



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021  
8:45 A.M.**

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**\*\*\*\*AB 361\*\*\*\***

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

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 WHICH SUSPENDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED IN THE NOVEMBER 4, 2021 MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Bagby called the meeting to order at approximately 8:51 am.

Board Members present: Chair Bagby, Vice Chair King, and Directors Landman, Peters, Elward, Rogers, Slayter, Felder, Fudge, and Gjerde.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs; Chad Asay, Director of the Advanced Energy Center; Carolyn Glanton, Programs Manager; Brytann Busick, Events Manager; and Joshua Nelson, Special Counsel.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve October 7, 2021 Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Delegate Authority to the CEO to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Olivine Inc. to Support the GridSavvy Community for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,086,000 (\$686,000 in Program Management Fees and \$400,000 in Escrow Account Funds) Through March 31, 2022
3. Authorize Extension of SCP Resolution 2021-05 Permitting Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors and Community Advisory Committee Pursuant to AB 361

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the November 4, 2021 Board of Directors Consent Calendar by Director Rogers

Second: Director Elward

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

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations reported on the recruitment effort to fill Community Advisory Committee vacancies. Seventeen applications were received and reviewed by the Board-appointed ad hoc committee and interviews of final candidates will begin soon.

Chad Asay, Director of the Advanced Energy Center, announced that The Advanced Energy Center and 0% interest On-Bill Financing program are gaining recognition among other CCA's statewide. He provided other updates including CEC grant goals and progress, webinar successes, and recent and upcoming events. Finally, he introduced Brytann Busick who was recently hired as Events Manager.

Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, provided progress updates regarding the Geothermal Opportunity Zone initiative that launched in October. Staff presented to the Lake County Board of Supervisors, representatives from County of Sonoma, and will be presenting to Mendocino County officials in early December.

CEO Syphers concluded with a brief financial report including anticipated increased energy prices.

Public Comment: None

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

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, started the regulatory report with information regarding the PG&E ERRRA compliance case that's also described in the written report.

Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, gave a very brief report and stated that the legislature is not in session, however there are ongoing discussions among CalCCA and planning for 2022, including the future of SB 612 and the idea of a central procurement entity. Staff is also monitoring the federal infrastructure bills.

Vice Chair King congratulated Director Reardon and staff for their efforts on

the ERRA compliance case and the joint settlement which will positively impact SCP's customers if approved. He asked how customer bills will show the credits and Director Reardon stated that the generation and distribution rates portion of the bill will be lower. He asked additional questions about the sanctions against PG&E.

Director Slayter asked if there has been any news about the CPUC Chair's upcoming vacancy. CEO Syphers said there likely will not be any concrete information available until Governor Newsom announces the replacement.

Director Fudge commented on The Utility Reform Network's (TURN) prior work and asked Director Reardon if the current investigations are the types of things they would have found in the past or if they were still as active as they used to be. He replied that the things that are being investigated are the types of things that an engaged, well-staffed, and equipped ratepayer advocate would, which could be TURN or the Public Advocate's Office.

Public Comment: None

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Gjerde announced that there are two other carbon-related items on the upcoming December 7<sup>th</sup> agenda for the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors meeting, in addition to the Geothermal Opportunity Zone item that CEO Syphers mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Director Fudge announced that the Town of Windsor received the Helen Putnam Award for their floating solar array. She also shared a personal announcement that she's been educating her friends and followers on social media about her efforts to green her home, which includes using technologies available through the Advanced Energy Center and the On-Bill Finance option.

Director Peters announced that the City of Fort Bragg, in an effort to help manage the drought conditions, recently added a desalinization unit at the water treatment plant.

Director Rogers thanked staff for their help with City of Santa Rosa's all-electric ordinances and new reach codes which are now final.

Chair Bagby thanked staff for the effective outreach efforts in connecting with the community and working with local business owners.

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

Public Comment:

Marcy Snyder, member of the Grassroots Institute in Mendocino County, commented about her concerns with Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0. She also later provided a written comment, below:

"Thank you for the opportunity to make a public comment on non-agenda items.

I encourage and ask that you write and pass a resolution directed to Gov. Newsom and the California Public Utilities Commission for the reasons I stated during my public comments including and including but not limited to the comments I am making in the following paragraph.

I would like to add that school, churches, medical clinics, hospitals, government entities, etc. who have roof-top solar systems will, in addition to their True-up amounts being drastically reduced, will be charged between approximately \$500 and \$1000 per months to transmit the excess power that they produce through the electrical lines to be used elsewhere.

Sincerely,  
Marcy Snyder  
Grassroots Institute, Climate Crisis Work Group"

*At 9:45 a.m. Chair Bagby called for a 5-minute recess and requested that the Board of Directors convene for Closed Session at 9:50 a.m.*

## **CLOSED SESSION**

6. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 case

At 10:19 a.m., following closed session, Joshua Nelson, Special Counsel for Sonoma Clean Power, returned to announce that there was no information or action to report from the closed session and the Board adjourned the meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beau Anderson  
Clerk of the Board