



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
1:00 P.M.**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dowd called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chair Dowd, Vice Chair Mattinson, and Members Fenichel, Nicholls, Sizemore, Quinlan, and Wells

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

II. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve July 23, 2019 minutes of the SCPA Community Advisory Committee meeting
2. Recommend that the Board Approve a New Commercial Rate Structure and Rates for the Remainder of the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year

Motion to approve the September 17, 2019 Consent Calendar by Committee Member Wells

Second: Committee Member Nicholls

Motion Approved: 7-0-0

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

3. Recommend that the Board Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Contract with the Center for Sustainable Energy to Implement a Sonoma and Mendocino County CALeVIP Project in 2020
Programs Manager Nelson Lomeli detailed the partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, the Mendocino County Air Quality Management District, and the Regional Climate Protection Authority that led to the CALeVIP project. The program is an incentive program sponsored by the California Energy

Commission to provide financial incentives for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. He then detailed the funding request for the project and the agreement with the Center for Sustainable Energy ("CSE") to administer and implement the project. CEO Syphers noted his excitement for this project as it significantly leverages existing SCP Programs budget and will bring charging technology to underserved areas throughout Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

Committee Member ("CM") Nicholls noted his support for the project and highlighted that many areas in SCP's service territory have limited broadband access, which may impact installation of charging stations due to project requirements that charging data be made available to CSE. CM Mattinson voiced his support on the condition that SCP lobbies for coastal zone access. CM Quinlan asked if the chargers will be smart chargers with load management capabilities (similar to SCP's GridSavvy program), and Programs Manager Lomeli stated that is the intent. CM Sizemore asked how participants will be selected; Programs Manager Lomeli stated that SCP will accept applications once the program is formally opened, then applications will be reviewed based on criteria such as location and proximity to other chargers. CM Mattinson asked about site locations and whether there are any restrictions. Programs Manager Lomeli stated that the project is open to many sites such as private property, workplaces, and local municipalities. Chair Dowd stated that SCP should push for ensuring that chargers are publicly accessible, especially in rural areas that may lack charging infrastructure. CM Sizemore asked if chargers can be installed on public rights of way like roadsides. Programs Manager Lomeli stated he would check with the California Energy Commission on that specific question. Vice Chair Mattinson asked about grid power requirements. CM Wells asked about locating chargers at publicly owned lands like parks; Programs Manager Lomeli noted that local government entities are eligible to participate in the program.

Public comment: none

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Contract with the Center for Sustainable Energy to Implement a Sonoma and Mendocino County CALeVIP Project in 2020 by CM Sizemore.

Second: CM Quinlan

Motion passed: 7-0-0

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

Director of Internal Operations, Stephanie Reynolds, announced SCP's recent designation as a "Best Place to Work" by the North Bay Business Journal. She then introduced new staff member Ryan Tracey who joined the Procurement team as an Energy Analyst. Director of Public Relations & Marketing, Kate Kelly, gave an update on recent SCP press coverage in print and broadcast media.

CEO Syphers recounted recent outreach to the County of Lake regarding their interest in community choice, and a prospective timeline for Lake County joining SCP should all parties ultimately determine to move forward in the process.

Chair Dowd asked about the public art requirement for the building headquarters and if Committee or Board members would have an opportunity to provide feedback on proposed projects; Director Reynolds detailed the public art review process, which was comprised of SCP staff and two consultants, and that the design has already been selected.

CM Wells asked about Lake County's load numbers, and COO Koszalka stated that the estimate of the Lake County load is approximately 10% of SCP's current load.

Director Reynolds described the ongoing recruitment for positions on the CAC, and the Board's ad hoc committee for this process. CM Mattinson asked about the potential for adding a youth member to the CAC and Director Reynolds stated that staff will be asking the Board to delegate that decision to the CAC.

Vice Chair Mattinson asked about the Municipal Storage Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") and whether the proposal calls for reviewing functionality of existing solar photovoltaic systems; Director of Programs Cordel Stillman stated that the RFQ does address Vice Chair Mattinson's question.

Director Reynolds noted that the Monthly Financials are in preliminary form as the end-of-year audit by SCP's outside auditor, Piseni and Brinker, is currently underway.

Public comment: none

5. Discuss and Provide Input as Appropriate on the Proposed Successor Program to SCP's NetGreen Program

CEO Syphers introduced the item by giving background on the NetGreen program and subsequent changes in the energy market, particularly in the area of wholesale solar energy pricing, since the program's inception. Director of Customer Service, Erica Torgerson, followed by noting this is a preliminary discussion and she will bring this back to both the CAC and the Board. She then detailed the following staff recommendations for this item:

- Maintain the current NetGreen program net monthly billing process, but evolve the program's annual cash-out to a Net Surplus Compensation

(NSC) cash out process that pays customers a rate closer to wholesale prices when a customer over-generates on an annual basis, but still provides a financial benefit when compared to PG&E's net energy metering program; and

- Following the spring 2020 annual cash out, staff proposes to shift NEM customer to an NSC program for the annual cash out.

CM Wells asked for confirmation that the current program leads to a net loss in income, Director Torgerson confirmed it does. CM Quinlan noted his support for staff's recommendations and suggested that staff develop succinct and non-technical messaging for future presentations on this matter. Vice Chair Mattinson noted his support as well.

CEO Syphers asked the CAC if there were any objections with moving forward with the proposed NetGreen successor program and there were none stated. CM Nicholls requested an outreach plan and marketing plan for stakeholders that may be impacted by the successor program. Chair Dowd suggested that staff involve any affected customers in future discussions around this topic, and make sure that any information is clearly presented to minimize confusion around technically challenging subject matter.

Public Comment: Ben Peters, requested additional public forums given how challenging the subject matter is related to this item and questioned whether changing the program without grandfathering existing customers is legally permitted.

6. Recommend that the Board Adopt a Resolution to Award the Construction Contract for the Advanced Energy Center to the Low Bidder, Agbayani Construction Corporation and Waive Immaterial Bidding Irregularities; Reject Bid Protest from Arntz Builders, Inc.; and Make CEQA Exemption Findings

Programs Manager Chad Asay provided background on the CEC grant and the primary deliverable of building the Advanced Energy Center ("AEC"). He then detailed the scope of work for the construction contract, the bid process, the bid protest, staff's determination that the bid protest lacked merit as the bid irregularities were minor and did not afford a competitive advantage, and the subsequent notice of intent to award to Agbayani Construction.

Chair Dowd asked for additional legal analysis from General Counsel ("GC") Mullan regarding the bid protest, and GC Mullan noted her confidence in staff's recommendation following her review and that of additional outside legal counsel.

Public comment: none

Motion to recommend that the Board adopt a resolution to award the construction contract for the Advanced Energy Center to the low bidder, Agbayani Construction Corporation and waive immaterial bidding

irregularities; reject bid protest from Arntz Builders, Inc.; and make CEQA exemption findings by CM Nicholls

Second: CM Sizemore

Motion passed: 7-0-0

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

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon updated the Committee on Resource Adequacy proceedings at the CPUC, a proposed Integrated Resource Planning mandate by the CPUC, a recent CPUC decision which denied PG&E the right to charge CCA customers for a rate comparison tool that was not available to SCP customers, and updates to the Self Generation Incentive for vulnerable customers by the CPUC for battery storage and onsite generation for customers in fire-threatened areas.

CEO Syphers provided a legislative update for the session that ended on September 13th, and the status of bills that SCP opposed or supported.

Public comment: none

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public comment: none

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CM Mattinson announced he will be absent from the October and November meetings.

VI. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board