I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dowd at 1:01 P.M.

Committee members present: Dowd, Fenichel, Quinlan, Sizemore, Wells, Brophy, Nicholls and Como

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Andy Ferguson, member of Friends of the Climate Action Plan of the City of Santa Rosa stated that the City Council of Santa Rosa passed a resolution to have a study session concerning full electrification of homes based on public safety and general movement away from natural gas. He strongly encourages SCP to help coordinate with the entities involved.

Tom Amato, Chair of Oakmont Democratic Club stated support for the recommendation made by Andy Ferguson.

Chris Thompson, Stated support for Andy Ferguson and reiterated support for all electric homes, and SCP helping lead a study session.

Steven Pierce, Sebastopol resident, stated support for Andy Fergusons statement and encouraged stronger marketing efforts

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

1. Review and approve the April 17, 2018 meeting minutes of the Community Advisory Committee

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the April 17, 2018 meeting minutes of the Community Advisory Committee by CM Brophy

Second: CM Como

Motion approved: 6-0-2 (CMs Sizemore, Brophy abstained)
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2. Receive Operations Report

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations introduced new staff member Chad Asay, Programs Manager. He was hired to plan and implement our lead locally grant. She also provided an update on the building purchase and stated that SCP is in final negotiations and hoping to close the deal by the end of June.

Chair Dowd asked about expected timeframe for building occupancy. Director Reynolds estimated occupancy in about two years after extensive renovation. CM Brophy asked about board room in new building. CEO Syphers stated that designing a sufficient board room is a key criteria for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Director Reynolds stated that sufficient parking, solar panels and EV charging stations are all being addressed in RFQ.

Kate Kelly, Director of Public Affairs and Marketing announced SCP has three new commercials and presented two during the meeting. She stated that there is a brand refinement that will be debuting in the month of July.

Director Reynolds gave updates on programs and financial statements. The Advance Energy Rebuild program has increased interest and there are applications in process. She stated financial statements are close to budget.

CM Brophy asked for clarification on how many ProFit projects broke ground and how many megawatts each generates. He would like to see more push towards EverGreen. Nelson Lomeli, Programs Specialist stated that two different ProFit projects broke ground but are the same developer and are both under a megawatt.

CEO Syphers asked for help in encouraging our cities to change some of their accounts to EverGreen. Chair Dowd stated that elected officials do not like to add cost but that it is the cheapest way to reach state mandates to reduce GHG.

CM Nicholls thanked Erica Torgerson Director of Customer Service for presenting to the city of Cazadero.

CEO Syphers stated Sonoma is the only city signed up for EverGreen. He stated that he will supply information and materials to help committee members encourage EverGreen for their cities.

CM Sizemore stated that she had heard from people in Mendocino County that changing to EverGreen would more than double their electricity bill. Director Torgerson stated that for an average residential customer it increases your bill by $13 or 11%. She stated that on our website customers can compare their average usage with EverGreen using the joint rate comparison.

Public Comment:  
Steven Pierce, City of Sebastopol, stated he is happy to hear ProFit is fully subscribed and would like to see it grow more towards rooftop projects. He feels that EverGreen is not the best option for cities in terms of bang for the buck.
3. Receive State Legislative and Regulatory updates

CEO Syphers highlighted SB 1088 which has wording that SCP is fighting against. Some progress has been made. He also highlighted AB 2726 which proposes to move to an hourly accounting of greenhouse gas emissions but also tries to block imported hydro by requiring that any hydropower brought in from outside California to be reported as an unspecified emission which is misleading comparing it to natural gas.

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs gave an update on PCIA progress. He stated that the judge will release a proposed decision in late July.

CEO Syphers discussed a letter drafted by CalCCA that was sent to lawmakers about California Customer Choice Analysis dubbed the Green Book. He stated the intent of the letter was to push back on incorrect and misleading statements.

CM Sizemore asked from what political side the legislative support for CCA-related bills comes from. CEO Syphers stated that CCA support and opposition has almost no direct relation to either Democrats or Republicans.

4. Recommend Drive EV incentives on electric cars

Nelson Lomeli, Programs Specialist presented the proposal for the Drive EV 3.0 program incentives. He stated the program will be running from August 1 - November 16, 2018 and the CARE/FERA incentive is higher this time because data demonstrates the need to increase the incentives for lower-income customers.

CM Nicholls stated PG&E will be offering a three thousand dollar rebate on Nissan Leafs and praised Nelson Lomeli for asking Nissan for the same or greater rebate for Drive EV 3.0.

Chair Dowd stated he would like to see some definition of what the 10 million dollars in savings consists of. Nelson Lomeli stated that a dashboard and evaluation report with all information is located on the SCP website for past Drive EV programs.

CM Como recommends looking into allowing customers to buy EVs from private parties to save customers money.

CM Fenichel asked if dealers have been expanded for Drive EV 3.0

Nelson Lomeli, stated SCP reached out to dealers in Sonoma County and Mendocino County and also allowed dealers within the city limits of Ukiah and Healdsburg to participate. SCP received 14 proposals from Sonoma County and none from Mendocino County. We are currently working on contracts with dealerships.

CM Quinlan, stated he supports the decision to increase incentives for CARE/FERA customers. He would like to see more support to low-income customers by increasing EV chargers in multi-family complexes. CEO Syphers responded that low-income folks also have challenges on obtaining credit to lease vehicles.
CM Brophy asked if free chargers are being included in the program. Nelson Lomeli stated the EV charger program proposal will be included at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Andy Ferguson, Member of Electric Auto Association for the North Bay stated that as EV ranges increase, emphases on charging at home increases. He stated the need for public support for public charging stations to draw in more tourists and commuters.

Steven Pierce, stated support for the increase CARE/FERA incentives and is concerned that this will be the last Drive EV program.

CEO Syphers stated that it is the last year for now because SCP can be most effective when running a few large scale programs at one time. SCP has big programs starting soon focused more on infrastructure. He stated another reason is that people are waiting for our incentives to buy which can hurt the EV market locally.

CM Nicolls supports public level 3 chargers being installed.

CM Fenichel stated idea to have individuals go through dealer for incentive in order to get cars from other counties. CEO Syphers stated that he believes that it is beneficial to use Sonoma and Mendocino County dealerships because the sales tax generated through purchases benefit the local economy.

CM Sizemore stated that all Tesla chargers installed in Mendocino County came with agreement to install universal chargers, which has not happened.

Motion to approve the recommendation to the SCP Board of Directors for the Drive EV incentives on electric cars in agenda by CM Nicholls

Second: CM Wells

Motion approved: 8-0-0

5. Recommend approval of contract with Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE) for services during Drive EV program

Nelson Lomeli presented the administration and implementation contract with CSE for the Drive EV program. He stated that CSE has managed the program for the past two years and SCP is extremely satisfied with their work. Contract includes a full evaluation of the program and has a budget limit of $219,000.

Chair Dowd stated that the CSE is a credible non-profit which makes it competitively priced.

CM Como Joe asked for explanation on the differences between the old and new contracts. Nelson Lomeli explained that they expect more applications during this
program since it is the final Drive EV. He stated that CSE charges by application processed and increased the limit from $135,250 to $219,000 to accommodate for the possible increase. SCP will only pay for work that is completed, which may not reach the full amount of the contract.

Public Comment:

Steven Pierce, is looking forward to looking at the Drive EV evaluation report

Motion to approve the recommendation for CSE services contract for Drive EV by CM Quinlan

Second: CM Brophy

Motion Passed: 8-0-0

6. Recommend proposed budget adjustments to the FY 17/18 Budget

CEO Syphers reviewed amendments to the current fiscal budget for 17-18. He explained the causes for the adjustments, the largest being for the new building purchase.

CM Brophy asked the reasoning behind how adjustments were made

CEO Syphers responded that SCP followed GAP accounting principles recommended by SCPs accountant Mike Maher.

CM Wells asked if 2018-19 budget will also be amended. CEO Syphers responded that it will be adjusted most likely in the near future.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the proposed budget adjustments to the FY 17-18 Budget by CM Brophy

Second: CM Nicholls

Motion approved: 8-0-0

7. Recommend approval of contract with California Energy Commission (CEC) and related contracts with Frontier Energy and DNV-GL

Rachel Kuykendall, Programs Manager presented background on the CEC grant and contracts. She stated the match funds required from SCP will mostly be used for energy store equipment.

Chair Dowd asked if the contract will have any financial impacts or changes to the fiscal-year budget. CEO Syphers stated that it will not because the budget was created with grant expenditures included.
CM Brophy supports the contract but will abstain from voting because of past working relationships with DNV-GL.

Public Comment:

Steven Pierce, stated support for store front and asked if any part of the budget will be towards direct incentives for customers and how would that might look like. Rachel Kuykendall stated that there are direct incentives planned and they would most likely take the form of on-bill financing or direct rebates.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the approval of contract with California Energy Commission, Frontier Energy and DNV-GL as outlined in staff report by CM Como

Second: CM Wells

Motion approved: 7-0-1 (abstention by CM Brophy)

8. Recommend Board adoption of Exhibit A of SCP’s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission

CB Hall, Compliance Analyst, stated background of the IRP and explained the report. He stated the compliance document is due August 1 but the CPUC is currently changing the templates, so what is presented will not be the final template.

CEO Syphers explained the political implications of this request. He stated there are many inaccuracies in the process of the compliance filling and SCP’s own IRP is more accurate. Chair Dowd stated he does not feel comfortable approving something that can significantly change.

CEO Syphers clarified political declaration with submitting the document to CPUC such as problems with the methods and concerns with jurisdictions. He stated the executive summary was deliberately written to state SCP’s concerns. CM Sizemore stated support of executive summery tone and push back to CPUC.

CM Nicholls asked if there is communication with any commissioners on this process. Director Reardon stated that pleas were made to Commissioner Randolf who is the assigned commissioner.

Public Comment:

Steven Pierce, stated concerns about analyzing programs.

Motion to approve recommendation to board on the submittal of SCP’s 2018 IRP Exhibit A per the CPUC rules and subject to additional CPUC direction with an understanding that a full SCP Integrated Resource Plan with more accurate data will be developed and provided to the CAC and Board in 2018 - by CM Sizemore.
Second: CM Wells

Motion approved: 8-0-0

IV. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Dowd stated he will not be able to attend Board of Directors meeting because he will be out of state and Vice Chair Mattinson will most likely report out to the Board.

CM Como shared awareness on issues for replacing roofs on houses that have solar panels, it can be a challenging process.

V. ADJOURN

Chair Dowd adjourned the meeting at 3:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Reynolds
Director, Internal Operations