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SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 11, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dowd at 9:01a.m.

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

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

None

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

Motion to approve: CM Nicholls
Seconded: CM Williamson
Motion approved: 8-0-0

2. Receive Operations Report

Internal Operations Manager Stephanie Reynolds updated the Committee on Mendocino outreach and provided information on customer participation. She stated that SCP added its name to the "We Are Still In" movement regarding the Paris Climate Agreement and updated the Committee on member Peter Renfro's resignation, which leaves 10 members on the Committee. She stated that the Board and staff agreed to start recruitment efforts for new CAC members in September with them taking office in January of 2018.

CEO Syphers stated SCP is working on getting better return on investments and movement of the reserves into the County Investment Pool will increase the return. As a result of that

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move, the banks we do business with are matching the County's rate of return.

CEO Syphers stated 572 chargers have sold through the Clean Charge Program He stated that the next program for discounts on electric vehicles begins Aug. 8 and will include 8 models.

CM Williamson asked the status of the floating solar project. Power Services Manager Rebecca Simonson stated the power purchase agreements are each in a different stage. She stated one has gone through the permitting process and has a signed interconnection agreement. She stated PG&E is working on upgrades to the line at the Sonoma Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant and that site is expected to be online by 2018. She stated there is a 7MW project at Airport Wastewater Treatment Plant in the interconnection process. She stated it failed independent review because there were other applications on that same line. We may have an interconnection agreement by November. She stated that the design phase is going on concurrently with SCWA and there are two other PPAs that are in an extended interconnection process that is anticipated to go online in 2019.

CM Brophy asked about investment accounts with the County and if only reserves are involved. CEO Syphers stated yes. CM Brophy asked if funds for programs can be withdrawn quickly. General Counsel Steve Shupe stated it varies by the amount being withdrawn, but is reasonably accessible.

CM Nicholls commented that in November we had an issue with SCP customers billed incorrectly and it is happening again. Director of Customer Service Erica Torgerson stated that in September and October PG&E upgraded their billing system which created a problem with the transfer of data. It affected bills but has been fixed. She stated occasionally there are errors if we do not get PG&E usage in time and bills go out without our charges. We are working to resolve this. She stated that PG&E is going to expand the bill window from 3 to 10 days which eliminate nearly all of these errors.

CM Beeler stated that public good might come from investing with banks. CEO Syphers stated the County is invested in things such as the SCEIP Loan Program as well as other low-risk investments. He stated a goal would be to eventually find ways to match inflation.

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Public Comment:
None

3. Review and recommend proposed Second Addendum to contract for Data Manager Services with Calpine

Director of Customer Service Erica Torgerson stated the contract was negotiated over the last year with CEO Syphers, herself and Calpine's management team. She stated that because it took over a year to negotiate, Calpine provided an amendment to reduce the price we pay per account early in the process, rather than waiting for the final updated scope. She stated the contract is not new and essentially reflects the actual work that Calpine does for SCP today. She stated that outside of buying power, this is the biggest line item in the budget and, with Mendocino County included, costs approximately \$270,000 per month. She stated changes in the contract are to provide better metrics for the call center and to provide an outline if we decide to bring the services in-house. She stated we have one internal call representative and SCP is the only CCA to do this so far. SCP added a requirement for Calpine to do a SOC financial audit that should be completed next year.

Chair Dowd asked about data management and is there any sense of conflicts about Calpine's position being an energy provider. CEO Syphers stated at a high level he does not see an opportunity for conflict because Calpine is not involved in any aspect that would affect the value of the energy they are selling us. He stated that they are taking meter data from PG&E and matching it up with rates we provide and processing the billing.

Chair Dowd stated that Vice Chair Deicke expressed support for the contract via email.

CM Williamson asked about the handling of net metering data. Director Torgerson stated a bigger problem is data from PG&E not being accurate and not having the correct adjustments.

CM Brophy asked if Noble changed when purchased by Calpine, if Calpine was the only company that does this, is the charge high and what is the possibility of handling these services in-house. Director Torgerson stated Calpine is the only company that is currently providing this service and we could theoretically bring it in-house, but it would add enormous complexity, risk and an approximately doubling of staff to cover the workload. CEO Syphers stated the price was fair, but that we should

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expect to continue to see small reductions in the future as competition for this service increases.

CM Beeler asked about auditing of Calpine and what organization checks PG&E. CEO Syphers stated our accountant reconciles totals by the month for all energy sold and makes sure that it matches what was billed. However, the SOC 1 audit provides a much more detailed audit of each individual transaction to understand where there may be minor errors in the transfer of data or bill preparation, for example.

CM Wells stated he supports this and noticed the automatic extension in January and it will be useful to have a similar report next year for comparison.

Chair Dowd asked about different types of rate payers and is there any movement within CalCCA to reduce the number of customer rate types. CEO Syphers stated the problem is the CPUC is setting the stage for those rates for the IOUs and if we decreased the number of rate types it would not do much to help, since all customers would still have the existing rate type for their delivery charges from PG&E.

Motion to approve the Second Addendum for Data Manager Services by CM Brophy
Second: CM Wells
Motion approved: 8-0-0

Public Comment:
None

4. Receive report on Zero Net Energy RFP results

Programs Manager Rachel Kuykendall updated the Committee on the RFP, zero net energy and fuel switching. She stated the plan was to develop a bench of consultants to draw upon as needed under a master agreement. She stated that 30 responses were received which had been narrowed down to five companies, Center for Sustainable Energy, DNV-GL, Frontier Energy, New Buildings Institute and Tierra Resource Consultants. CEO Syphers stated these consultants will be a resource for us to design programs and the advantage of having good quality firms under a master agreement is that work can be requested as needed, and without delay.

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Chair Dowd stated Vice Chair Deicke stated via email that he would like to utilize local consultants and hire locally.

CM Williamson stated expertise is more important than to get local consultants.

CM Wells asked about tiers and if the contracts go to the Board. CEO Syphers stated that anything up to \$100,000 is within staff authority, however, if a contract was below that level, but related to a long-term effort, it would be brought to the CAC and then Board.

Public Comment:

June Brashares: asked for the list of the 30 respondents.

5. Discuss and make recommendations on the Programs Strategic Action Plan

Manager Kuykendall stated that Programs has been working on developing a strategic action plan and the value is keeping us more accountable and being able to identify priorities as well as helping determine what metrics are important to programs. She stated the team has identified eight strategies and asked for feedback and stated the goal is to have this completed in a six-month period.

CEO Syphers stated this is an adjunct to the program evaluation process that is underway and is the strategic guiding document that says why are we pursuing a program and how does it fit in with our objectives and what should we be aiming toward.

CM Wells suggested using the language "test and evaluate" rather than "promote" on Page 74, Strategy 7.

CM Beeler stated that he hopes taxis and electric buses will be considered and that demand response is important, as well. He stated he is in favor of Strategy 2 and asked how we balance this without increasing demand. CEO Syphers stated that increasing mid-day and early afternoon load in the summer by 2020 will be a big win for the grid because marginal solar is currently being sent to Arizona for less than zero value during many months. CM Beeler stated that Strategy 7 should use the word "appropriate" in front of New Technologies.

CM Mattinson asked if there is intended to be a methodology for prioritizing or evaluating one strategy against the other. CEO Syphers stated we will try to prioritize and fix what we get wrong and continue to improve. He stated that he does not see a problem with prioritizing but he sees a problem with setting specific long-

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term targets unless they are updated frequently, as the world is changing rapidly.

CM Brophy suggested classification or metrics might be helpful in terms of what each program is trying to achieve.

CM Como asked about public outreach and what is the thought on public input. CEO Syphers stated today is the first conversation and we could invite stakeholders to these meetings and specifically tell them we will be discussing something of interest to them.

CM Williamson stated it is difficult to get ratepayer participation and it would be good to have a survey. He stated regarding ranking, measurement cannot be done in a definitive sense. He stated that Strategies 2 and 4 seem like they are related and with Strategy 4, asked why should it be proliferated. CM Williamson stated that the confidence of each measurement must be taken into consideration and it would be good to clarify the meaning of the word, "promote."

CM Brophy stated before the CAC was created there was some funding to conduct surveys or evaluations and asked if this still exists. Counsel Shupe stated that money is set aside for situations in which the Committee thought staff was going sideways and needed an independent way to have funding for an analysis.

Public Comment:

June Brashares: stated these were developed to get us to this point and for the public it would be helpful to put it in context. She stated measures and scoring of evaluations would be useful.

Chair Dowd stated the purpose of the document is inclusivity. He recommended we follow that rule and then supplement with measuring tools, how you evaluate, etc.

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dowd stated that at the last Board meeting he realized we have some work to do in blending with Mendocino. CEO Syphers stated by the meeting in December, we may have Mendocino members on the Committee and then the January 2018 meeting could kick off with background and education as well as look at a potential adjustment relative to a new Power Charge Indifference Adjustment fees for the year.

CM Brophy asked for an update about the Resource Plan. Director of Power Services Deb Emerson stated the PUC has

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come out with a proposal which recommends we follow certain guidelines and models. She stated SCP is going ahead and putting forth our own plan based on the Marin model.

V. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at 10:49a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Braiden Gugel

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Executive Assistant