



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021  
1:00 P.M.**

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**\*\*\*\*GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21\*\*\*\***

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

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-08-21 WHICH SUSPENDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE JULY 15, 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 Quinlan, Dowd, Sizemore, Chaban, Wells, and Morris.

Staff present: Mike Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Planning and Analytics; and Ryan Tracey, Senior Energy Analyst.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Public Comment: None

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve June 17, 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

Member Morris asked a brief clarifying question about wording on page 18 of the packet, in Item 2. The wording under "1) Late Payment Notice: SCPA will halt sending modified Late Payment Notices to eligible customers starting through January 14, 2022" as written was unclear. Erica Torgerson, Director

of Customer Service, confirmed that the wording is incorrect and assured that it will be corrected prior to being presented to the Board of Directors.

Motion to Approve the June 17, 2021 Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar with an Amendment to Wording in Item #2 by Member Dowd

Second: Sizemore

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Public Comment: None

### **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, started by updating the Committee on progress at the new headquarters building. Staff will be returning to work in-person, in the new headquarters, on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The office will remain closed to visitors and public, however Committee members can arrange for tours of the space if they would like to see it. She also updated on upcoming Board of Directors (BOD) and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. Guidance as of this meeting allows for virtual public meetings through September 30, 2021. There will be no August CAC or September BOD meetings.

The Advanced Energy Center has been open for one month and has seen 437 visitors, surpassing the monthly goal set by Chief Operating Officer Mike Koszalka of 400 visitors per month.

COO Koszalka spoke on the financial aspects of the report. Calling attention to the budgetary comparison on page 25, there is a positive year-to-date variance. He noted that while not all invoices for FY 2020-2021 have been received yet, he expects to end the year positive, which means there may not be a need to use the rate stabilization fund.

Public Comment: None

4. Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Portfolio Scenario Modeling

Ryan Tracey, Senior Energy Analyst in the Planning and Analytics Department, gave a presentation on the Portfolio Scenario Modeling portion of the Internal Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process. Slides shown during the

presentation were included in the July 15, 2021 meeting packet materials.

Tracey reiterated a point he touched on in the introductory presentation of the IRP process provided during the May Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting that these CAC meetings will serve as the public input portions throughout the IRP process, which will continue until the December Board of Directors meeting when staff expects to seek approval of the IRP and preferred portfolio.

Member Quinlan asked if the Geysers geothermal resource is sustainable as drought conditions persist and whether using water in that capacity is the best use for it. He also asked for clarification on the use of behind-the-meter resources in the plan.

Vice Chair Baldwin asked about the value of using historical weather data as a variable when indicators show that weather in the future may be very different.

COO Koszalka gave background on the PowerSimm software tool from Ascend Analytics, LLC which allows for stochastic input variability to compare various future models against one another to assess risk.

Vice Chair Baldwin asked about public input, the surveys, and how staff decides how to weigh responses. Rebecca Simonson, Director of Planning and Analytics, replied that public input and responses to the surveys help staff determine the community's priorities.

Chair Nicholls reminded staff of the significant Latino/Latinx community in the SCP service territory and the importance of getting messages out to those populations. He suggested that staff create a PDF to send to Committee and Board members for posting among their networks.

Member Morris commented that she finds the internal IRP vs. regulatory IRP confusing and suggested that staff make that clearer when presenting to the Board especially, where many members are new and may be less familiar with these processes.

Public Comment: None

5. Recommend that the Board of Directors Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Three-Year Software License, Maintenance, and Support Agreement with Ascend Analytics, LLC for a Contract Total of \$557,479 and an Additional \$67,481 Spending Authority Under the Agreement

Rebecca Simonson, Director of Planning and Analytics, presented this item.

SCP staff has been using the PowerSimm software tool since May 1<sup>st</sup> under a 90-day trial agreement to ensure that the tool will meet staff needs. In addition to benefits identified in the prior item's discussion, the PowerSimm software tool provides market intelligence, resource and load modeling, portfolio evaluation, and risk evaluation. Director Simonson explained that the additional \$67,841 spending authority that staff requested could be used in a variety of ways including technical consulting and running customized system scenarios. Authorizing the additional spending would allow staff to make quick decisions when necessary and avoid the need to seek Board approval for each request.

Member Quinlan asked about the possibility of negotiating favorable pricing terms in the future if staff chooses to extend the contract in the future. Director Simonson provided a multi-pronged answer that SCP could extend the contract, the current draft agreement outlines set cost increases over the 3-year term and staff expects that pricing would be similar in the future, and also that staff expects to make most use of the tool during the 3-year agreement due to planning for the closure of Diablo Canyon scheduled for 2025. COO Koszalka added that the market for this type of software is competitive and if terms were not favorable, staff could switch to a different tool in the future with relative ease.

Member Chaban asked about the initial training for the tool. Director Simonson reiterated that staff is currently in a 90-day trial period of the tool and the agreement outlines an implementation period. Member Chaban also asked if staff had used this software previously and if any other CCAs are using it. Director Simonson replied that while staff is utilizing the software now, they had not previously used it before the trial. California Clean Power, East Bay Community Energy, Silicon Valley Clean Energy all are using the software.

Member Chaban continued his questions by asking who owns the data, to which Director Simonson replied that SCP owns the data and will own the outputs as well. He also asked about the regulatory modeling; Director Simonson explained that Ascend Analytics refreshes the framework every six months to take regulatory and policy trends into consideration. Member Chaban's final questions related to insurance and liability requirements surrounding cybersecurity.

Public Comment: None

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Under the Agreement by Member Sizemore

Second: Dowd

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

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

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, gave an update on the Western Community Energy (WCE) bankruptcy and deregistration notice. On Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted a filing saying that in order to take the 113,000 customers back to bundled service, they would need to charge them an additional \$14.7 million which works out to approximately \$130 per customer; most of these customers are residential. Based on current exit fee calculations, the specifics of the proposed fees are a concern and staff will be monitoring this topic closely and will provide any updates as they become available.

In CEO Syphers' absence, there was no verbal legislative update provided.

Public Comment: None

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Sizemore announced that SB156 and AB164 on broadband investments and appropriations of \$6 million both passed.

SCP staff member Cordel Stillman, Director of Programs, announced to the Committee his upcoming retirement, effective September 1<sup>st</sup> and offered his thanks for their teamwork. Many members responded that he will be missed.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 2:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson  
Clerk of the Board