



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021
1:00 P.M.**

******GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20******

******GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20******

****RE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19****

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20 WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, AND THE ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO SHELTER IN PLACE TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE MAY 20, 2021, MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nicholls called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m.

Committee Members present: Chair Nicholls, Vice Chair Baldwin, and Members Fenichel, Quinlan, Wells, Morris, and Brady. Member Sizemore joined the meeting at approximately 1:06 p.m. after roll call attendance was completed.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Mike Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; and Carolyn Glanton, Program Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve April 15, 2021 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve an Extension of Customer Service Policy A.6a - 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Consumer Protection Policy

Motion to Approve the May 20, 2021 Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Vice Chair Baldwin.

Second: Member Wells.

Public Comment: None

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: 7-0-1 with Member Brady abstaining.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

3. Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, began by announcing that the Community Advisory Committee recruitment is now open and members nearing the end of their terms are encouraged to reapply should they wish to consider serving as volunteers.

Chad Asay, Programs Manager, introduced a virtual tour of the Advanced Energy Center. The Advanced Energy Center will have a soft opening on June 15, 2021.

Director Reynolds continued by highlighting upcoming webinars offered through the Advanced Energy Center's website and a customer testimonial about the Bike Electric program.

Member Quinlan commented on his own experience utilizing services and programs offered through the Advanced Energy Center, including some difficulties he has encountered. Chief Executive Officer Geof Syphers replied that staff would be in contact with Member Quinlan to learn more.

Similarly, Member Sizemore commented on her experience upgrading some home appliances and difficulty with finding contractors based in Mendocino County familiar with the technologies.

Programs Manager Chad Asay replied to Members Quinlan and Sizemore and stated that contractor recruitment is an ongoing challenge, not just with Sonoma Clean Power's programs, but within the building community as a whole.

Public Comment: None

4. Introduction to the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Process

Ryan Tracey, Senior Energy Analyst in the Planning and Analytics Department, showed a presentation about the Internal Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process. Slides from the presentation were included in the May 20, 2021

meeting packet materials. In the presentation, Tracey identified the differences between the current process for the Internal Integrated Resource Plan, which is focused on procurement strategy, advocacy, and long-term financial planning to match the values and goals of SCP, and the Regulatory IRP which is a compliance filing for the CPUC. The Internal IRP will be used to feed into the Regulatory IRP.

CEO Syphers clarified that the word “integrated” in Integrated Resource Plan means matching the demand with the supply. COO Koszalka added that one reason why SCP is taking this path instead of simply procuring to meet the CPUC’s compliance requirements is because with CPUC’s compliance IRP, we are told what to procure and in what resource mix, but that doesn’t necessarily meet our local needs. It also allows us to better understand risk which can drive costs up or down.

Members of the public will be able to provide input on the IRP through a survey posted on the SCP website as well as commenting during public comment periods of upcoming Committee and Board meetings. The survey can be found at: <https://sonomacleanpower.org/integrated-resource-plan>.

Member Quinlan applauded staff for frequently beating SCP’s own goals and exceeding the State goals for RPS levels and GHG emissions.

Member Brady asked if other agencies or groups in or out of state are reaching out to staff about this work, with interest in modeling something similar in their own regions. Tracey responded that CalCCA is implementing a portfolio modeling team where representatives from different CCA’s will be able to talk about these topics and collectively learn more.

Public Comment: None

5. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, began with updates on the PCIA. PG&E bundled customers will begin to see the above-market generation charges on bills beginning in summer of 2022. SCP customers will see no changes to their bills, but this change will lead to greater transparency for all customers. He also reported on a proposed decision the CPUC accepted on PCIA allocations. The decision will require non-IOU customers to continue to pay for the full share of utilities’ expensive legacy contracts, while only receiving a fraction of the benefits.

CEO Syphers continued with updates on Senate Bill 612, the CalCCA sponsored bill. The Bill passed Senate Appropriations just prior to this

Committee meeting, and will now head to the Senate floor. CEO Syphers expects it will pass through the Senate but face heavy challenges in the Assembly.

AB 1139 by Lorena Gonzalez, which proposes to overhaul Net Energy Metering (NEM), recently underwent major changes and will require a new analysis. CEO Syphers does not recommend taking a position on the bill yet.

He concluded by noting that legislators in Sacramento have already begun discussing next year's bills and a number of these conversations are focusing on climate, with 3 main themes: 1. mitigation and cutting emissions, 2. adaptation - sea level rise, fire adaptation, drought adaptation, and 3. sequestration - how to put carbon back into the soil. This may lead to possible partnerships for SCP in the future.

Member Fenichel left the meeting at approximately 2:28 p.m.

Public Comment: None

6. Recommend that the Board of Directors Adopt SCP Energy Risk Management Policy

CEO Syphers introduced the Energy Risk Management Policy by pointing out that this policy aims to strengthen policies that are already in place while also consolidating them so that there is one place to go to understand how SCP handles risk management around purchasing energy and contracting for energy supply and resources, as well as the authorization processes.

Vice Chair Baldwin asked who was consulted in crafting the policy. CEO Syphers responded that Carole Hakstian, Senior Risk and Regulatory Compliance Officer, put a lot of research into it and got examples from around the industry, including Risk Management policies from SMUD, the City of Palo Alto, and others. CEO Syphers also then had the policy reviewed by a contact from SMUD as well as SCP's Special Counsel, Harriet Steiner.

Member Morris recommended including the spending authority table from Policy C.3 in the new policy.

Motion to Recommend that the Board of Directors Adopt SCP Energy Risk Management Policy with the Addition of the Spending Authority Table by Member Quinlan.

Second: Member Sizemore.

Public Comment: None

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

7. Review and Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with no Change to Rates on July 1, 2021

Mike Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer, gave a high-level overview of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Notably, the proposed budget requires no rate changes at the start of the fiscal year on July 1, 2021. He highlighted the revisions that were made to the draft budget that are now reflected in the proposed budget. A notable increase was made to the marketing and public relations budget based on focus group feedback and to support the launch of the Advanced Energy Center.

Member Wells asked for details about the stated goal to procure electricity supply lower in greenhouse gas emissions than PG&E's portfolio. CEO Syphers said that the details would be outlined during the IRP process, but gave a quick answer that 2019, the reporting year that Member Wells called attention to, was a fluke year in that PG&E was required by regulators to not report their greenhouse gas emissions from natural gas power plants due to holding on to all of their excess renewables instead of selling them. That problem was later solved by having PG&E sell some of its significant excess resources.

Motion to Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 with no Change to Rates on July 1, 2021 by Vice Chair Baldwin.

Second: Member Wells.

Public Comment: None

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Nicholls commended staff for presenting complicated topics very well.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board