



**MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dowd at 9:03 a.m.

Committee members present: Chair Dowd, Fenichel, Nicholls, Williamson, Mattinson and Beeler

Staff present: Chief Executive Officer Geof Syphers, General Counsel Steve Shupe and Director of Internal Operations Stephanie Reynolds

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Laura Neish, Executive Director of 350 Bay Area stated that 350 Bay Area and 350 Sonoma are working on rebuilding, incentivizing the rebuilding of homes and processing final costs. She asked what SCP is working on and for ideas on how the process can be simplified.

Charles Cormany, Executive Director of Efficiency First California stated he is a big proponent of electrification and this is an opportunity to build better performing houses and go electric.

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Review and approve the September 21, 2017 meeting minutes of the Community Advisory Committee

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the September 21, 2017 meeting minutes of the Community Advisory Committee by CM Nicholls

Second: CM Mattinson

Motion approved: 5-0-1 (CM Williamson abstained)

Newly elected CAC members Joel Chaban and Helen Sizemore introduced themselves.

2. Receive Operations Report

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations stated that the Board formed an ad hoc to donate \$1 million towards fire relief assistance and that SCP has been working with the County of Sonoma, the City of Santa Rosa and staff from Mendocino County on recovery efforts. CEO Syphers stated he is helping staff the ad hoc committee for fire relief and it has a

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tentative goal of trying to support net zero efforts and making those efforts broader than just the burned areas. He stated SCP is working with the County, the City of Santa Rosa and our sister agencies to coordinate.

CM Williamson asked what can be done right now. CEO Syphers stated charging stations are being offered and SCP Programs staff are working on a grant that could provide funding to create a physical storefront for home electrification and energy efficient products and ideas.

Chair Dowd stated that a lot of the reconstruction in subdivisions will be public construction and asked if SCP is discussing funds. CEO Syphers stated that a lot depends on FEMA but that public infrastructure is a major focus.

CM Beeler stated he appreciates SCP's approach and suggested car sharing and heat pumps.

CM Nicholls stated he hopes that broadband lines will be included in these neighborhoods.

Director Reynolds stated the ad hoc for CAC recruitment nominated applicants Helen Sizemore, Joel Chaban and Dick Dowd beginning in January and the public and the Board asked for two more members to be added along with a non-voting student member.

CEO Syphers presented departing members Beeler and Williamson with a thank you letter from SCP.

Director Reynolds updated the CAC on Drive Evergreen and stated the Program being extended for an additional month was a big benefit and the current number is about 450 purchases and leases.

She updated the CAC on the financial statements and noted the outside Financial audit for the past fiscal year was voted on and accepted by the Board at the last meeting.

CEO Syphers stated that staff continues to slowly grow to bring more work in house, and one long-term economic option for office space could include purchasing a building. CM Williamson asked about real estate and General Counsel Steve Shupe stated that statute defines what investments public agencies can put money into and believes real estate could be feasible.

CM Fenichel asked if there was a portfolio for the investment money and CEO Syphers stated SCP has the County Investment Pool and money in the bank and they both earn approximately 1.3%.

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CM Nicholls asked for an update on the Golden Hills project. Rebecca Simonson, Power Services Manager stated the project went online and is doing a good job of generating electricity in the evening hours. CEO Syphers stated the developer notes that the technology is known to reduce bird mortality by 90%.

CM Williamson asked about floating solar. Manager Simonson stated there are four projects and one has been approved and signed and the results of that recommendation will be published. She stated she expects the remaining projects to go forward in Spring of 2018.

Public comment: None

3. Receive State Legislative and Regulatory updates

Neal Reardon, Regulatory Affairs Manager updated the CAC on the PCIA ruling and how CalCCA worked with the utilities to identify what needed to be agreed on. He stated this was submitted to the judge who largely sided with SCP. CEO Syphers stated information will be under a heavy NDA. Manager Reardon updated the CAC on the Commission's proceedings and stated the main issue is the Commission is considering ordering early procurement. He stated the determination should come out in January. CEO Syphers stated that a bill in Sacramento would require accelerated purchase of solar in a compressed timeframe and SCP is asking for a longer timeframe and to include all renewable technologies.

CM Mattinson asked about the IOUs. Manager Reardon stated SCP submitted its plan for compliance and the CPUC told utilities to stop buying and gave them permission to go out and sell excess renewables. Counsel Shupe stated the at PG&E ERA forecast proceeding, where PG&E applies for approval for the PCIA rate for the next year, SCP challenged the testimony of PG&E, which included large gaps in data and calculations. He stated that motion, as well as the proposed decision granting their PCIA rates have not come out yet. He stated that if there is a decision before January 1 then the PCIA rate will not change.

CEO Syphers stated it is expected that SB100 will define a date when California is expected to be 100% renewable and the regionalization of the ISO will likely be back in the legislature in 2018. He stated there is an increasing effort for the State to step-in and support electric vehicles.

Kate Kelly, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing stated that SCP has turned its attention to educating our local electives on issues that will be coming up in the next year and fire relief recovery.

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CM Williamson asked about the PCIA and if there is help from other CCAs. Counsel Shupe stated CalCCA hired an outside attorney and other CCAs regulatory staff and counsel are participating in the meetings.

Public comment: None

4. Review and provide recommendation on possible budget and rates adjustment

CEO Syphers updated and gave background to the CAC on the proposed conditional adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget. He stated this is a proposed rate adjustment that would become effective only if (a) at least one of the common rate classes see savings of less than one percent, and (b) there is sufficient budget capacity to do so without changing our financial policy. He stated what is proposed is a sequence and the first step from the budget standpoint is to make sure cleaner data is obtained which we will start having in late December and this will inform how much room there will be in the budget to make a rate adjustment. He stated the steps are to adjust the revenues and expenses based on the fire and then limit the planned contributions to reserves to 4% and then take reductions to specific line items in the budget. He stated the concept is to have an automatic rate change that would go into effect March 1.

CM Williamson asked about profit and CEO Syphers stated there was not a big impact to renewable output with the fires and the past summer was much hotter than forecasted and impacts of both the fires and the summer should roughly balance out. He stated the proposal is to adopt a process which would create an automatic rate change under certain conditions up to certain limitations, but bring the specific budget adjustment for the rate change to the Board in January.

Public comment: None

Motion to recommend a conditional rate and budget adjustment to the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget as outlined in Item 4 by CM Mattinson

Second: CM Williamson

Motion approved: 6-0-0

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Member Nicholls thanked staff and the Board for adopting the

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\$1 million contribution for fire relief.

V. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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