



MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 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 pm.

Committee Members present: Chair Dowd, Vice Chair Mattinson, and Members Baldwin, Brophy, Como, Chaban, 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

Chair Dowd announced that the Board of Directors appointed Shivawn Brady and Patricia Morris to 4-year terms on the Community Advisory Committee as new members. Chair Dowd then stated that Committee Members Anita Fenichel, Bill Mattinson, Ken Wells, and Mike Nicholls were reappointed to 4-year terms as well. Outgoing member Paul Brophy spoke about his experience as a member and thanked staff for their efforts and the opportunity to serve on the committee. Similarly, Committee Member Joe Como noted the success of SCP and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

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

Ben Peters spoke about the City of Petaluma's recent purchase of diesel generators and the opportunities for SCP to assist with helping municipalities in developing a procurement guide to assist with cleaner and safer generator options.

**III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve November 13, 2019 Draft CAC Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to Approve the November 13, 2019 Draft CAC Meeting Minutes by Committee Member Nicholls.

Second: Committee Member Sizemore

Motion passed: 9-0-2

#### IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Recommend that the Board Approve and Authorize the CEO to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with EHDD for Architectural Services (Action)

By request from Committee Member ("CM") Quinlan, this item was moved from the Consent to Regular Calendar for discussion to address a typo in the staff report.

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve and Authorize the CEO to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with EHDD for Architectural Services by CM Nicholls.

Second: CM Brophy

Motion passed: 11-0-0

3. Receive Operations Report and Provide Input as Appropriate (Discussion)

Programs Manager Chad Asay updated the Committee on the Lead Locally Program, which included construction updates at the Advanced Energy Center and the pilot project for evaluating emerging energy-saving technologies; he advised the Committee that recruitments for commercial test sites are ongoing and that he welcomed any referrals. In addition, he noted that the Programs team has an open solicitation for vendors and technologies for the Advanced Energy Center.

Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds briefed the Committee on SCP's annual Joint-Rate mailers, which are mailed to all residents and businesses in SCP's service territory. Director of Public Affairs & Marketing Kate Kelly updated the Committee on the Press Democrat's Celebrate Community program as SCP is now a partner. Director Reynolds then read a letter from an area-youth who participated in the Sonoma Water energy education program that SCP sponsors. Chief Operating Officer Michael Koszalka then detailed the current budget comparison schedule. Following this, CEO Syphers noted that SCP staff, in consultation with Oakmont residents (a retirement community in eastern Santa Rosa), identified an opportunity to reduce shutoffs due to PSPS events by reengineering their grid, and that PG&E will prioritize implementation of grid changes to

improve power reliability. CEO Syphers then described recent communications with staff from the County of Lake and their interest in Community Choice, along with some challenges with the PCIA fee structure should the County of Lake move forward with adopting community choice.

CM Como asked about participation rates and what can be done to increase customer enrollment; CEO Syphers described the challenges for CCAs in growing participation rates following the initial enrollment period, but noted a current promotional campaign SCP is running to increase enrollment.

Public comment: Ben Peters spoke about participation rates and suggested that staff present this material by customer class.

4. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Input as Appropriate (Discussion)

Director of Regulatory Affairs Neal Reardon spoke about Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”), a recent Microgrid CPUC Rulemaking decision, and potential implications for SCP’s IRP requirements. He then updated the Committee on PG&E’s Energy Resource Recovery Account application which would significantly raise the PCIA fee, and SCP’s efforts (along with a coalition of CCAs) to secure the best possible outcome for both the organization and its customers vis-à-vis the PCIA fee.

CEO Syphers then provided a legislative update, including the proposed PG&E settlement plan and the Governor’s subsequent rejection of that plan.

Public comment: None

5. Recommend the Board Approve the NetGreen 2.0 Program and the Transition of Existing NetGreen Customer to NetGreen 2.0 (Action)

CEO Syphers introduced this item by detailing the history of the NetGreen program. Director of Customer Service Erica Torgerson then outlined the function of the NetGreen program and the requested actions in the staff report for this item, which include the adoption of the NetGreen 2.0 program and the transition of existing NetGreen customers to the new program. Director Torgerson detailed how the cash-out process and timeline will remain the same for NetGreen participants, and even though the incentive for over-production will be reduced, it will still payout at twice the level of PG&E’s program.

Public comment:

Rick Learned spoke about his experience as a NetGreen customer and offered his support for staff's recommendation.

Andy Ferguson recommended that the Committee approves staff's requested action and spoke in support of solar coupled with energy storage options.

Woody Hastings spoke about the Net Energy Metering successor tariff and questioned how the tariff relates to the staff report for this item.

Ben Peters recommended that staff consider alternate payout incentives, rate tariffs, and battery storage options to encourage changes in energy consumption patterns.

CM Sizemore asked if there was a specific date when the program would end; CEO Syphers stated his preference to not fix the dates for the program as this would give flexibility to change rates or respond to other market factors as-needed.

CM Wells asked about the timing of the cash out for the proposed program and whether it would occur in 2020 or 2021; Director Torgerson clarified that the first cash out for NetGreen 2.0 would occur in 2020.

Chair Dowd thanked staff for the thoroughness of their report and presentation and noted his confidence in the requested actions.

Recommend the Board Approve the NetGreen 2.0 Program and the Transition of Existing NetGreen Customer to NetGreen 2.0 by CM Wells.

Second: CM Sizemore

Motion passed: 11-0-0

## **V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Mattinson thanked the members of the public in attendance for their feedback and encouraged staff to develop a mechanism for collecting community feedback—if not already in place—in advance of any meetings. CM Fenichel offered her support for gathering community feedback as well. CEO Syphers stated that community feedback is integral to the decision-making process and noted that staff is accessible to meet with any interested parties.

Chair Dowd announced that he is being recognized for his 25 years of service with the City of Santa Rosa's Board of Public Utilities, and that he recently submitted his application for an interim seat on the City of Santa Rosa's City Council.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beau Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Beau Anderson**  
Clerk of the Board