



**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 1, 2017**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dowd at 9:02 A.M.

Committee members present: Dowd, Beeler, Brophy, Mattinson, Williamson, Wells, Nicholls

Staff present: CEO Geof Syphers, General Counsel Steve Shupe, Internal Operations Manager, Stephanie Reynolds

Notice of Committee Member Renfro's resignation announced.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA  
(9:03A.M.)**

Chair Dowd reported on the Golden Hills groundbreaking ceremony. The new turbines will produce approximately 46 megawatts of energy and the project is endorsed by the Audubon Society because of the improved design of the turbines reducing bird strikes. Energy from Golden Hills will be online by the end of the year.

*CM Fenichel joined the meeting at 9:03 A.M.*

**III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR  
(9:07 A.M.)**

1. Review and approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Community Advisory Committee.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve: CM Nicholls

Seconded: CM Brophy

Motion approved 8-0-0

2. Receive Operations Report

Internal Operations Manager, Stephanie Reynolds, reported on continued outreach to Mendocino County during the rollout period and expressed thanks to staff for their time and travel. One recurring obstacle is residents' concern about power reliability and whether PG&E will continue to provide strong outage services. CEO Syphers stated that SCP is working to educate customers that PG&E will not change their good

services because of SCP. Outreach continues across the entire County into August, including print and radio ads.

Two new SCP team members were introduced, Program Manager Rachel Kuykendall and Intern Thomas Messier.

Public Comment: None

### 3. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Update

Chair Dowd stated appreciation of the format provided for review of current bills. CEO Syphers discussed the possibility of the White House pulling out of the Paris Climate Accord. Concern expressed on SB100, which aims for 100% renewable energy by 2045, but also could remove the ability to use hydropower from outside California.

SB618 has been modified, and now SCP is taking a neutral position. AB1405 (Mullen) of concern, concept good for renewable energy transition during peak periods, however, the language would introduce compliance risks and planning issues. Peninsula Clean Energy is leading the effort for more clarity and to harmonize with another bill proposed by Skinner.

CM Williamson asked about the formation of larger CCAs and who would be in charge of analysis and modeling of how much energy is needed. CEO Syphers noted the Center for Climate Protection has a website with a map of CA with CCA progression. There are four agencies involved in the process of analysis: California Air Resources Board, Cal ISO, the Energy Commission and the CPUC.

CM Mattinson asked about the relationship between the current Bradford bill (SB618) and the resource planning changes proposed by the CPUC. CEO Syphers spoke about the CPUC and Energy Commission's May 16<sup>th</sup> en banc on retail choice. Based on staff reports and comments to the public, the CPUC seems concerned about losing control over planning of statewide resources. Changes made to 618 to date, include the removal of language that impacted CCAs such as Integrated Resource Plans submitted to the CPUC would be for approval, but not certification.

CM Brophy reported on a recent visit to Sacramento for a CalChamber meeting where he was able to speak to staff regarding issues on pending legislation.

CM Beeler appreciated work on AB33, due to rapidly changing technology on electric vehicles.

Chair Dowd expressed the need to continue to work on legislation regarding Resource Adequacy (RA) reductions. Hopes CalCCA takes on that issue.

Regulatory Affairs Manager Neal Reardon reported on resource planning. The staff of the CPUC released a proposal in May providing what they think should be done during the resource planning process. The proposal would give the CPUC a lot of authority and treats any CCA with a specific minimum load the same as any IOU and also assigns allocation responsibility to the CPUC if there are shortfalls. This proposal is still at the staff level, not at the Commission, yet.

Regarding PCIA exit fees and the PAM proposal by PG&E, the proposal would negatively affect SCP customers and increase exit costs to CCA ratepayers by approximately 50%. Protests to the PAM were filed on 5/30 by SCP and CalCCA.

Public Comment:

Woody Hastings, on 5/19, SCP was well represented at the CPUC en banc by SCP and Jackson Family Wines. Asked if SCP and CalCCA were going to respond to the en banc. Neal Reardon stated the due date for questions/comments had not been posted as of the meeting date.

CM Brophy requested staff work on a Committee trip to the Cal ISO.

4. Review and make recommendation on the implementation of Drive EverGreen, electric vehicle program, Phase II. (9:55 A.M.)

Program Director Cordel Stillman provided a review of the first Drive EverGreen program. The total incentives claimed was \$602,000 + \$365,000 for charging stations. Phase II of the program is in progress with RFPs from dealerships due 6/2/17. There will continue to be minimum range requirements that match the average local commute for vehicles proposed to receive SCP incentives. The California State incentive of \$2,500 may not be available for much longer.

CEO Syphers asked the Committee two questions, 1) if the overall proposed budget is acceptable and, 2) if lowering the amount of incentives would be acceptable.

Chair Dowd expressed concern regarding the amount of the reduction of incentives.

CM Fenichel asked about the availability of vehicles. CEO Syphers stated as this is Phase II, dealers are more familiar with the program and should be prepared, but ultimately, SCP cannot control dealer shortage issues. Cordel Stillman stated in the previous phase, dealers were able to deliver a car after the expiration date, as long as signing was done during the program dates.

CM Williamson stated the amount budgeted appeared rational, but does not see any reports on greenhouse gas emissions, which is the basic purpose of the program. Stillman referred the committee to the

evaluation of the pilot program, posted on SCP's website.

CM Nicholls supported Chair Dowd's recommendation to not lower the incentive quite as much. He also asked about working with electricians for the installations of chargers. Stillman stated as a government agency, there are limitations on steering the public to one vendor vs. another.

CM Mattinson supported the concept and budget allocations and was impressed by the report on the pilot phase. He expressed concern on long-term greenhouse gas savings being estimated for car leases.

CM Brophy supported the proposal, but asked if the incentive could be raised. CEO Syphers stated the current budget would serve about 650 vehicles and 850 level II chargers.

CM Beeler discussed the benefit of lowering incentives to see the impacts. He would like to see the incentives increased on chargers, as SCP benefits from the users, no matter which electric vehicle is purchased. CM Wells agreed on both counts.

CM Williamson asked about research on the impact of incentives. CEO Syphers stated the market is changing too rapidly so research is not current.

CM Fenichel stated the need to see more research and did not feel the dollar amount of incentives is the issue, as long as some type of incentive is provided.

Chair Dowd invited input from Jim Bone, of Jim Bone Nissan, who was present in the audience. Mr. Bone stated that dealers should be included in the planning stages. He also stated that FERA customers do not need a larger credit. He stated the state of California is slated to run out of rebate funds by the end of the month. He reported there is a surplus of used cars in the market and strongly encouraged aiming lower-income buyers to those lower priced cars. It was also stated that the dollar amount of the incentive is very important as it lowers the overall monthly payment, a factor most buyers focus on.

Public Comment:

Woody Hastings suggested that a package of materials regarding solar benefits be provided to dealers to show the way customers may utilize solar with electric vehicles.

June Brashares appreciated the support of used vehicles. When presenting to the Board, it would be helpful to show other implied program costs, including administration, marketing, education and how much of the overall program budget is allocated to this specific program.

Motion to recommend staff program plan as modified with slightly higher incentives than presented and maintaining demand response incentives

while including input from local dealers by CM Williamson  
Seconded by CM Wells  
Motion approved: 8-0-0

**Break at 10:41 A.M.**

**Reconvened at 10:48 A.M.**

5. Review and recommend contract with the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) to provide an educational program.

Program Director Cordel Stillman reviewed the presentation provided at a previous meeting by Ryan Pedrotti of SCWA. The contract is under negotiations and would be for approximately \$275,000. Any current work is being done under a previous technical services contract with SCWA. A revised scope includes a program for elementary school students. An SCP educational component would be added to the current curriculum and a new program developed by SCWA for energy education.

CEO Syphers added that this type of program helps reduce the future risk of opt-outs, which is always a concern for CCAs. Establishing local pride for SCP and other CCAs is an overall benefit, as well.

CM Williamson asked for a breakdown of what the \$275,000 is spent on and how the success of the program is to be evaluated. Stillman stated the funds are mostly staff and development costs, classroom site visits and the number of students reached is tracked annually. There is also a teacher survey done, which is a good evaluation tool.

CM Nicholls asked about the schools included and if Mendocino County would be reached. Director Stillman stated the schools apply to be included in the program, and yes, SCP's entire service area is to be included.

CM Fenichel asked about the line item on PG&E bills for conservation programs and if SCP receives any of those funds. CEO Syphers stated that currently, no, as the rules and restrictions on the use of that money are onerous. SCP's new Program Manager, Rachel Kuykendall, does have experience with that type of funding and we may take advantage of those funds in the future.

CM Wells asked if the Water Agency educational program would be integrated with SCP's proposed program. Stillman stated the program would be completely separate, presented on separate dates. CM Wells also asked about staff billing rates and how much of the budget is delegated to each task. A breakdown would show what tasks matter the most.

CM Brophy appreciates that the programs will not overlap. Programs

Director Stillman stated that SCWA staff would be presenting on SCP's behalf. They are trained educators and have experience in school programs.

CM Beeler agreed with the need for a clearer budget list in the contract. He also asked for more information on the number of students involved and the range of students reached.

Chair Dowd concurred with the other committee members regarding a better defined budget on tasks in the contract.

Public Comment: None

Motion to recommend contract with suggested changes including an hourly rate schedule, breakdown of budget by task, estimation of students and including deliverables by CM Mattinson

Seconded by CM Brophy

Motion approved: 8-0-0

#### **IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:18 A.M.)**

CEO Syphers stated he plans on asking the Board of Directors for direction on the replacement of CM Renfro, including the option of waiting until the regular cycle of appointments.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT (11:20 A.M.)**

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Stephanie Reynolds,  
Internal Operations Manager