

# MEETING MINUTES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 23, 2019 1:00 PM

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: Chair Dowd, Vice Chair Mattinson, and Committee Members Baldwin, Brophy, Chaban, Como, Nicholls, Quinlan, and Wells

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; and Jessica Mullan, General Counsel

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

None

# III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Committee Member ("CM") Quinlan requested that item #2 be moved to Regular Calendar for discussion and CM Baldwin requested that item #3 be moved to Regular Calendar for discussion.

Motion to approve the June 27, 2019 Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") meeting minutes by CM Nicholls.

Second: CM Brophy

Motion passed: 9-0-0

### IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Recommend that the Board Authorize the CEO to Negotiate and Execute an Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement with IP Malbec, LLC under ProFIT Program

CM Baldwin asked General Counsel (GC) Mullan about the estoppel terms listed in the agreement, and GC Mullan noted that the estoppel terms are routine and were likely a condition of lender financing for the Power Purchase Agreement.

CM Wells asked about bonuses for payment options and whether this agreement addresses issues raised by a separate developer at a recent Board meeting; GC Mullan stated that the revised agreement is intended to clarify the terms for bonus payments and CEO Syphers noted that the Board declined to address the bonus payment incentives for the agreement that CM Wells referenced.

CM Brophy asked about any fiscal impacts due to delaying the Commercial Operation Date ("COD"); CEO Syphers stated that energy costs are likely to go down as energy will be procured from less expensive sources in the meantime.

Motion to Recommend that the Board Authorize the CEO to Negotiate and Execute an Amended and Restated Power Purchase Agreement with IP Malbec, LLC under ProFIT Program by CM Baldwin.

Second: CM Wells

Motion passed: 9-0-0

3. Recommend that the Board Approve an Amended Contract with TLCD Architecture for Advanced Energy Center

CM Quinlan asked about additional costs referenced in the staff report for this item; Programs Manager Chad Asay detailed the issues that have increased costs beyond those in the initial scope of work, such as minimal planning documents being on-file with the City of Santa Rosa, seismic upgrades that only became apparent following an initial demolition in the space, and a new ADA ramp as the existing sidewalk was not built to current code.

CM Baldwin asked about negotiating rent due to issues with building; Programs Manager Asay noted that landlord already waived the first eleven months of rent for the space.

Motion to recommend that the Board approve an amended contract with TLCD Architecture for the Advanced Energy Center by CM Quinlan.

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Second: CM Baldwin

Motion passed: 9-0-0

# 4. Receive Operations Report and Provide Input as Appropriate

CEO Syphers detailed SCP's open recruitments for a Commercial Accounts Specialist and Programs Manager and asked that the Committee Members refer individuals as appropriate. He then noted the start date for the new Energy Analyst on the Power Services team, that position's roles and responsibilities, and the need for more staff considering California's restructuring energy market and additional CPUC regulatory obligations.

CEO Syphers then updated the CAC on SCP's new headquarters building, Lake County outreach efforts regarding their interest in community choice, and the adoption of EverGreen by the following member jurisdictions: the City of Cotati, the City of Sebastopol, and select accounts for both the Town of Windsor and the County of Sonoma.

Chair Dowd detailed a recent meeting of a subcommittee of the City of Santa Rosa's Board of Public Utilities (which he serves on), and that he has notified general counsel at both the City and SCP of potential conflicts of interest as it relates to SCP's Evergreen program. CM Brophy asked about conflict of interest concerns with CAC members advocating for EverGreen; GC Mullan advised the Committee that members are free to advocate as a private individual but should not make representations that they are acting in an official capacity.

CEO Syphers provided a community outreach update, including SCP's sponsorship of the Sonoma County Fair's Hall of Flowers exhibit.

He then noted that several CAC members have terms ending this year and staff will be going to the Board for authorization to open recruitments; he encouraged members to reapply as there are no limits on terms. CEO Syphers then provided an overview of total SCP accounts relative to total eligible accounts.

Programs Manager Asay updated the Committee on the LEAD Locally grant, including the separate projects that are underway related to the grant. He then gave a construction update on the Advanced Energy Center ("AEC") and provided a video walkthrough of the space to illustrate some of the proposed design elements. CEO Syphers noted the

value of the AEC in hosting trainings, educational events, and serving as a community resource for decarbonization of the grid.

Vice Chair Mattinson asked about staff at AEC and whether SCP will have dedicated staff; Programs Manager Asay discussed potential staffing models for the AEC, which will likely be open after normal business hours and weekends.

Senior Programs Manager Rachel Kuykendall updated the Committee on Reach Codes and her work with jurisdictions across the state in adopting all-electric building codes. She then detailed the likelihood that the cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma will adopt all-electric codes for all new low-rise residential construction, and efforts with the cities of Sebastopol & Cloverdale and the Town of Windsor to adopt.

CEO Syphers provided a brief report on a recent meeting with PG&E CEO Bill Johnson, including CEO Johnson's commitment to meet with CCAs on a more regular basis and his request that CalCCA help PG&E explore exiting retail electric generation (i.e., become a "wires-only" company). CEO Syphers touched on the PG&E bankruptcy, including California Senate Bill 1054.

CEO Syphers reported on the Monthly Compiled Financial Statements, including progress on reaching financial reserves. Chair Dowd requested that CEO Syphers detail the recent rate approval by SCP's Board of Directors; CEO Syphers recounted the Board's decision to set rates at 2% savings.

Public comment: none

5. Review and Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve Bill Protection for Customers Transitioned onto the E-TOU-C Rate for a Maximum of 12 Months

Director of Customer Service, Erica Torgerson, provided background on the switch to E-TOU-C rates and the reasoning behind offering bill protection for SCP customers.

Both CM Mattinson and CM Como noted their support. CM Como asked what SCP is doing to educate around peak pricing and suggested that SCP develop materials to educate customers around this matter; Director Torgerson stated that the CPUC is undertaking a statewide marketing campaign around this issue. CM Quinlan asked how confident staff is in the budgetary estimate should the Board approve bill protection and Director Torgerson noted that she is confident in the provided estimate.

Public comment: Rick Learned spoke about Time of Use rates and reminders that help guide customer behavior.

Motion to Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve Bill Protection for Customers Transitioned onto the E-TOU-C Rate for a Maximum of 12 Months by CM Nicholls.

Second: CM Brophy

Motion passed: 9-0-0

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

CM Como recused himself prior to discussion of this item and left the meeting at approximately 2:23 p.m.

CEO Syphers thanked the Committee for their efforts in stopping AB 54. He then highlighted bills that have been suspended, which include: SB 155 (Resource Adequacy), SB 350 (Central Procurement Entity), and SB 520 (Provider of Last Resort). For the Regulatory Update, he detailed Resource Adequacy & PCIA proceedings, and he closed by noting that a more detailed update will be provided at the next SCP Board of Directors meeting.

CM Chaban left at approximately 2:40 p.m.

Public comment: none

# V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dowd requested that Committee members review the upcoming meeting schedule. CM Mattinson asked about the CAC recruitment process and CEO Syphers stated that details on the item would be forthcoming.

# VI. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beau Anderson Clerk of the Board