



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
8:45 A.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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED IN THE APRIL 1, 2021 MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

Prior to the meeting, Alternate Director from Cotati, Ben Ford, was sworn in by the Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at approximately 8:50 a.m.

Board Members present: Chair Bagby, Vice Chair King, and Directors Elward, Fudge, Ford, Gjerde, Hopkins, Peters, Rogers, and Slayter

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Planning & Analytics; and Harriet Steiner, Special Counsel.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve March 4, 2021 Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Notification of Generation Rates Change for Implementation on April 1, 2021 Consistent with Prior Board Direction
3. Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Purchase Agreement with Ibex Enterprises dba RDI, Resource Design Interiors to Provide Furniture for the SCP Headquarters Building and Increase the Total of the Purchase Order by \$44,115.91 for a Grand Total of \$312,325.73

4. Approve Resolution 2021 - 03 Adopting Minor Changes to Policy B.1 CEO Spending Authority and Policy C.3 Energy Procurement Criteria, Policies and Signature Authority

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the April 1, 2021 Board of Directors Consent Calendar by Director Ford

Second: Director Fudge

Motion passed by roll call vote: 10-0-0

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR

5. Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, provided an overview of the information contained in the staff report. Construction at the Advanced Energy Center is nearing completion and staff received the certificate of occupancy for the Center on March 30th which will allow staff to work on-site regularly going forward. A soft opening of the Center is expected in approximately 4-6 weeks. The new e-bike incentive program, Bike Electric, launched on March 8th and was fully subscribed within a few weeks.

Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, gave a brief update that in 2019 SCP issued the City of Stockton a grant of \$50,000 to perform a CCA feasibility study which was recently completed and found that a CCA would be favorable.

CEO Syphers recently participated in a productive meeting with PG&E and a remote residential customer to discuss the potential of a microgrid for the customer.

Director Gjerde asked about the contractor certification courses offered through SCP on the Advanced Energy Center website. Programs Manager Chad Asay answered that many of the certification courses are short webinars and that he can be the first point of contact for any interested contractors.

Director Hopkins asked how remote microgrid sites are selected. CEO Syphers answered that PG&E makes the decision based on a number of factors. SCP largely acts as the customer advocate in these conversations.

Public Comment: Mark Mortensen spoke on behalf of several local climate organizations about the success of Bike Electric program and hopes that it will be re-funded so more customers can benefit.

6. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates, Approve Positions on AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) Enabling CCA Access to CPUC BioMAT Funds, AB 1088 (Mayes) California Procurement Authority, AB 1161 (E. Garcia) Renewable and Zero Carbon Resource Procurement, and Provide Direction as Appropriate

CEO Syphers began his update by calling attention to the supplier diversity filing that's included in the report and added insight on how it ties into SCP's goals on diversity, equity, and inclusivity. He continued with a summary of the bills on which SCP staff recommended the Board to take a position: AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) Enabling CCA Access to CPUC BioMAT Funds (Recommend Support); AB 1088 (Mayes) California Procurement Authority (Recommend Support If Amended); and AB 1161 (E. Garcia) Renewable and Zero Carbon Resource Procurement (Recommend Oppose Unless Amended).

Director Ford, Director Rogers, and Vice Chair King asked for clarifications on AB 843.

Director Slayter asked about SB 730 (Bradford).

Public Comment: Several commenters, which included Michael Allen, Dr. Brenda Flysworthawks, Jenny Blaker, Mark Mortensen, Christine Hoex, Kevin Conway, Maya Khosla, and Michael Lipelt, spoke on AB 843 and their concerns relating to woody forest biomass.

Michael Nicholls, who spoke on behalf of himself and not as a member of the Community Advisory Committee for SCP, also spoke on woody biomass but encouraged those opposed to local biomass power to consider what alternate uses there may be.

Written comments were received from Shaye Wolf and Janis Watkins; both commenters expressed concern about woody forest biomass.

Director Rogers recommended issuing a position of support for AB 843 if amended.

Director Gjerde commented that he believes the criticisms of woody biomass do not necessarily consider the imperfect real-world conditions that exist.

Director Peters added an anecdote of his experience living in a community that had an old 15 MW biomass electric power plant. Based on this experience, he would oppose the recommendation from staff on AB 843

unless the bill is amended.

Director Elward expressed agreement with Director Peters and also voiced concern for the repercussions that could come from supporting the bill.

Director Ford also expressed concern about the use of local woody forest biomass power but voiced support for gaining access to BioMAT funds for sources such as methane capture. He concluded that he trusts SCP and other CCA's to make the decisions for procuring bioenergy more than the for-profit PG&E.

Director Hopkins summarized that all Directors agree that they all support intact forests. She suggested that the Board take a forest tour from one of our indigenous communities. She expressed favor for Director Rogers' recommendation to issue a position of support for AB 843 if amended.

Director Fudge also supported the idea of learning about the indigenous methods of forest management.

Vice Chair King reminded the Board that they are not voting on the bill, they are voting to influence the bill. He agreed with Director Ford's comment that he trusts SCP and CCA's to make bioenergy decisions. He recommended writing a letter to the bill's authors indicating SCP's concerns about the bill.

Director Slayter asked about other CCA's that have supported or opposed the bill. CEO Syphers replied that no CCA's have voiced opposition and many have already issued their support. Director Slayter favors Director Rogers' recommended position to support if amended.

Chair Bagby expressed her support for "having a seat at the table" so that CCA's can have a voice in deciding the bioenergy power mix for the state.

Motion to Approve Positions on AB 843, Enabling CCA Access to CPUC BioMAT Funds, if Amended, AB 1088 California Procurement Authority, and AB 1161 Renewable and Zero Carbon Resource Procurement by Director Rogers

Second: Vice Chair King

Motion passed by roll call vote: 10-0-0

7. Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments to the Staff Recommended Adjusted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

After a brief recess, Chair Bagby changed the order of items 7 & 8 from the published meeting agenda to ensure a quorum would be present for a vote on

the budget adjustment.

Chief Operating Officer, Mike Koszalka, introduced his staff report by noting that a budget adjustment typically comes earlier in the year, but that staff waited to find out details on PG&E's rate increases in order to mitigate the effects on SCP customers. He explained that SCP will need to draw from the Operating Account Fund to help keep SCP's rates within 5% of PG&E's rates.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments to the Staff
Recommended Adjusted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget by Director Peters

Second: Director Hopkins

Motion passed by roll call vote: 10-0-0

8. Review Draft Local Resource Plan and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Rebecca Simonson, Director of Planning and Analytics, presented the draft Local Resource Plan (LRP) as outlined in the written report. She added that she expects to bring a final draft of the LRP to be approved by the Board at the next meeting.

Chair Bagby suggested a slight modification to #4 of the Key Questions for the Board to indicate the different sources that fall under the "biomass" umbrella. Director Ford recommended adding a timeframe for greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions targets.

Public Comment: Jenny Blaker and Mark Mortensen spoke on biomass concerns. Michael Allen, speaking on behalf of multiple organizations, encouraged SCP to increase public education efforts. Kevin Conway spoke on EverGreen and microgrids.

Director Slayter commented about EverGreen being a premium product and challenged SCP staff to find a way to allow lower income households to participate in EverGreen. Director Simonson agreed with this comment and pointed to Implementation Strategy #7 of the LRP where SCP will begin engaging with community leaders to identify programs and projects for low-income and disadvantaged communities.

Director Hopkins encouraged continuing conversations about biomass and forest management.

Vice Chair King asked about battery storage projects. Director Simonson

responded that the amount battery storage depends on the generation sources. Vice Chair King also asked about geothermal resources to which Director Simonson replied SCP is looking into it but not as an immediate resource. Finally, Vice Chair King commented on EverGreen in terms of equitability.

Director Elward commended Director Simonson for creating a complex report that was still understandable.

Chair Bagby thanked Director Simonson and staff for the report and recognized that it is likely a very iterative process that will need to respond to changing legislation as well.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Peters voiced his support to do field visit as Director Hopkins suggested. Director Elward seconded the idea.

Director Hopkins reported on a recent CPUC public workshop on Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: Paul Ennis commented about a letter he received detailing the changes to the NetGreen cash out.

ADJOURN

Chair Bagby adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board