



**MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026  
9:00 A.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

(9:00 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:01:18)

Chair Barnacle called the meeting to order.

Board Members present: Chair Barnacle, Vice Chair Elward, Directors Laskey, Lemus, Albin-Smith, Stapp, Carter, Farrar-Rivas, Potter, Haschak. Director Hopkins was absent.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Keila Hernandez, Customer Service Representative; Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Capital Projects & Engineering; Scott Salyer, Senior Program Manager, Decarbonization Strategy; Adam Jorge, Senior Decarbonization Policy Manager; and Karen Flores, Clerk of the Board.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

(9:03 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:55)

1. Approve December 4, 2025, Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Staff Recommendation: Approve)
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File)
3. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File)

Motion to approve December 4, 2025, Board of Directors Consent Calendar by Director Haschak

Second: Lemus

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Laskey, Lemus, Albin-Smith, Barnacle, Elward, Stapp, Carter, Farrar-Rivas, Potter, Haschak

ABSENT: Hopkins

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

4. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Direction as Appropriate

(9:04 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:04:25)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director on Internal Operations, gave an update on construction progress for the new office space located next to the business office at 421 E Street in Santa Rosa. Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service, announced the retirement of Scott Lawrence, Senior Commercial Accounts Manager. Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer, introduced Keila Hernandez, Customer Service Representative, who shared an analogy she commonly uses and has found to be successful in clearly explaining who SCP is and the services SCP provides to customers.

Public Comment: None

5. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates, Approve Legislative Positions, and Provide Direction as Appropriate

(9:16 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:16:50)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, provided some background on the two items in the packet. The first being that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) reduced the amount of profit that PG&E and other utilities are allowed to earn for the first time in several years. The second item discusses the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Resolution E-5429 which denied PG&E's request to end energy purchases from the Ivanpah Solar facility in 2026. Although PG&E's proposal was supported by CalCCA and the U.S. Department of Energy, the Commission approved the denial without discussion at its December 4, 2025, meeting.

Adam Jorge, Senior Decarbonization Policy Manager, provided an update on SB 1221 which was passed to initiate a voluntary program which allows small zones within investor-owned utility (IOU) gas service areas to create pilots to help those selected areas transition off natural gas, long term. Several sites in Petaluma have been identified as potential pilot sites.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, introduced three bills that SCP would like to sponsor in the 2026 legislative year and asked for approval from the board. CEO Syphers highlighted that all of these bills are trying to address affordability with clean power.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates, Approve Legislative Positions, and Provide Direction as Appropriate by Director Farrar-Rivas

Second: Elward

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Laskey, Lemus, Albin-Smith, Barnacle, Elward, Stapp, Carter, Farrar-Rivas, Potter, Haschak

ABSENT: Hopkins

6. Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Negotiate Final Terms and Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with US Solar Construction Management, LLC through May 1, 2027, with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$960,081 to Provide Design Services for the Ukiah Superfund Solar + Battery Project

(10:03 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:02:50)

Rebecca Simonson, Director of Capital Projects & Engineering, introduced SCP's first proposed owned and operated solar and battery storage project, which would be developed on an EPA superfund site. She provided details about the site, the project scope, and the professional services agreement.

Public Comment: None

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with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$960,081 to Provide Design Services for the Ukiah Superfund Solar + Battery Project by Director Haschak

Second: Elward

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Laskey, Lemus, Albin-Smith, Barnacle, Elward, Stapp, Carter, Farrar-Rivas, Potter, Haschak

ABSENT: Hopkins

7. Receive Update on Sonoma Clean Power Authority's E-bike Commuter Grants Program

(10:26 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:26:00)

Scott Salyer, Senior Program Manager, gave a presentation on SCP's historic and current e-bike programs and requested feedback from the board.

Public Comment: None

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(10:58 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:58:06)

Director Laskey invited everyone to the ribbon cutting of Picks Drive-In in Cloverdale on January 10, 2026, at 11:00am. Director Albin-Smith shared that the Whale Festival in Fort Bragg as well as the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Whale Run will be the weekend of March 21, 2026. Director Farrar-Rivas announced that she will be transitioning out of the mayoral position and shared about a Zoom meeting she attended through the Just Economy Institute organization. Director Farrar-Rivas also shared information from the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) regarding the Second City Climate Innovation Challenge, cities interested in participating must apply by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Director Lemus shared about the ribbon cutting of Galvan's Eatery in Cotati. Director Stapp announced that on January 13, 2026, the Santa Rosa City Council is going to be holding a study session to look at our gas station ban. Vice Chair Elward congratulated newly appointed Sylvia Lemus as Mayor of Rohnert Park. Chair Barnacle shared that the temporary ice-skating rink, Luma Ice, will close on January 10, 2026.

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

(11:07 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:06:55)

Public Comment: None

**ADJOURN**

(11:07 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:07:14)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Flores**  
**Clerk of the Board**