked about the number of participants in the Demand Charge Reduction Program. Director Stillman stated that of the nineteen large commercial and regular commercial customers that have been contacted, at least 2 or 3 are moving forward with the program.

CM Sizemore voiced support for low-income vehicle owners, and Director Stillman recapped efforts through the DriveEV program to offer a greater vehicle rebates to low-income individuals (\$4,000 as opposed to \$2,000).

Public comment:

Mike Turgeon spoke in support of adopting EverGreen by participating jurisdictions.

Andy Ferguson noted the difficulty of using PG&E billing to promote SCP's program development and inquired whether participating jurisdictions can use their local water utility to send mailers.

Motion to Recommend Board Approval of SCP Programs Strategic Action Plan by CM Nicholls.

Second: CM Sizemore

Motion Passed: 7-0-0

#### 6. Receive Update and Discussion on 431 E Street

Director Stillman advised the CAC on progress to date, current design status, a timeline for the project bid date, and the proposed energy enhancements, e.g., solar array, car charging, battery storage, and interactive grid controls.

Chair Dowd voiced his support for energy enhancements and efficiencies in the building and recommended allowing for a longer timeframe for construction.

CM Brophy asked about the cost estimates and whether these numbers reflect earlier cost estimates for the project; CEO Syphers clarified that this is not the case, as construction costs have increased due to greater demand following the 2017 fires. CM Brophy then voiced support for increased use of reserve Program Funds and the need for energy enhancements and efficiencies at the building.

CM Quinlan asked about load shifting and other demonstration technologies, and whether there is available grant funding. Director Stillman stated that battery storage may be eligible from the Self-Generation Incentive Program but otherwise funding is unlikely. CM Quinlan then asked about anticipated payback period. CEO Syphers stated that this information could be brought back during later budget discussions.

Public comment:

None

Chair Dowd reiterated his support for recommendation to the Board of Directors for energy efficiencies and enhancements as a future agenda item.

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**VI. ADJOURN**

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beau Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Beau Anderson, Clerk of the Board