



**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, March 1, 2018**

50 Santa Rosa Avenue, Fifth Floor, Santa Rosa, California

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamburg at 8:45 a.m.

Present: Chair Hamburg, Directors Peters, Bagby, Ahanotu, Herrington, Slayter and Okrepkie

Staff: Geof Syphers, CEO and Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve February 1, 2018 minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors meeting

Motion to approve the February 1, 2018 minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors by Director Bagby
Second: Director Ahanotu

Public Comment: None

Motion approved: 7-0-0

Director Hopkins arrived at 8:48 a.m.

III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations provided an update on customer statistics.

Rachel Kuykendall, Programs Manager provided an update on SCP winning the California Energy Commission Grant.

Director Kearney arrived at 8:56 a.m.

CEO Syphers asked the Board for a change in the previously approved Advanced Energy Rebuild Incentive Program budget and stated there has been progress on creating an enterprise finance district that could potentially be County-wide and may be used as a model to reach out to the other four counties that have also been impacted by fires.

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Director Reynolds provided an update on the Energy Education Program and the budget planning process and timeline for 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Public Comment: None

3. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Update

Katherine Brandenburg, Lobbyist provided an update on legislation and stated SCP has tagged over 90 pieces of legislation to determine which are priority. There are currently over 60 pieces of legislation regarding fire issues. CEO Syphers thanked Senators McGuire and Dodd for running a four-county fire relief legislative task force. He stated staff will likely come to the next Board meeting with a proposed position on AB 813.

Kate Kelly, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing announced the Annual Legislative Reception of the Sonoma County Alliance on March 22.

Public Comment: None

Director Tibbetts arrived at 9:15 a.m.

CEO Syphers provided an update on the PCIA negotiations and some of the options being discussed, such as refinancing contracts at a lower cost. He also stated that the Integrated Resource Plan is going through a process that has been delayed and a draft plan will be brought to the Board by early summer.

Public Comment: None

4. Approve Legislative Policy

CEO Syphers provided an update on the SCPA Legislative Policy that will provide further direction to staff on engaging in legislative activities and asked for approval of the policy.

Director Ahanotu requested language in #8 to include the word "disasters" so that this platform covers possible future disasters of other types.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the SCPA Legislative Policy by Director Kearney
Second: Director Okrepkie
Motion approved: 10-0-0

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5. Adopt Revised Financial Policy B.2, governing reserves

CEO Syphers provided an update on the revision to Financial Policy B.2 on operating and program reserves and explained staff's proposal.

Director Harrington asked that the CAC review the policy and make a recommendation to the Board.

Public Comment:

Paul Brophy stated that it is good to have a rationale for targets and he likes the opportunity for the CAC to review the policy prior to it going to the Board. He asked about the collateral fund.

CEO Syphers stated the collateral reserve target is of available cash and that after some number of years we might be returning money from the collateral reserve into the general budget.

Public Comment: None

CEO Syphers proposed to bring this item to the CAC first for review and a recommendation to the Board, then back to the Board for ratification.

Motion to approve the Revised Financial Policy first be brought to the Community Advisory Committee for input and then back to the Board for adoption by Director Peters

Second: Ahanotu

Motion approved: 10-0-0

Director Harrington left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

6. Approve changes to the Advanced Energy Rebuild Program

CEO Syphers and Manager Kuykendall provided background on and recommended three changes in program incentives for new construction on residential homes in areas affected by the Sonoma County wildfires.

Director Hopkins suggested contacting Tipping Point as a potential source of funding.

Public Comment:

Dick Dowd stated that Rebuild of Sonoma County would like to see the homes be more efficient but do not want unmanageable conditions on the homeowners and it is necessary to convince the building community that there will be funds to cover this in a phased way.

Bill Mattinson stated the builders, homeowners and architects that take advantage of this early will be the big winners.

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June Brashares asked about the commitment to EverGreen and how the \$5,000 incentive is being developed.

CEO Syphers stated the local renewable energy bonus of \$5,000 applies to two different options which are putting solar on your home with a battery or signing up and making the 20-year commitment to the parcel and prepay the estimated premium on EverGreen.

Director Okrepkie asked about Journey's End and if they can apply for this.

CEO Syphers stated this will be researched and brought back to the Board.

Director Slayter asked for outreach to the Carpenters Union 751.

Motion to approve the adjustment in the Advanced Energy Rebuild incentives for new construction on residential homes in areas affected by the Sonoma County wildfires by Director Kearney

Second: Director Peters

Motion approved: 9-0-0

7. Approve accounts receivable write-offs and re-payment for customers affected by the October wildfires

Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service provided an update on write-offs and re-payment for customers affected by the wildfires. She requested action on the approval of accounts receivable balance write-offs for customers affected in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and requested approval to work with PG&E to return payments to customers who paid outstanding electric bills after losing their property to the fires in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve accounts receivable balance write-offs for customers affected by the October wildfires in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 and to approve to work with PG&E to return payments to customers who paid outstanding electric bills after losing their property to the fires in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 by Director Kearney

Second: Director Okrepkie

Motion approved: 9-0-0

IV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Hopkins mentioned she and Director Tibbetts would be happy to meet with anyone to discuss the housing initiative and zero net energy.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

None

VI. ADJOURN (10:31 a.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Braiden Gugel

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Executive Assistant/Clerk