



**MINUTES**  
**SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY**  
**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00A.M. by Chair Dowd.

Committee members present: Chair Dowd, Vice Chair Deicke, Committee Members Renfro, Wells, Nicholls, Mattinson, Como, Williamson, Beeler and Brophy. Absent: Committee Member Fenichel

Staff present: CEO Geof Syphers, Internal Operations Manager Stephanie Reynolds

**II. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

1. Approve the November 30, 2016 meeting minutes of the Community Advisory Committee

Motion to approve the 11/13/16 minutes by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Wells

Motion approved: 10-0-0

2. Receive report on operations, financial performance and audited financial statements

Internal Operations Manager, Stephanie Reynolds, stated the annual report was released and will be used as outreach for public events in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. She introduced SCP's new Customer Service Specialist Danielle Baker. She stated that staff recently attended the Wellness Health Fair in Gualala and there are several events coming up in Fort Bragg and Willits. She stated that budget planning began earlier this year and it will be complete well in advance of July 1. She also stated that there are four public meetings coming up to review the budget.

CEO Syphers stated that there are two months of financials on page 25 of the packet and that this is the last month you will see additional "sales for resale" because SCP will start using the Mustang solar facility to serve its customers. He explained the lower-than-expected sales volume, lower revenues and lower expenses. CEO Syphers stated the Board approved the rates, they will go into effect March 1, and all customers will see a 1% savings. He stated that SCP will remain competitive on rates and overall the budget health is strong. He stated that there is just shy of \$20 million

in general reserves and \$3.5 million in program reserves.

CEO Syphers stated SCP is looking to add more staff and staffing has paced out exactly as the 2013 plan showed. He stated that CalCCA is getting more active and more CCAs are starting up and launching. He stated that MCE has over 40 people for program staff, although SCP is unlikely to need to grow to that size in the near future. He stated that there is a current opening for a program manager and good applications have been received.

CM Deicke asked about the State Senate. CEO Syphers stated CalCCA held a two-hour briefing and met with eight senators and other lawmakers for general education.

Public Comment:

Woody Hastings: stated that the annual report looked great. He stated that he could not find any contact info or evidence of ability for public to participate and suggested for future to have contact info and some numbers on expansion of community choice in the state. He stated that in at least four other areas of California controversy is emerging about rates and to keep an eye on that.

John Rosenblum: stated that it would be useful to know how many kilowatt-hours are used and how much is used by residential versus commercial customers.

### 3. Receive Procurement update

Director of Power Services, Deb Emerson stated that SCP issued a request for offers for the additional load that SCP will be serving beginning in June. She stated that the requested offers were for shaped, carbon free and Renewable Portfolio Standard bundled energy products. She stated that the responses were due by January 20, 2017 and 11 suppliers responded to the RFO. She stated that an offer was accepted and will be reported on once finalized.

CM Mattinson asked how subscribed SCP is and what are the open positions currently. Director Emerson stated SCP has about 90% of the forecast load which allows for opt-outs.

CM Williamson asked for a general idea on the current cost of energy procured. Director Emerson stated carbon free was less than \$2 per MWh. CEO Syphers explained that this is the premium above the cost of general energy. Director Emerson stated category 2 was less than \$6 and category 1 less than \$19. CEO Syphers stated bottom-line on these new purchases to provide energy for Mendocino reduced the average cost of energy for all customers.

CM Brophy asked about the IRP process and estimated completion date. Director Emerson stated SCP wants to be involved in the process and completing of the components. She stated that she would like to have something in draft status by this summer. CEO Syphers stated the rules are set by the legislature and enforced by the CPUC.

CM Deicke stated it would be helpful to see different sources of energy procured laid out over time so balancing could be seen. Director Emerson stated that this will be shown in the IRP.

Chair Dowd stated he would like to see a system developed to see how under or oversubscribed SCP is to help guide continued success.

Public comment;

John Rosenblum: asked if we got different prices in the RPS and if there is any process for SCP to look at environmental impact.

CEO Syphers stated that there are significant differences and that SCP considers each sources of energy individually, on its own merits. He stated that all forms of energy production have environmental impacts.

June Brashares: spoke of reducing GHGs by using non-fossil fuel energy and putting money to improvements that are system wide.

CEO Syphers stated that SCP needs to use renewables as a tool, not a goal and then we can compare efficiently with solar.

Chair Dowd asked about the wet winter and the impacts it has had to supply and are portfolios secure. Director Emerson stated they are secure and the wet winter will drive down hydroelectric prices.

#### 4. Receive Programs update

Director McFarland stated that during the Drive Evergreen program, 556 certificates were issued, there were 173 approved and pending leases, and 34 approved purchases. She stated that there were 30 cars that could have been deployed to low income customers, but there was an issue with the credit scores needed. She stated that next year, SCP is considering a loan loss reserve fund and providing credit enhancements. CEO Syphers stated there is data to be collected and then the conversation will be brought back to the CAC. Director McFarland stated 376 chargers were ordered, 333 customers signed up for demand response. CEO Syphers stated the demand response in California is still a very young industry and a lot of people are still figuring it out. He stated that a letter is going out soon to customers that signed up for demand response to explain this issue. Director McFarland stated answers will be released to questions on the RFQ today on our website.

CM Mattinson asked about the RFQ and is SCP expecting to engage with multiple experts and if the new programs position will be filled in time to be a part of this. Director McFarland stated yes and the new position will hopefully be filled by March.

CM Como thanked staff and stated that he wants to make sure to try to get as much input from customers that have already purchased or leased the vehicles. Director McFarland stated we are hoping to get people to participate in a survey.

CM Beeler stated some sort of study of our customers is needed.

CM Williamson asked if the different groups of customers and how they might use their EVs was taken into consideration. Director McFarland stated a lot of different survey questions are being asked. CEO Syphers stated that it is important to look at how much they use it, are they replacing a car, the effects of "spillover" and "free-riders," etc. SCP is figuring out questions, data and a story that point to refinements for future programs.

CM Brophy asked how many went through the process and did certificates have a closing date on them. CEO Syphers stated that the process was efficient. Director McFarland stated SCP wanted to make sure of not overselling and the certificates were allocated to the car dealerships.

Public Comment:

Jeff Mathias: complimented the EverGreen program and that he is excited about new programs. He stated that he likes the idea of moving away from gas and propane.

Tom Conlin: asked about goals with programs and if this was just a pilot. He asked if there were fleets participating, did customers buy two or more, and if there was a dollar number on the chargers. He asked what is the general CARE ratio for SCP.

Director McFarland stated that SCP has an overall goal of 10,000 EVs by 2020 and 100,000 EVs by 2030. She stated that an RFP was sent to every electric vehicle dealer in Sonoma County.

CEO Syphers stated that 18% of all customers receive the CARE discount, the limit on chargers is \$1,000 per unit (including the demand response bonus) and the effective cost ranges from \$750 to \$800 per level 2 unit.

Chris Meyer: stated that she has low income renters and expressed the need to provide them a way to participate in the program and made suggestions for charging.

June Brashares: stated that she took advantage of the charging program and is very happy with the benefit of the level 2 charger. She asked if marketing and contract services are being reported.

Director McFarland stated that this information will come out in the evaluation in April.

Woody Hastings: asked about the 30% and getting the number of vehicles accessed by the CARE customers.

Director McFarland stated that this information will be in the evaluation.

*Chair Dowd stated that Item 6 will be discussed prior to Item 5 due to Member Deicke having to leave early.*

#### 6. Discussion on future meeting dates, frequency and schedule

The Committee discussed future meeting dates and preferred days and times for the remainder of 2017. The Committee agreed on future meeting dates of March 30 and April 18.

Public comment:

Woody Hastings: asked if there will still be monthly meetings.

Internal Operations Manager Stephanie Reynolds stated that typically SCP holds bi-monthly CAC meetings and due to the budget we are holding them in both March and April this year.

#### 5. Review Draft Program Evaluation Process

CEO Syphers stated that this item came about because previous Director Schwartz requested that SCP develop evaluation criteria before approving funding for specific programs in the future. He stated that he would like preliminary input from the CAC and will bring back a refined proposal in the future. He stated the first take on this from staff is that programs seem to break down into things like market transformation, construction or retrofits, tools, and codes and standards. He stated SCP is coming up with evaluation ideas and goals. CM Deicke commented that reserves were not looked at and every program going forward should be looked at and shouldn't be tied to cost.

*CM Deicke left the meeting at 11:01A.M.*

CM Wells asked what category the EV program would go into. CEO Syphers stated a lot of programs fit into more than one type and the car program is a good example of market transformation,

technology/hardware, and tools (i.e., demand response).

CM Williamson stated we shouldn't just restrict this to customer-based programs and that something complicated may be difficult to measure. He stated that the confidence factor in the measurement process is very important and that if we duplicate PG&E's existing programs, we have to be careful.

CM Brophy stated the four types cover just about everything. He doesn't see need for change. He stated he would like to focus more on individual programs for customers and the selection of programs. He stated that is where some prioritization could be put.

CEO stated that staff, the CAC and the Board are all going to be sensitive to different dynamics at any given time.

Public Comment:

June Brashares: stated that she thinks it would be good to have a measure across each of the categories such as cost per ton of greenhouse gas avoided.

Woody Hastings: stated he has used a multi-criteria decision making model and that member jurisdiction customers and engagement possibilities are important.

John Rosenblum: stated the draft methods are good, however, it is only part of what is needed for the resource plan. He stated that competitive costs are different from rates and it needs to be clarified. He stated there are numerous models which can be applied to the existing data.

Tom Conlin: stated he likes to see the emphasis on transformational programs and the way to success is working closely with the County climate action goals. He stated SCP needs to have long-term goals and to hold themselves accountable on progress over the next 10 to 20 years.

Chair Dowd stated this is a great start and he will be discussing with CEO Syphers on moving forward.

CM Mattinson asked about forming committees. CEO Syphers stated that a subcommittee can be formed at the next meeting.

### III. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

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

Public Comment:

Geoffrey Smith: suggested moving public comment to the beginning of agenda. He

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stated that the Center for Climate Protection has a very successful program of solar house parties in peoples' homes.

Jeff Mathias: stated he was asked to speak on behalf of Solar of Sonoma County and they offer a unique opportunity to SCP. He stated that the local vendors are the experts in rate schedules, fuel switching technology and integrating solar. He stated that they bring opportunities to the CAC to work with Solar Sonoma County. He stated as a local vendor we are supporting SCP 100% and would like to assist SCP in being successful as possible.

Chris Meyer: stated she is a solar customer since 2015 on the E6 rating schedule with PG&E and is working with Geoffrey Smith on hosting a house solar party. She stated that she encourages SCP to work with people and solar in the future.

Woody Hastings: stated on April 6 the CPUC is holding a voting meeting at Santa Rosa City Hall and on May 5 the Center for Climate Protection is holding a Business of Local Energy Symposium in Long Beach.

V, ADJOURN (11:40A.M.)

Respectfully submitted,

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