



**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, May 3, 2018**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hamburg at 8:46 a.m.

Present: Chair Hamburg, Directors Peters, Bagby, Harrington, Hopkins, Slayter, Landman, King (for Kearney) and Okrepkie

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

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve April 5, 2018 minutes of the SCPA Board of Directors meeting

Motion to approve the April 5, 2018 minutes by Director Landman  
Second: Director Okrepkie

Public Comment: None

Motion approved: 7-0-2

**III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

2. Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report

Director of Internal Operations, Stephanie Reynolds reported on the hiring of a new Program Manager, the continuation of an open recruitment for General Counsel, the status of the purchase of a new office building, and on a variety of active programs such as ProFIT, NetGreen and Advanced Energy Rebuild.

Kate Kelly, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing showed two new SCP commercials featuring CEO Geof Syphers.

The financial reports for March were not available for the May meeting and will be presented in June to the Board.

Public Comment: None

3. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Update

SCP Lobbyist Kate Brandenburg was present and updated the Board on bills SCP is actively monitoring. She reported on the Governor and Attorney General's lawsuit against the President for removing the clean car standards. Director Harrington asked about a weekly call of about 15 people that Kate participates in with the County and City of Santa Rosa regarding wildfire-related issues and legislation. Chair Hamburg asked if PG&E is held liable for the fire, what can we expect the ramifications to Sonoma Clean Power to be. CEO Syphers stated SCP may not be impacted much, but the energy markets and customers may be affected by fees and increased rates. SCP is not taking a position at this time on any legal actions. SCP can work with the utilities and CPUC on undergrounding utility lines in the future. Kate Brandenburg stated that most likely PG&E will not be allowed to financially fail and that the State would assist in some way.

Director Harrington asked about the cost of transmission and restoring power, can we anticipate when PG&E will ask the CPUC for an increase in rates for rate recovery. CEO Syphers stated the real question is inverse condemnation, or the principal that if there isn't an insurance policy in place to cover a disaster of this scale, is the utility responsible for all costs, regardless of fault. Director Hopkins asked to what extent are previous disasters such as the San Diego fires being looked at for responses that worked well. Director Peters stated that Fort Bragg has ongoing issues with above-ground transmission and power loss. In the past they have had long power outages and approached PG&E about undergrounding transmission lines, but the utility stated high costs would be passed on to ratepayers.

Director Bagby stated that there are a number of pieces of legislation that harken back to previous disasters and are trying to improve responses and how to deal with the aftermath.

Kate Brandenburg reviewed the distributed list of bills and provided updates on each. CEO Syphers asked for a recommendation of support for AB 2127 (Ting). AB2208 (Aguiar-Curry) is currently opposed unless amended due to mandates requiring purchase of geothermal from a specific area in the Salton Sea, and not allowing competition. CEO Syphers asked for a position of opposition unless amended on AB 2693 (Quirk), which proposes long-term contracts for natural gas power.

Director King asked about SB 1014, are we still in a position of support. CEO Syphers stated yes, and that this bill was amended to only affect fleet vehicles, not individual owner/drivers.

Director Slayter asked about SB 1088, is it only targeted to major fire events and no other disasters, such as earthquakes? CEO Syphers stated it appears to be fire-focused, but there may be other general provisions in the

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language. Director Slayter expressed concern about smaller cities/entities/utilities dealing with large natural disasters.

Public Comment:

Paul Brophy – Commented on AB2693 and the status of untapped geothermal energy and developments in the Salton Sea area.

Motion by Director Landman to take a position of support on AB 2127 (support) and opposition, unless amended on AB 2693, as directed by staff.  
Seconded by Director King  
Motion approved 9-0-0

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs updated the Board on PCIA proceedings at the CPUC. Five days of hearings on the PCIA will be held next week. The judge stated he plans to issue a decision in July.

Public Comment on PCIA-related issues: None

4. Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Directors to assist in interviewing candidates during the General Counsel recruitment

CEO Syphers gave background on the timeline of the recruitment and the need for Board direction for the final steps of the hiring process. Chair Hamburg suggested the Board appoint a representative from each county and Director Harrington because of her legal expertise. Director Peters declined due to schedule conflicts over the next month. Director Slayter expressed interest.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Director Peters to appoint Chair Hamburg, Vice Chair Landman and Director Harrington to the Ad Hoc Committee  
Second: Director King  
Motion approved: 9-0-0

5. Review and Approve the proposed FY 18/19 annual budget

CEO Syphers presented the budget and also discussed rates, which were voted on separately as Item #6. The presented budget had not changed from previously presented versions. Community Advisory Committee Chair Dick Dowd stated the version being presented was unanimously supported by the CAC.

Chair Hamburg asked about the amount of energy generated from rooftop solar systems. CEO Syphers stated the data is hard to obtain because it is not separately metered, but staff is working on obtaining data that could

allow a good estimate. Chair Hamburg also asked about total payouts for NetGreen premium payouts and how they are calculated.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the FY 18/19 Annual Budget by Director Okrepkie  
Second by Director Landman  
Motion approved: 9-0-0

6. Review and approve proposed FY 18/19 customer rates, effective July 1, 2018

Discussion on the verification of rates and calculations.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve by Director Okrepkie  
Second: Director Hopkins  
Motion approved: 9-0-0

#### **IV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following events were noted: Windsor Day Parade, the opening of the Coastal Trail in Fort Bragg, the opening of the Sonoma Farmers Market on Tuesdays and the Cinco de Mayo celebration in Roseland.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

CEO Syphers spoke on the CPUC staff's "Green Book" which was released the day of the meeting. The book is regarding CPUC staff's concerns on the effect of CCA's and rooftop solar on the power industry and effects on service. Staff will be researching the book further and reporting back to the Board.

Stephanie Reynolds noted SCP's 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of service to customers, which was May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT 10:06 AM**

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephanie Reynolds  
Director of Internal Operations