



**AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026, 9:00 A.M.**

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**SONOMA CLEAN POWER BUSINESS OFFICE
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SANTA ROSA, CA 95404**

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For further clarification on any of the items listed please contact (855) 202-2139 and staff will be available to assist.

Staff recommendations are guidelines to the Board. On any item, the Board may take action which varies from that recommended by staff.

CALL TO ORDER

(Any private remote meeting attendance will be noticed or approved at this time)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve October 1, 2026, Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 5**
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File) **pg. 9**
3. Approve the Deferral of Funds into the Rate Stabilization Fund (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 21**
4. Approve and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Studio PR, LLC for Public Relations and Strategic Communications Services through September 30, 2027, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$185,000 (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 25**
5. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates, Approve Legislative Positions, and Provide Direction as Appropriate (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 27**
6. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Direction as Appropriate (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File) **pg. 29**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Receive Business One Stop Shop Progress Update and Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Certain Changes to the Terms of the Loan Agreement and the Grant Agreement (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 31**
8. Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or Their Designee to Execute an Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for the Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas Energy Expansion Feasibility Project through December 31, 2027, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$287,652 (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 35**
9. Approve Revised Sonoma Clean Power Authority Energy Risk Management Policy (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 39**
10. Approve Participation in the California Geothermal Coalition Trade Association and Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 49**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Directors may report on their activities since the last Board meeting, including any reports required by Gov't Code Section 53232.3(d).)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(Comments are restricted to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to three minutes, or 300 words if written.)

ADJOURN

COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS AND TERMS

CAC	Community Advisory Committee
CAISO	California Independent Systems Operator – the grid operator
CCA	Community Choice Aggregator – a community-owned public power provider
CEC	California Energy Commission
CleanStart	SCP's default power service
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
DER	Distributed Energy Resource
ERRA	Energy Resource Recovery Account – one of PG&E's rate cases at the CPUC
EverGreen	SCP's 100% renewable, 100% local energy service, and the first service in the United States providing renewable power every hour of every day.
Geothermal	A locally available, low-carbon baseload renewable resource
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GRC	General Rate Case – one of PG&E's rate cases at the CPUC
GridSavvy	GridSavvy Rewards are available to SCP customers for reducing household energy use to help California increase power reliability.
IOU	Investor-Owned Utility - for-profit distribution utilities like PG&E
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan – balancing energy needs with energy resources
JPA	Joint Powers Authority
MW	Megawatt is a unit of power and measures how fast energy is being used or produced at one moment.
MWh	Megawatt-hour is a unit of energy and measures how much energy is used or produced over time.
NEM	Net Energy Metering. NEM is a billing mechanism that credits solar energy system owners for the electricity they add to the grid.
PCIA	Power Charge Indifference Adjustment – a fee charged by PG&E to all electric customers to ensure PG&E can pay for excess power supply contracts that it no longer needs.
RA	Resource Adequacy – a required form of capacity that helps ensure there are sufficient power resources available when needed.
RPS	Renewables Portfolio Standard refers to certain kinds of renewable energy which qualify to meet state requirements, including wind, solar, geothermal.
SCP	Sonoma Clean Power
TOU	Time of Use, used to refer to rates that differ by time of day

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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026
9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair Barnacle called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Patrick Le, Capital Projects Engineer; Ryan Tracey, Chief Strategy Officer; Neal Reardon, Director of Policy; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager; Kimberly Beltran, Technical Programs Manager; Karen Flores, Clerk of the Board; and Josh Nelson, Special Council

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR

(9:03 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:26)

1. Approve August 6, 2026, Draft Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Adopt Resolution 2026-01 Delegating Investment Authority to the Treasurer
3. Adopt Resolution 2026-02 Attesting to the Accuracy of Sonoma Clean Power Authority's 2025 Power Source Disclosure Annual Report
4. Approve the Board of Directors Meeting Dates for the 2027 Calendar Year

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve October 1, 2026, Board of Directors Consent Calendar by Director Lemus

Second: Farrar-Rivas

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

ABSENT: Elward and Potter

ABSTAIN: Hopkins abstained on item 1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR

5. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Direction as Appropriate

(9:04 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:04:13)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, introduced Patrick Le, Capital Projects Engineer, who provided an update on the status of the battery energy storage pilot program being developed by the Capital Projects & Engineering team for commercial and industrial customers. Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, shared remarks with the Board in advance of his separation from Sonoma Clean Power. Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the organization's new Chief Operating Officer, Jarred Metoyer. Chair Barnacle reported out about the execution of a power supply agreement for renewable energy from the Meacham Road Landfill project in Petaluma, which will provide renewable energy to SCP customers and support the organization's resource portfolio.

Public Comment: None

6. Receive Monthly Financial Report

(9:39 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:39:40)

Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, presented the quarterly financial report, including updates on SCP's S&P positive outlook, investment portfolio, and Rate Stabilization Fund.

Public Comment: None

7. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Updates

(9:50 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:50:40)

Ryan Tracey, Chief Strategy Officer, provided an update on the Geothermal Opportunity Zone, including ongoing partner outreach efforts, grant-funded activities, transmission and interconnection developments, and recent state and federal geothermal funding opportunities.

Director Stapp left the meeting at 10:09a.m.

Public Comment: None

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

(10:09 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:09:00)

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, provided an update on legislative advocacy efforts, including the enactment of AB 2111, approval of state funding for geothermal exploration, and enactment of AB 2234 related to geothermal exploration projects. Mr. Horton also reported on bills that were not enacted and discussed potential future legislative and regulatory efforts.

The Board discussed geothermal development and legislative engagement. By consensus, the Chair established an informal Geothermal Ad Hoc group to collaborate with staff on geothermal-related initiatives and potential industry partnerships. The Geothermal Ad Hoc consists of Chair Barnacle, Directors Hopkins, Farrar-Rivas, and Carter.

Neal Reardon, Director of Policy, provided updates on several regulatory proceedings related to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA). Director Reardon reported that the California Supreme Court granted a petition requiring further review of CalCCA's challenge to the resource adequacy component of the PCIA. Director Reardon also reported on a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decision regarding renewable energy credit valuation and an ongoing CPUC proceeding to evaluate potential PCIA reforms. Director Reardon further provided an update on CalCCA's participation in utility rate cases, including testimony submitted regarding utility load and demand projections.

Public Comment: None

9. Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or His Designee to Execute an Agreement with Uplight, Inc. for Ongoing Demand Response (DR) Provider Services through December 31, 2029, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$2,594,831

(10:39 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:39:30)

Kimberly Beltran, Technical Programs Manager, provided an update on the SCP Rewards demand response program, including participation levels, program performance, and planned enhancements. Ms. Beltran reported that Uplight was

selected through a competitive solicitation process and described upcoming improvements related to customer enrollment, device integration, data management, and virtual power plant initiatives. Ms. Beltran also noted that a three-year contract term was recommended to allow flexibility as technology and software services evolve.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or His Designee to Execute an Agreement with Uplight, Inc. for Ongoing Demand Response (DR) Provider Services through December 31, 2029, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$2,594,831 by Director Hopkins

Second: Farrar-Rivas

Motion passed by roll call vote

AYES: Laskey, Lemus, Albin-Smith, Barnacle, Carter, Farrar-Rivas, Haschak, Hopkins

ABSENT: Elward, Stapp and Potter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:56 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:56:11)

Directors Lemus, Farrar-Rivas, Albin-Smith, Barnacle, and Haschak shared announcements regarding events and updates happening in their cities, towns, and counties.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(11:04 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:04:16)

Public Comment: BC Capps, Climate Programs Manager for Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities (SCTCA), provided informational updates on upcoming community events, including the Week Without Driving campaign, a BayREN green home tour, and the Resilient California Summit.

ADJOURN

(11:08 a.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:08:15)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.



Staff Report – Item 02

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors
From: Chris Golik, Senior Finance Manager
Jennifer Rafferty, Financial Analyst
Issue: Receive Monthly Financial Report
Date: November 5, 2026

Monthly Financial Report

The Financial Report is to inform the Board of Directors (Board) of monthly financial results and includes a summary of investments and investment activity in SCP's portfolio. The Investment Report and associated attachments are to inform the Board, Committee, and stakeholders pursuant to the requirements of SCP's Financial Policy B.5 Investments and Government Code Section 53607. This is an informational item only.

This report includes commentary for the August 2026 unaudited financial statements and budgetary comparison. Links to the July 2026 unaudited financial statements and budgetary comparison, which have yet to be reviewed by the Board, can be found in the Attachments section.

Monthly Compiled Financial Statements (August 31, 2026*)

The year-to-date change in fund balance is less than projections by approximately \$945,000. Year-to-date revenue from electricity sales is less than budget by approximately 6% and cost of energy is more than budget projections by approximately 1%. Year-to-date electricity sales reached \$36,611,000.

SCP maintains a balanced portfolio by procuring electricity from multiple sources. Net position reached a positive \$299,082,000*. Approximately \$388,163,000 is set aside for operating reserves. SCP has been returning funds to customers since January 2026, and at least \$52,000,000 is expected to be returned from July 2026 through June 2027.

Other operating expenses continued near or slightly below planned levels for the year.

**The draft financial statements for August 2026 reflect the proposed GASB 62 revenue deferral into the Rate Stabilization Fund from fiscal year 2025/26 based on management*

estimates and is subject to SCP Board approval. Net Position has been reduced by the proposed revenue deferral of \$57,500,000.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule (August 31, 2026)

The accompanying budgetary comparison includes the 2026/27 Budget approved by the Board of Directors.

The budget is formatted to make comparisons for both the annual and the year-to-date perspective. The first column, 2026/27 YTD Budget, allocates the Board approved annual budget at expected levels throughout the year with consideration for the timing of additional customers, usage volumes, staffing needs, etc. This column represents our best estimates, and this granular approach was not part of the Board approved budget.

Revenue from electricity sales to customers is under budget by less than approximately 6% at the end of the reporting period.

The cost of electricity was more than the budget-to-date by approximately 1%. Variation in this account is typically due to fluctuating market cost of energy on open position purchases as well as supplier delivery delays.

Major operating categories of Data Management fees and PG&E Service fees are based on the customer account totals.

In addition to the items mentioned above, SCP continues its trend of remaining near or under budget for most of its operating expenses.

Monthly Investment Report

This report is to verify and report in writing to the Board regarding the responsibilities designated to the SCP Treasurer pursuant to SCP Financial Policy B.5 Investments. The Investment Policy was amended in 2024 expanding the definition of Permitted Investments, adding several investment diversification requirements, best practices and requiring additional reporting requirements to the Board, Committee, and stakeholders as follows.

Monthly Obligation to Report on New Investment Transactions

Government Code Section 53607 and SCP's Investment Policy require SCP to report to the Board, Committee, and stakeholders any investment transactions (defined as purchases, sales, or exchanges of securities) made during the month as soon as is practicable after the end of the month. Given the scheduling of the SCP's Board meetings during the first week of the month, the investment report will indicate investment transactions that occurred two months prior (September 2026).

SCP currently maintains bank accounts and investments at River City Bank (RCB), Summit State Bank, the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), USBank, and J.P. Morgan. Active individual investments are held at RCB, USBank and J.P. Morgan. Staff will provide Statements of Investments as required throughout the year.

Reportable Activities

USBank

In November of 2024, the Board approved amendments to SCP Investment Policy as recommended by SCP's investment advisor, Chandler Asset Management (CAM). As of September 30th, CAM managed about \$94 million of SCP's reserves. All investments directed by CAM are held at SCP's custodian, USBank. All investments held as of September 30, 2026, at USBank appear as Attachment 5 with new holdings purchased in September highlighted. USBank transaction details for the month of September, including sales and maturities of securities, are in Attachment 6. Additionally, the September 2026 account statement prepared by CAM is in Attachment 7.

River City Bank

A detailed statement of the investments held at River City Bank as of September 30, 2026, appears as Attachment 8. River City Bank transaction details for the month of September, including purchases and maturities of securities, are in Attachment 9.

State of California Local Agency Investment Fund

The LAIF investment balance as of September 30, 2026, appears as Attachment 10.

J.P. Morgan

The J.P. Morgan investment balance as of September 30, 2026, appears as Attachment 11.

Agency Goals

SCP's Financial Report, and more broadly, its financial decisions, support three of the Agency's 2027 goals.

1. Maintain SCP's 'A' credit rating to support cost-effective power procurement, and work to establish a pathway for an upgrade to A+.
2. Recommend how SCP can continue to improve its governance practices.
3. Recommend and take all necessary actions to sustain competitive customer rates and strong customer service.

Community Advisory Committee Review

The Financial Report is a monthly, information-only, item that requires no action. The only question was for staff to clarify what the acronyms ICS (Insured Cash Sweep), CDARS (Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service), and LAIF (Local Agency Investment Fund) meant.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – July 2026 Financial Statements, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 2 – July 2026 Budgetary Statement, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 3 – August 2026 Financial Statements
- Attachment 4 – August 2026 Budgetary Statement
- Attachment 5 – September 2026 Statement of Investments Held at USBank, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 6 – September 2026 Statement of Transactions at USBank, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 7 – September 2026 USBank Account Statement prepared by CAM, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 8 – September 2026 Statement of Investments Held at River City Bank, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 9 – September 2026 Statement of Transactions at River City Bank, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 10 – September 2026 Statement of Investments Held at the Local Agency Investment Fund, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 11 – September 2026 Statement of Investments Held at J.P. Morgan, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board



ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Management
Sonoma Clean Power Authority

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Sonoma Clean Power Authority (a California Joint Powers Authority) which comprise the statement of net position as of August 31, 2026, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and the statement of cash flows for the two months then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the accompanying statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the note disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in these compiled financial statements. Sonoma Clean Power Authority's annual audited financial statements include the note disclosures omitted from these statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in these financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Authority's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

We are not independent with respect to the Authority because we performed certain accounting services that impaired our independence.

Maher Accountancy

San Rafael, CA
October 15, 2026

SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

As of August 31, 2026

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 217,859,677
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	12,937,167
Other receivables	6,658,732
Accrued revenue	10,674,276
Prepaid expenses	1,517,638
Deposits	955,493
Investments	99,133,752
Total current assets	<u>349,736,735</u>

Noncurrent assets

Investments	80,008,759
Loan receivable	3,872,465
Other receivables	705,462
Capital assets, net of depreciation	23,088,139
Total noncurrent assets	<u>107,674,825</u>
Total assets	<u>457,411,560</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities

Accrued cost of electricity	28,188,222
Accounts payable	1,309,087
Other accrued liabilities	1,455,845
User taxes and energy surcharges due to other governments	588,549
Supplier security deposits	30,000
Total current liabilities	<u>31,571,703</u>

Noncurrent liabilities

Supplier security deposits	1,757,421
Total liabilities	<u>33,329,124</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Rate stabilization fund	<u>195,000,000</u>
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NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets	23,088,139
Unrestricted	205,994,297
Total net position	<u>\$ 229,082,436</u>

SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
Two Months Ended August 31, 2026

OPERATING REVENUES

Electricity sales, net	\$ 36,094,894
Evergreen electricity premium	516,563
Liquidated damages	101,820
Total operating revenues	<u>36,713,277</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Cost of electricity	35,773,024
Contract services	1,639,000
Staff compensation	2,051,502
Program rebates and incentives	200,642
Other operating expenses	353,820
Depreciation	150,594
Total operating expenses	<u>40,168,582</u>
Operating income	<u>(3,455,305)</u>

NONCAPITAL SUBSIDIES

Grant revenue	<u>10,062</u>
Total noncapital subsidies	<u>10,062</u>
Operating income and noncapital subsidies	<u>(3,445,243)</u>

NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)

Investment income	2,235,976
Charitable contribution	(100,000)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses), net	<u>2,135,976</u>

CHANGE IN NET POSITION

	(1,309,267)
Net position at beginning of year	230,391,703
Net position at end of period	<u><u>\$ 229,082,436</u></u>

SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Two Months Ended August 31, 2026

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Receipts from customers	\$ 34,909,036
Receipts of security deposits and liquidated damages revenue	106,520
Receipts from wholesale sales and other operating activities	1,716,139
Payments to electricity suppliers	(30,905,288)
Payments for other goods and services	(2,501,078)
Payments for staff compensation	(2,402,635)
Payments for program rebates and incentives	(187,212)
Payments of taxes and surcharges to other governments	(491,307)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>244,175</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Purchases of capital assets	<u>(9,914)</u>
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Investment income received	2,083,688
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	1,831,179
Purchase of investments	<u>(2,336,525)</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>1,578,342</u>

Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1,812,603
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>216,047,074</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u><u>\$ 217,859,677</u></u>

NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Change in fair value of investments	\$ 255,873
Change in interest receivable	\$ (103,585)

SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Continued)

Two Months Ended August 31, 2026

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating income (loss)	\$ (3,455,305)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	150,594
Noncapital subsidies	10,062
Charitable contribution considered an operating activity for cash flow purposes only	(100,000)
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	(1,636,949)
Other receivables	(1,613,523)
Accrued revenue	(551,228)
Prepaid expenses	349,761
Deposits	843
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accrued cost of electricity	6,478,246
Accounts payable	(288,646)
Other accrued liabilities	901,171
User taxes due to other governments	(5,551)
Supplier security deposits	4,700
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 244,175</u>



ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Board of Directors
Sonoma Clean Power Authority

Management is responsible for the accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedule for the Operating Fund of Sonoma Clean Power Authority (a California Joint Powers Authority) for the two months ended August 31, 2026, and for determining that the budgetary basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the accompanying statement nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on this special purpose budgetary comparison statement.

The special purpose statement is prepared in accordance with the budgetary basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors of Sonoma Clean Power Authority.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the note disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in these compiled financial statements. Sonoma Clean Power Authority's annual audited financial statements include the note disclosures omitted from these statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in these financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Authority's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

We are not independent with respect to the Authority because we performed certain accounting services that impaired our independence.

Maher Accountancy

San Rafael, CA
October 15, 2026

SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - OPERATING FUND
Two Months Ended August 31, 2026

	2026/27 YTD Budget	2026/27 YTD Actual	2026/27 YTD Budget Variance (Under) Over	2026/27 YTD Actual / Budget %	2026/27 Budget	2026/27 Budget Remaining
REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES:						
Electricity (net of allowance)	\$ 38,311,691	\$ 36,146,714	\$ (2,164,977)	94%	\$ 193,575,000	\$ 157,428,286
Revenue from (to) Rate Stabilization Fu	-		-		46,703,000	46,703,000
Evergreen Premium (net of allowance)	532,000	516,563	(15,437)	97%	3,192,000	2,675,437
CEC Grant Proceeds	487,512	10,062	(477,450)	2%	2,133,000	2,122,938
Investment returns	2,599,485	2,235,976	(363,509)	86%	13,546,000	11,310,024
Total revenue and other sources	41,930,688	38,909,315	(3,021,373)	93%	259,149,000	220,239,685
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES:						
CURRENT EXPENDITURES						
Cost of energy and scheduling	35,501,574	35,723,024	221,450	101%	219,788,000	184,064,976
Data managemen	570,000	589,856	19,856	103%	3,420,000	2,830,144
Service fees- PG&	166,000	167,555	1,555	101%	996,000	828,445
Personn	2,310,608	2,051,502	(259,106)	89%	14,009,000	11,957,498
External relatio	645,458	434,563	(210,895)	67%	3,883,000	3,448,437
Customer servic	59,500	30,544	(28,956)	51%	220,000	189,456
General and administrati	479,652	247,523	(232,129)	52%	2,715,000	2,467,477
Leg	90,833	95,190	4,357	105%	545,000	449,810
Regulatory and complian	60,000	33,296	(26,704)	55%	360,000	326,704
Accountii	52,000	54,488	2,488	105%	362,000	307,512
Legislati	43,333	38,000	(5,333)	88%	220,000	182,000
Other consultar	237,617	180,259	(57,358)	76%	953,000	772,741
Industry memberships and du	185,417	106,300	(79,117)	57%	1,114,000	1,007,700
Customer energy solutio	934,463	315,889	(618,574)	34%	5,347,000	5,031,111
Total current expenditures	41,336,455	40,067,989	(1,268,466)	97%	253,932,000	213,864,011
OTHER USES						
Capital outl:	813,600	5,959	(807,641)	1%	5,217,000	5,211,041
Total expenditures, other	42,150,055	40,073,948	(2,076,107)	95%	259,149,000	219,075,052
Net increase (decrease) in available fund balance	\$ (219,367)	\$ (1,164,633)	\$ (945,266)		\$ -	\$ 1,164,633
<i>* Represents sales of approximately 332,000 MWh for 2026/27 YTD actual.</i>						
RESERVES	Balance - as of June 30, 2026	Long-Term Targeted	% of Long-Term Target			
Reserves and Rate Stabilization Funds	\$ 388,163,000	\$ 253,932,000	153%			

SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - OPERATING FUND (CONTINUED)
RECONCILIATION OF NET INCREASE IN AVAILABLE FUND BALANCE
TO CHANGE IN NET POSITION
Two Months Ended August 31, 2026

Net increase (decrease) in available fund balance per budgetary comparison schedule:	\$ (1,164,633)
Adjustments needed to reconcile to the changes in net position in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position:	
Subtract depreciation expense	(150,594)
Add back capital asset acquisitions	<u>5,960</u>
Change in net position	<u><u>\$ (1,309,267)</u></u>



Staff Report – Item 03

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer
Chris Golik, Senior Finance Manager

Issue: Approve the Deferral of Funds into the Rate Stabilization Fund

Date: November 5, 2026

Recommendation

Approve the deferral of \$58,000,000 into the Operating Account Fund (Rate Stabilization Fund or “Fund”) from Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 pursuant to SCP Policy B.2 Financial Reserves.

Background

In 2020, the Board approved Resolution 2020.02 establishing an Operating Account Fund to allow the deferral of revenues from one fiscal year for use in a future fiscal year to mitigate the effects of volatile energy costs and increases to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) on customer rates. In 2024, the Board amended SCP Policy B.2 Financial Reserves to reflect the need to defer revenues for use in future years in recognition that counterparties and rating agencies generally prefer to see stability in covering expenses with revenues rather than large net increases and decreases from year to year. The policy states that “any excess revenues above the Target Reserve balance shall be deferred to stabilize rates in subsequent years.”

Government accounting standards require that a deferral of revenue for use in a future fiscal year must be approved by the entity’s governing board. Consequently, staff is bringing the deferral of \$58,000,000 from FY 2025/26 to the Board for consideration. In 2024 and 2025, the Board approved the deferral of \$56,000,000 and \$81,500,000, respectively, of revenues from FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 to the Rate Stabilization Fund for use in future fiscal years.

Discussion

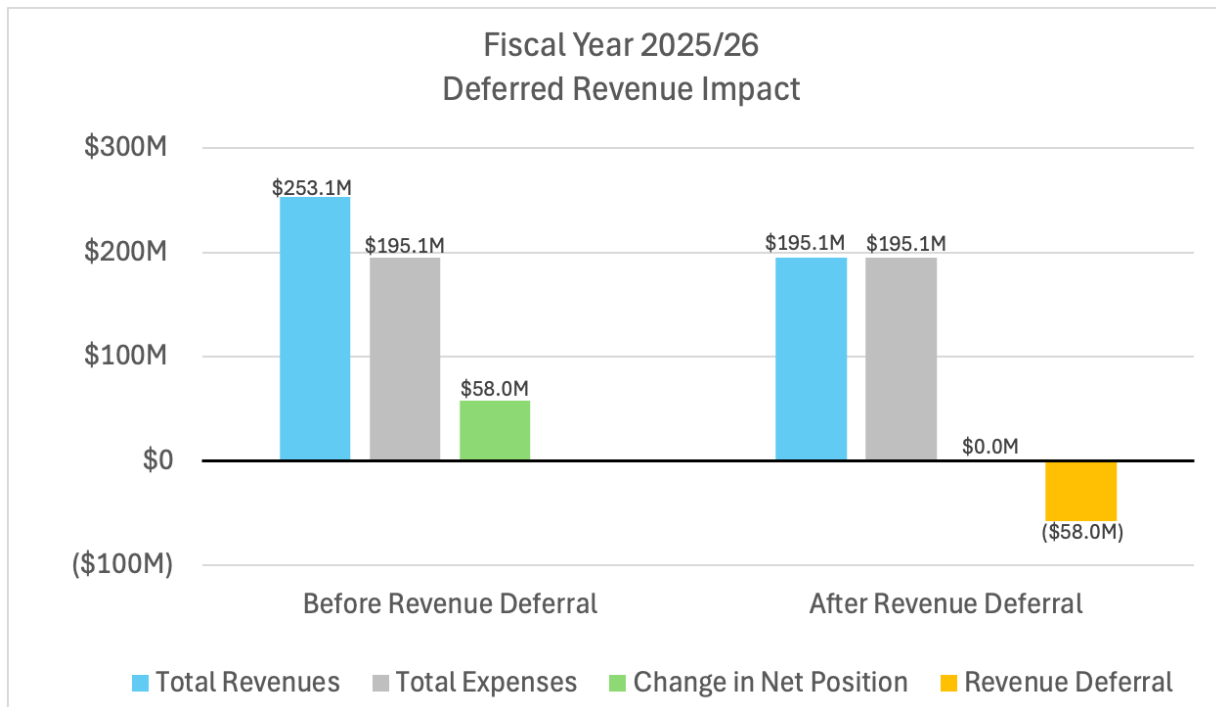
Since inception in 2014, SCP has focused on building its financial reserves knowing that a time would come when those reserves would be needed to safeguard customers from large fluctuations in PG&Es rates and fees. SCP has benefited from several favorable years of offering savings to customers relative to PG&E bundled customers while also building reserves to mitigate future rate increases.

SCP's unaudited financial results for FY 2025/26 indicate a positive financial outcome for the organization. Meanwhile, forecasts for calendar year 2027 show that most of those deferred revenues will need to be recognized to stay competitive with PG&E in a year where PG&E is being required to return significant overcharges to customers.

An estimate of the financial results from FY 2025/26 appears below along with a recommendation for the deferral of \$58,000,000 of revenues into the Rate Stabilization Fund and the recognition of approximately \$44,000 of net revenues:

	FY 2025/26
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 238,099,000
Revenue Deferral	(58,000,000)
Adjusted Operating Revenues	180,099,000
Total Operating Expenses	195,075,000
Operating Income	(14,976,000)
Nonoperating Revenues	15,021,000
Change in Net Position	45,000
Net Position at 6/30/2024	229,847,000
Net Position at 6/30/2025	\$ 229,892,000

A graphic depiction of the estimated financial results from FY 2025/26 along with the recommendation to defer \$58,000,000 in revenues appears below.



Fiscal Impact

The impact of deferring \$58,000,000 of revenue from FY 2025/26 will reduce net revenue in that year by that amount but add the same amount to our Rate Stabilization Fund for use in a future year when revenues may be insufficient to cover costs.

Community Advisory Committee Review

The recommended revenue deferral amount was not yet available when the agenda was distributed for the Community Advisory Committee's most recent meeting on October 15, 2026.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – SCP Policy B.2 Financial Reserves, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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Staff Report – Item 04

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Meredith Standing, Director of Public Relations and Marketing

Issue: Approve and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Studio PR, LLC for Public Relations and Strategic Communications Services through September 30, 2027, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$185,000

Date: November 5, 2026

Recommendation

Approve and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a professional services agreement with Studio PR, LLC for public relations and strategic communications services for the term October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$185,000.

Background

Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) has worked with Studio PR, LLC since 2021 for media relations and public communications. The existing agreement runs July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027, with a \$350,000 not-to-exceed amount. Its fee schedule provides for hourly billing at \$215 per hour, based on an estimated average of 41 hours per month.

Staff proposes replacing the hourly agreement with a monthly retainer to address the funding limit and establish a new billing structure that encourages more engagement and utilization.

Discussion

The proposed agreement, included as Attachment 1, continues these services under a monthly retainer of \$13,500, based on an average of 60 hours per month at \$225 per hour. This reflects a \$10 hourly increase from the rate established in 2024. The retainer provides greater ongoing communications capacity and cost predictability and supports more effective planning and prioritization of communications work.

Studio PR will coordinate with SCP staff and partners on media outreach, press releases, spokesperson preparation, interviews, event publicity, opinion articles, awards, case studies, program messaging, and executive communications.

Reporting and coordination include a monthly public relations tracker, meetings with staff every two weeks, daily media coverage notifications, and monthly coverage reports.

Reimbursable expenses require SCP's advance approval. Additional services require a written amendment under the agreement. The contract limit is not a guaranteed payment.

Fiscal Impact

The total not-to-exceed amount is \$185,000. Planned costs consist of \$162,000 for twelve monthly retainer payments of \$13,500 and a \$4,000 annual media monitoring fee, totaling \$166,000. The remaining \$19,000 provides an allowance for approved expenses and additional services within the overall contract limit.

Funding is included in the approved budget under account 60305 – Communications Consultants. Funding for services in fiscal year 2027–28 remains subject to Board approval of that year's budget.

Agency Goals

This agreement supports Goal 8, protecting SCP's ability to cost-effectively provide clean power and services, through media relations and messaging that support policy advocacy. It also supports Goal 6, implementation of building electrification policies, through communications about relevant programs and initiatives.

Community Advisory Committee Review

Due to timing, this item is proceeding directly to the Board without prior Community Advisory Committee review. Staff will share it with the Committee for its information.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Professional Services Agreement with Studio PR, LLC, including Exhibit A – Scope of Services, Exhibit B – Budget & Fee Schedule, and Exhibit C – Non-Disclosure Agreement, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board



Staff Report – Item 05

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Neal Reardon, Director of Policy
Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager
Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer

Issue: Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates, Approve Legislative Positions, and Provide Direction as Appropriate

Date: November 5, 2026

Requested Action

Receive legislative and regulatory updates, approve legislative positions, and provide direction as appropriate.

Regulatory Updates

CalCCA Graphic Outlining Various Tracks of PCIA Reform

CalCCA staff developed the summary graphic below showing various Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (“PCIA”) tracks, including their timelines, areas of scope, and current status. SCP Staff and interested stakeholders are currently awaiting a proposal from the California Public Utilities Commission on Track 3A of PCIA.

PCIA Proceeding Strategy: Minimize Risk, Seize Opportunities



Legislative Updates

SCP staff are beginning to develop legislative priorities for the 2027-2028 session that advance our goals of tackling the climate crisis, providing affordable electricity to ratepayers, and continuing to build coalitions with a wide range of allied groups across organized labor, the environmental movement, and beyond. We remain focused on a number of key areas where we can move the needle, including geothermal, transmission and interconnection, and more.

Over the next several months, SCP staff will flesh out initial proposals and bring them to the board for approval. Staff are also beginning to plan SCP's "Lobby Day" in the State Capitol and other early-session objectives to maintain our presence and visibility while continuing to deepen our relationships with key decisionmakers.

In addition to these efforts, SCP staff will continue to coordinate closely with the CalCCA Legislative Committee by serving as both a thought leader and assisting in strategic implementation of CalCCA legislative efforts.

Agency Goals

Our legislative efforts align well with several agency goals, including advancing clean firm power such as geothermal (Goal 4) and continuing to develop SCP's leadership in the realm of transmission and interconnection (Goal 10).



Staff Report – Item 06

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors
From: Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations
Issue: Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Direction as Appropriate
Date: November 5, 2026

PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING UPDATE

This holiday season, SCP is investing in community well-being across Sonoma and Mendocino counties through food security support, free public events, and energy savings resources for customers. SCP is contributing to eight local food assistance organizations, including a \$20,000 donation to Redwood Empire Food Bank during our staff volunteer day on December 4. In Mendocino County, SCP is sponsoring Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens' Festival of Lights. Additional support includes holiday assistance programs, local tree lightings and community celebrations, free Energy Savings Boxes, and energy savings assistance at our Customer Center.

Save the date: Merry & Bright, December 4–6 at Snoopy's Home Ice in Santa Rosa, featuring nine free outdoor skating shows produced by Redwood Ice Theatre Company and presented by SCP. Community members can take the SMART train to Santa Rosa North station and walk to the shows.

2025 POWER CONTENT LABEL

SCP's Power Content Label will go out to customers during the first week of November, providing the required breakdown of electricity sources procured in 2025 and reported to the California Energy Commission. We will provide copies for review at the meeting. The mailer shows EverGreen's locally generated, 100% renewable service, explains why large hydroelectric power is listed separately from eligible renewable resources, and shows the state requirement for electric customers to contribute to keeping Diablo Canyon operating. We wanted you to have advance notice of these topics, which may prompt questions from constituents. Our team is available to help respond.

Upcoming Meetings

- Community Advisory Committee – November 19, 2026
- Board of Directors – December 3, 2026
- Community Advisory Committee – December 17, 2026
- Board of Directors – January 7, 2027

Agency Goals

This Internal Operations update, which is provided monthly to the Board of Directors and Community Advisory Committee provides background on how all SCP staff support several Agency Goals, such as taking actions to protect customers, working on outreach to underrepresented communities, and maintaining a strong credit rating.

Attachments

- None.



Staff Report – Item 07

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Geof Syphers, CEO
Hector Velasquez, Business One Stop Shop

Issue: Receive Business One Stop Shop Progress Update and Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Certain Changes to the Terms of the Loan Agreement and the Grant Agreement

Date: November 5, 2026

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Board of Directors receive a progress update from the Business One Stop Shop (B-OSS) and authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to approve two changes to: (1) the loan agreement to extend the interest-only period for the existing loan by 12 months, and (2) to the grant agreement to allow the remaining \$150,000 in grant match funds to be released as B-OSS obtains third-party donations.

Background

On August 7, 2025, the SCP Board approved a grant of up to \$500,000 and delegated authority to finalize a loan of up to \$4.0 million to the Business One Stop Shop (B-OSS) – formerly the Economic Launchpad Hub. These actions were taken following discussions and negotiations by an ad hoc committee of the Board that recognized:

- SCP would gain considerable access to hard-to-reach small business owners, greatly improving participation in energy programs, research and advocacy.
- Community support that involves secured loans produces benefits for both the non-profit recipient and also SCP's ratepayers in the form of interest income.
- Consolidation of support services for local small businesses into one facility improves access and should lower administrative costs over time.
- Long-term climate and energy goals are connected to economic resilience, and an emphasis on supporting local small business generally advances SCP's interests.

Discussion

Loan Change Requested

The existing loan was established to provide up to \$4.0 million toward the purchase and renovation of an office building to house the B-OSS facility. The terms included an interest-only period through December 31, 2026, transitioning to standard amortization for the remaining 9 year period, then a balloon payment. The B-OSS team is requesting that the interest-only period be extended one year to December 31, 2027 with no other changes to the loan. This would defer principal payments by one year, serving to slightly increase the total amount ultimately paid back to SCP due to higher interest costs.

Launch Grant Change Requested

The existing launch grant provides up to \$500,000 to support the successful launch of the B-OSS facility and services. It was established to be released in four tranches:

- Tranche 1: \$100,000 upon SCP Board approval and initial program setup.
Status = paid.
- Tranche 2: \$150,000 upon SCP's issuance of a secured loan to Recipient and execution of a real estate purchase contract for the Hub facility.
Status = paid.
- Tranche 3: \$100,000 upon verified opening of the Hub for business operations.
Status = paid.
- Tranche 4: \$150,000 upon Recipient securing at least \$150,000 in matching funding (from donations, leases, or grants from other entities).
Status = waiting for full \$150,000 to be raised.

The B-OSS team are requesting that the terms for release of the Tranche 4 match funding be modified to allow 1:1 release of match funding as donations are secured. For example, once B-OSS secures \$70,000 in third-party non-SCP donations, they would be allowed to request \$70,000 of match funding from Tranche 4.

Staff recommend approval on the basis that this will allow the incremental growth of a new service organization to occur, and that such an incremental approach may be necessary to earn the support of additional funders. If approved, the CEO will finalize and execute amendments to the loan and grant agreements.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of the loan modification would defer approximately \$78,540.00 in principal payments, and add approximately \$35,300.00 to the total interest paid over the term of the loan. The loan is secured by the underlying asset value of the building located at 350 E Street in Santa Rosa.

Approval of the grant modification has no effect on total expenses, but will accelerate the speed of the final payments of \$150,000 by a matter of months.

Agency Goals

This item supports Board Goal #3. Support the successful first year of operations at the Business One-Stop Shop.

Community Advisory Committee Review

This request was made too late to obtain advance review by the Community Advisory Committee. As a result, the Committee is invited to provide any input at the Board meeting or in writing in advance.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – B-OSS One Year Report, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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Staff Report – Item 08

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Rebecca Simonson, Director of Capital Projects & Engineering
Patrick Le, Capital Projects Engineer

Issue: Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or Their Designee to Execute an Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for the Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas Energy Expansion Feasibility Project through December 31, 2027, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$287,652

Date: November 5, 2026

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Board of Directors approve delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer or their designee to execute an agreement with Brown and Caldwell for the Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas Energy Expansion Feasibility Project through December 31, 2027, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$287,652.

Background

As part of SCP's efforts to find local energy resource investments that can produce revenues to offset customer rates, SCP entered into a partnership with the City of Santa Rosa Water ("Santa Rosa Water") in October 2025 to explore expanding biogas energy production at Santa Rosa Water's Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant ("LTP"). The partnership was formalized through an executed Term Sheet to conduct an in-depth feasibility study and any subsequent detailed engineering design to evaluate opportunities to develop, improve, or expand biogas operations at the LTP. See Attachment A.

The LTP currently operates four 1.1 MW engine-generators. Two engines allow for biogas-fueled generation, however two can only utilize pipeline natural gas. The facility currently flares a portion of the biogas produced during wastewater treatment when available engine capacity is insufficient to utilize the biogas. The feasibility study will evaluate opportunities to increase biogas utilization and renewable energy generation,

including the potential addition of one or two 1.1 MW biogas-fueled engine-generators, which could increase facility generation capacity by approximately 1.1 MW to 2.2 MW.

The goals of the project are to increase renewable power produced, reduce wasted biogas flaring, reduce energy costs for Santa Rosa Water, produce revenues to help offset SCP customer rates, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SCP will lead the feasibility study and, if the results are favorable and support the project goals described above, pursue the design, permitting, construction, and ownership of the facility. SCP will work collaboratively with Santa Rosa Water to develop the scope of work for each project phase and ensure consistency with Santa Rosa Water's operational requirements. Subject to project feasibility, SCP intends to provide the capital funding for and ultimately own the facility. If the project is constructed, Santa Rosa Water would compensate SCP for project costs, including this contract, and provide operations and maintenance services through a mutually negotiated energy offtake agreement or another funding mechanism to be determined.

Discussion

SCP issued a Request for Qualifications and Proposals ("RFQ/P") in June 2026 to solicit competitive proposals from qualified firms for the LTP Biogas Energy Expansion Feasibility Project. Proposals were received in August 2026 and evaluated jointly by SCP and Santa Rosa Water. Brown and Caldwell was selected based on its extensive experience with similar projects, familiarity with the LTP, proposed technical approach, and the qualifications of its project team.

SCP has negotiated the Professional Services Agreement included as Attachment 2. The scope of work is divided into two phases.

Phase 1 will establish baseline facility conditions, develop and evaluate conceptual design alternatives, and perform technical and economic feasibility analyses for up to three alternatives selected by SCP and Santa Rosa Water. Upon completion of Phase 1, SCP and Santa Rosa Water will determine whether any alternative should advance to further design.

Phase 2 will consist of preliminary engineering design for the selected alternative, together with refined technical, economic, and implementation analyses to support future project development decisions.

Fiscal Impact

The agreement has a total not-to-exceed amount of \$287,652 through December 31, 2027. Funding for this amount is included in SCP's approved FY 2026-27 budget.

This not-to-exceed amount only includes Phase 1 currently. The Phase 2 budget will be determined following completion of Phase 1 and selection of a preferred project alternative, if any. Staff will return to the Board for approval of an amendment to the Agreement before authorizing Phase 2 work.

The not-to-exceed amount also includes a 15% contingency for Additional Services that may be required during the course of the feasibility study that were not anticipated in the scoping of the contract.

Agency Goals

This contract addresses SCP Board of Directors' goal to develop local investments with the purpose of generating revenues to lower ratepayer costs over time. This project will result in a local clean energy generation asset that will produce energy revenues for SCP.

Community Advisory Committee Review

On October 15, 2026, the Community Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Directors approve delegating authority to the Chief Executive Officer or their designee to execute an agreement with Brown and Caldwell for the Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas Energy Expansion Feasibility Project through December 31, 2027, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$287,652.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Executed Term Sheet between SCP and Santa Rosa Water-Executing In-depth Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design for Biogas System Improvements on behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment 2- Professional Services Agreement with Brown and Caldwell for The Laguna Wastewater Treatment Plant Biogas Energy Expansion Project, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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Staff Report – Item 09

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors
From: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer
Issue: Approve Revised Sonoma Clean Power Authority Energy Risk Management Policy
Date: November 5, 2026

Recommendation

Approve recommended revisions to the SCPA Energy Risk Management Policy previously adopted by the SCPA Board or Directors on June 3, 2021.

Background

SCPA's Risk Oversight Committee regularly reviews its policies and is bringing revisions of the SCPA Energy Risk Management Policy ("Policy") to the Board for approval.

Discussion

The Risk Oversight Committee is proposing updates to the Energy Risk Management Policy to clarify risk oversight activities and responsibilities.

SCP's risk management function continues to evolve as staff gain experience applying the Policy across a growing and increasingly complex power supply portfolio. In recent years, the staff Risk Oversight Committee has refined its interpretation of certain policy provisions and implemented enhanced governance, compliance, reporting, and oversight practices to support prudent risk management and informed decision-making. The proposed revisions align the Policy with these evolved practices, clarify roles and responsibilities, and formally document processes that have strengthened SCP's risk management framework.

Key proposed revisions are:

- Strengthening alignment with SCP's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
- Clarifying the responsibilities of the Risk Oversight Committee and risk management functions

- Enhancing compliance and reporting requirements
- Adding the ability for the Chair to designate an alternate board member to approve power supply agreements when either the Chair or Vice Chair are unavailable; and
- Updating transaction oversight and approval provisions to reflect current practices.

The proposed revisions do not materially alter SCP's risk management philosophy or procurement authority. Rather, the updates strengthen transparency and accountability, provide greater clarity regarding governance and oversight responsibility, and ensure that the Policy accurately reflects the risk management practices in place today.

Changes are shown in redline in the attachment.

Fiscal Impact

Approval of the revised Policy will not result in any direct financial impact.

Agency Goals

The regular review of the Energy Risk Management policy supports Goal #4 Recommend how SCP can continue to improve its governance practices.

Community Advisory Committee Review

This item was not available in time for review by the Community Advisory Committee. Instead, the Committee will be asked to provide any input in the form of public comment to the Board.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 – Redlines to the SCPA Energy Risk Management Policy

SCPA Energy Risk Management Policy

1. Introduction

It is the policy of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority (“SCPA”) to operate Sonoma Clean Power (“SCP”) to provide electric energy and energy-related programs to customers consistent with our Board-approved IRP. SCPA also has a duty to make financially sound and timely investments, and to safeguard the Authority against adverse conditions.

This Energy Risk Management Policy (“Policy”) recognizes that there are risks inherent in participating in energy markets, and establishes the key control structures and policies to prudently manage risk:

1. Clearly defined segregation of duties and delegation of authority
2. Organizational structure for risk management oversight and controls
3. ~~Policies setting acceptable risk parameters~~ Energy procurement transacting requirements
4. Risk monitoring and ~~risk limits~~Procedures for risk reporting responsibilities
5. Permitted transactions and product types

The scope of this Policy addresses SCPA’s electric supply portfolio, procurement activities and participation in energy markets. It does not address operational details such as the prudent handling of data, deal entry, settlement validation, accuracy of load and generation forecasts, and myriad other detailed tasks. It also does not address general business risks, insurance, legislative or policy risks.

SCPA recognizes that risks are inherent in the electric energy business. SCPA therefore seeks to use the prudent management of energy market transactions to minimize the risks to SCPA and its customers.

2. Energy Risk Management Objectives

The primary objectives of energy risk management activities are to balance the business objectives of (1) providing stable electric rates to customers, (2) maintaining the on-going financial viability of the agency, and (3) managing business processes to allow the staff of SCPA to work efficiently and cost effectively ~~while, and~~ (4) achieving standards in our Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”).

2.1. Retail Rate Stability

Stable rates are of high value to the citizens and businesses in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, and yet energy commodity market prices are extremely volatile. Therefore, a key objective is to manage the risks inherent in the energy commodity markets to limit customer exposure to large swings in rates. This is done by mitigating both market risk and credit risk. Reserve balances maintained by SCPA per Financial Policy B.2 provide financial credit for

entering into long-term contracts and financial liquidity for entering into shorter-term contracts and purchases of energy in the spot and forward market as needed to meet the projected load.

2.2. Maintain Financial Viability of the Agency

SCPA seeks to: (a) reduce exposure to potential adverse energy price movements; (b) control costs by optimizing SCPA contracts; and (c) offering commodity products that address customer needs and recover costs through rate setting Board adopted financial policies.

2.3. Efficient and Cost-Effective Business Processes

SCPA staff will utilize business practices and controls that are sufficient to identify, evaluate, and manage risks, and are designed to streamline recording, analysis and reporting requirements. Staff will strive to improve the risk management procedures to enhance productivity, reduce the cost of conducting risk management activities, and maintain transparency and value of the risk management process.

2.4 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) describes the resources SCP is expected to need to meet its assigned load forecast and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions benchmarks while complying with the state of California's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), GHG and Resource Adequacy (RA) goals.

3. General Transacting Policy

3.1. Anti-speculation

Speculative buying and purchasing or selling ~~of~~ energy products are with the intent to profit from market price movements is prohibited. SCPA will not speculate in the energy market. Purchases of power products are only allowed where there is expectation of receiving delivery/utilizing the financial product. Selling of products is only allowed when SCPA owns or has contractual rights to the underlying products. Financial transactions that financially protect SCPA from major swings in market pricing are allowed.

3.2. Consistency with Integrated Resource Plan

Any transaction that is not consistent with the Board's most recently adopted Integrated Resource Plan must be reported by the CEO at the next Board meeting together with the reasons for the transaction.

3.3. Open and Competitive Process

Whenever possible, SCPA will seek to obtain multiple bids when making a purchase or sale transaction and select the best value transaction consistent with SCPA's Board-adopted IRP.

3.4. Adherence to all Required Registrations and Certifications

Note: The following may be updated by staff periodically to reflect changing requirements:

SCPA aims to comply with all applicable compliance regulations. For instances where SCPA does not meet compliance obligations, other than minor administrative deficiencies, the nature of the action will be presented to the Board along with any resulting penalties or consequences.

a) *California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)*

SCPA shall maintain its certification to operate a CCA through an Implementation Plan and maintain a functional relationship for customer billing with a CPUC-certified Service Agreement between SCPA and the investor-owned utility.

b) *California Independent System Operator (CAISO)*

SCPA is a Market Participant in the CAISO Federal Energy Regulatory Commission filed tariff, which includes Scheduling Coordination, energy imbalance settlement, congestion revenue rights, settlements and other rights and responsibilities as determined by CAISO. SCPA's market participation shall strictly comply with the laws, rules and regulations governing CAISO operation, including but not limited to, the FERC approved CAISO Tariff, CAISO Business Practice Manuals, and any successors; be consistent with SCPA Board adopted Policies; and continuously seek the lowest cost, least risk impact to SCPA customers.

c) *Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS)*

SCPA is a WREGIS account holder where SCPA has the right to purchase, transfer and retire certificates. WREGIS certificates are required for compliance with state requirements for renewable energy.

d) *California Energy Commission (CEC)*

SCPA engages with the California Energy Commission to ensure compliance in areas including adhering to renewable energy mandates, Resource Adequacy load forecasting, Integrated Energy Policy Report and power content reporting- and any other proceedings exercising influence over CCA-related business.

e) *California Air Resources Board (CARB)*

SCPA engages with CARB to ensure compliance in areas including Low Carbon Fuel Credits-, zero-emission vehicle and appliance regulations, enforcement and climate rulemakings exercising influence over the energy sector and CCA-related business.

3.5. *Operational Risk Assessment*

The Board has directed staff to ensure that standard procedures are maintained to address portfolio valuation risk, counterparty credit and default risk, risks associated with forecasting error, risks of overconcentration on technologies, location or specific counterparties, and other related market risks as determined by the Risk Oversight Committee ("ROC").

4. Oversight Bodies

4.1. *Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors*

The SCPA Board of Directors has the primary oversight responsibility, governing SCPA's preferred resources through the Integrated Resource Plan, selecting customer programs, establishing customer rates and ensuring SCPA is responsibly managed by hiring, reviewing and potentially terminating its CEO. The Board receives advice from its Community Advisory

Committee and the public. The Board also establishes and reviews this policy from time to time and reviews staff reports on risk.

4.2. Chief Executive Officer

The CEO has responsibility for executing and ensuring compliance with policies adopted by the Board of Directors. The CEO shall establish a staff “ROC” which shall consist of the CEO, COO, CFO, CSO, Director of Regulatory Affairs Policy, Managing Director of Power Procurement, Director of Planning & Analytics and Senior Risk ~~Officer~~Manager. The CEO shall report annually to the Board regarding energy risk management activities. The CEO shall maintain clear delegations of energy market contracting authority for each type of transaction and each staff position within SCPA.

4.3. Risk Oversight Committee (ROC)

The ROC shall advise the CEO on prudent risk management and aid in ensuring compliance with this and other Board policies. Any transaction or activity requiring the approval of the CEO or SCPA’s Board Chair or Vice Chair shall first be reviewed by the ROC.

The ROC shall serve in an oversight and advisory role which governs and ensures adherence to the Policy. The ROC is responsible for making recommendations to approve or reject transactions based on the Policy, reviewing hedge tolerance bands, seeking input on recommended transactions prior to seeking SCPA’s Board Chair and Vice Chair’s approval to execute, reviewing PPA and long-term transactions including seeking input on RFOs prior to issuance, reviewing RFOs, verifying term sheets details and confirming final contracts prior to execution.

The ROC will define internal controls, strategies and processes for managing market risks such as those incurred through wholesale trading, retail marketing, long-term contracting, Congestion Revenue Rights (“CRR”) trading and load and generation scheduling.

In addition to the above-mentioned responsibilities, the ROC will evaluate energy market transactions for consistency with SCPA’s procurement strategy and targets (i.e. Renewable Portfolio Standard (“RPS”), Greenhouse Gas (“GHG”), Resource Adequacy (“RA”), energy storage) and ~~established~~ counterparty concentration and credit risk tolerances. The ROC will also validate that risk management controls and practices are sufficient to monitor and manage SCPA’s risk exposure.

The ROC also approves counterparties based on Section 5 of this Policy.

The ROC reviews risk management reports provided by the ~~Power Services Team’s~~ Middle Office including SCPA’s Net Open Position ~~(“NOP”)~~, market exposure, credit exposure, counterparty credit ratings, transaction compliance, and other relevant market data ~~and portfolio parameters.~~

The ROC shall recommend updates to the Board for this Policy as needed. At a minimum, this Policy will be reviewed and updated by the ROC at least every two years.

4.4. Management Responsibility

Risk management oversight is accomplished through supervisory review and approval and appropriate separation of duties as follows:

f) *Front Office – Planning ~~and~~ & Analytics, Power Procurement and Chief Strategy Officer*

The Front Office is primarily responsible for resource planning and procuring energy supplies and services. The Front Office management responsibility is accomplished through supervisory review and using appropriate transaction approval processes.

g) *Middle Office/Risk – Controls and Reporting*

The Middle Office/Risk provides the primary independent management responsibility. The Middle Office oversees all risk management activities including portfolio exposure, credit and counterparty exposure, and compliance. The Middle Office/Risk responsibilities provide checks and balances while monitoring SCPA's risk exposures and ensuring compliance with policies, guidelines, and procedures. The functions of the Middle Office can be broadly defined as risk analysis, reviewing confirmations prior to execution, compliance tracking and review, credit analysis, and management reporting.

i. *Risk Analysis*

The Middle Office performs rigorous risk analysis to evaluate the risk exposure on both a transaction and portfolio basis.

ii. *Confirmations*

Confirmations The Middle Office reviews confirmations to ensure transactions have gone through appropriate approval, legal review and proper signing authority for execution.

iii. *Compliance Tracking and Review*

The Middle Office monitors all compliance obligations and transactions to ensure compliance of transactions with SCPA policies and state regulations.

iv. *Credit Analytics*

The Middle Office monitors and analyzes counterparty creditworthiness. ~~The Middle Office~~ objectively measures and monitors credit limits and credit histories, and ~~may temporarily or permanently halt trading, upon recommendation of the ROC. Credit will provide guidelines and transaction limitations and~~ actively ~~monitor~~monitors counterparty risk to minimize the potential adverse financial impacts on SCPA in the event of a defaulting counterparty. ~~Credit will implement a mechanism to monitor~~The Middle Office monitors and ~~report~~reports on supply portfolio ~~related, as it relates to~~ counterparty credit exposures. Counterparty credit exposures ~~and transaction volumes relative to the established limits~~ are to be monitored on an ongoing basis and reported to the ROC ~~by the~~. The Middle Office ~~Credit will also analyze~~ analyzes and ~~track~~tracks exposure to margin call, collateral tracking, Letters of Credit and anything related to SCPA's financial exposure for credit purposes.

v. *Management Reporting*

The Middle Office administers reports to the ROC related to risk management.

h) *Back Office – Settlement and Recording*

The Back Office is primarily responsible for counterparty checkouts, settlement of invoices, bookkeeping and accounting, and contract administration. The Back Office roles in oversight are ensuring that invoices reflect purchases or sales, independently monitoring transactions in the tracking database, and verifying and reporting on compliance with procedures. Back Office is responsible for overseeing compliance reporting functions including but not limited to WREGIS ~~retirement, /RPS retirement reporting~~retirements, retail sales, and LCFS.

5. Authorized Forms of Agreement

The Board authorizes the CEO to develop and maintain such standard forms of agreement necessary to fulfill SCPA's compliance obligations and generally supply all of SCPA's energy and energy-related services. The CEO shall utilize legal counsel with specific expertise ("expert counsel") in each type of agreement in the development of the standard forms and in reviewing any potential exceptions. The Middle OfficeSCPA maintains the authorized forms of agreement and ensures that exceptions are reviewed by expert counsel prior to execution.

6. Authorized Transacting Products

Products allowed for electric transactions include energy, capacity, transmission, financial hedges and ancillary services. All transactions must:

1. be committed to by authorized transacting personnel;
2. be with approved counterparties that have undergone appropriate credit review;

3. use an authorized form of agreement;
4. be committed over recorded phone lines, via electronic mail or in writing;
5. be recorded into SCPA's ~~deal book~~ Contract Tracking Sheet within 24 hours of execution; and
6. be consistent with this Policy.

Failure to observe the above minimum requirements when executing energy transactions is a violation of this Policy and is subject to disciplinary action.

7. Transacting Authority

The CEO is authorized to make all necessary energy product expenditures which meet all of the following criteria:

6. In the best interest of SCPA's customers;
7. Consistent with this Policy and all other Board policies;
8. Less than 10 years in duration;
9. Less than \$250 million in notional value.

The table below shows further details for specific categories of procurement, and the individuals who are authorized to execute agreements, confirmations, and other documents relating to power procurement. All transaction structures listed below have had counsel review and additional counsel review noted is for specific transaction negotiations.

PROCUREMENT CATEGORY	SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS	COUNSEL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS
Spot Transactions	The Managing Director of Power Procurement and one additional staff member in Power Procurement as designated by the CEO or <u>CFQCOO</u> .	None
Non-Spot Transactions of Duration Less Than 3 Years and Having Notional Value Equal to or Less Than \$5,000,000	The Managing Director of Power Procurement and either the CEO or <u>CFQCOO</u> . A staff member in Power Procurement may be designated by the CEO or <u>CFQCOO</u> in the absence of the Managing Director.	Outside Counsel

PROCUREMENT CATEGORY	SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS	COUNSEL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS
Transactions Less Than 10 Years and Notional Value of Equal to or less than \$250,000,000	The Managing Director of Power Procurement and the CEO or <u>CFQCOQ</u> . A staff member in Power Procurement may be designated by the CEO or <u>CFQCOQ</u> in the absence of the Managing Director.	Outside Counsel
Transactions of 10 Years or More Duration or Having Notional Value Greater Than \$250,000,000	The Managing Director of Power Procurement, the CEO, and <u>Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, or in the absence of the Chair or Vice Chair, another Board member designated by the Chair</u> . A staff member in Power Procurement may be designated by the CEO in the absence of the Managing Director.	Outside Counsel

8. Conflict of Interest

In accordance with the Municipal Code and California law, personnel involved in transacting and oversight of SCPA's supply resources may not engage in financial conflicts of interest, unless SCPA is duly informed, and it elects to waive such conflicts. Certain conflicts cannot be waived, including conflicts related to the Political Reform Act and Government Code Section 1090. All personnel in procuring or selecting counterparties for contracting or transacting are required to complete, on an annual basis, the Form 700 Disclosure forms and submit these forms to the Clerk. In addition, personnel involved in transacting and oversight activities shall complete FERC Anti-Market Manipulation (AMM) training on a biennial basis.



Staff Report – Item 10

To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors

From: Ryan Tracey, Chief Strategy Officer
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Claudia Sisomphou, Director of Community & Governmental Relations

Issue: Approve Participation in the California Geothermal Coalition Trade Association and Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

Date: November 5, 2026

Recommended Action

Approve staff's recommendation for SCP to participate in founding the California Geothermal Coalition trade association.

California Geothermal Coalition

In recent years, SCP has become the leading voice in Sacramento working to advance policies that support the development of new geothermal resources across California, particularly in the state Legislature. SCP's work has led to a number of significant victories on this front, including the enactment of AB 1359 (Papan) in 2024 to allow counties to serve as lead agency for geothermal exploration wells; AB 531 (Rogers) in 2025 to enable all new geothermal projects to use an expedited permitting process; and most recently AB 2234 (Papan) to explicitly allow emerging technologies in geothermal exploration projects. Most significantly, an SCP-led coalition secured \$20 million in state funding this year – even in the face of significant budget deficits – to support in-state geothermal characterization efforts based on the highly successful Utah FORGE model.

Our success to date is in large part thanks to the coalitions we have been able to build with a range of partners, including labor unions, business groups, environmental organizations, and others. Interest in geothermal issues is growing significantly as it becomes more and more clear that securing a reliable supply of “clean firm” power (clean power that can run all night and through the winter) is the linchpin of achieving California's ambitious clean energy goals, while also creating significant numbers of high-quality jobs and providing local economic benefits.

Staff believe that working with others as part of broader coalitions is essential because, ultimately, there is only so much SCP can achieve in Sacramento on our own as a small local agency. SCP staff and our partners are now interested in formalizing our work together and turbocharging our ability to collaborate and advocate effectively. The proposed new “California Geothermal Coalition” will initially consist of an aligned group of load-serving entities, geothermal developers, and possibly environmental organizations, primarily those with whom SCP has worked most closely and constructively in the past.

In the October Board meeting, staff shared their interest in forming a California geothermal trade organization. During the meeting, the Chair formed an ad hoc committee to work with staff on this effort and provide staff with additional guidance. The ad hoc has met several times in the past month, and shared expertise, priorities, and recommendations that have shaped staff’s early work in forming the trade association.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager at SCP, has been selected to serve as Chair of the board of this new organization for the first two years should the SCP Board of Directors move forward with joining. The first-year dues for these initial board members, including SCP, will be \$75,000 each (pending final confirmation once a board of directors is formally constituted and adopts a dues structure).

Discussions between potential coalition members to date have been highly productive, with the group agreeing on several core principles that align with SCP’s areas of focus. These include focusing on advancing geothermal development within California and not using this new organization to advocate for or against out-of-state development; advancing legislation to exempt geothermal exploration wells meeting high environmental, labor, and tribal consultation standards from CEQA in 2027; supporting transmission buildout needed for geothermal development; and, importantly, not using this organization to advocate for or against procurement mandates on load-serving entities.

The potential benefits of SCP forming and participating in this coalition are numerous and include:

- *Significantly strengthening SCP’s ability to advocate on geothermal issues:* As discussed above, this coalition will largely be focused on advancing priorities that SCP is already working to accomplish. With the resources and reach of numerous organizations behind those priorities, success will become significantly more likely.
- *Better access to industry expertise:* Given that SCP is not the actual developer of proposed geothermal projects in our Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone), SCP staff rely heavily on insights from geothermal developers to inform legislative language and when drafting regulatory proposals. Formalizing our partnership with those developers will make it

significantly easier to lean on them for technical knowledge during time-sensitive, high-stakes negotiations and ensure that we are securing the best possible final products.

- *Improving SCP's credibility and profile in Sacramento:* Leading a coalition of this significance will be very positive for SCP's long-term efforts here.

Notably, joining this organization does not in any way limit SCP's ability to advocate on our own or advance SCP-sponsored legislation independent of the coalition.

Should the Board of Directors choose to move forward with SCP joining the California Geothermal Coalition, SCP staff and our coalition partners will move quickly to stand up this organization in time to work with the new Governor's team over the next two months as they prepare early-action budget proposals, budget trailer bills, and other items that could include forward-thinking geothermal policy as soon as January 2027.

GeoZone Update: Partner Updates

Staff are expecting to finish GeoZone 2.0 workshops with prospective partners in the first half of November. As shared in last month's meeting, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) held a lease auction on October 27th that includes several large parcels in Sonoma County. Several prospective partners have asked to hold workshops following the results of the auction. After finishing partnership workshops, staff will evaluate which proposals present the best opportunity to support GeoZone and meet the guidelines for GeoZone agreements set by the Board. Any new GeoZone partnerships that arise from these workshop discussions will be presented to the Committee and subject to Board approval.

There are no updates on SCP's partnership with Eavor. As shared last month, staff are working with Eavor on prospecting site opportunities in advance of Eavor's deadline to seek a third-party project investor by March 2027.

GeoZone Update: Proactive Planning Sonoma-Mendocino Geothermal Planning Grant

SCP, Sonoma County, and Mendocino County were awarded a grant to support proactive regional planning for geothermal development by the CEC. The team participated in a Central Oregon field trip in early October, which included visiting the Quaise Energy drill site, the Mazama Energy drill site, and visiting with Deschutes County, Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO), and the Oregon Water Resources Department. The team captured a compendium of information on geothermal development impacts, benefits, stakeholder concerns, and best practices that are being incorporated into grant deliverables.

GeoZone Update: California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) 2027-2028 Transmission Plan

Staff continue to work through the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to prioritize transmission for in-state geothermal opportunities. A key consideration is what role a proposed 2 gigawatt (GW) transmission line to Utah geothermal resources could play in meeting the state's need for clean firm capacity (the High West Transmission Project). In opening comments on the state's latest portfolio, two additional countervailing opportunities were highlighted:

- **In-state Geothermal Interest:** Hexagon Energy shared they are actively developing 13 projects across Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen counties that could deliver as much as 2.5 GW of in-state geothermal potential by 2032. EGX Energy shared they are developing a 100 MW project in Lake County that could be expanded to 400 MW by 2034. Zanskar, Ormat, and XGS Energy also provided support for interest in Northern California geothermal development. Many of these projects would benefit from reconfiguration of a planned 500 kV transmission line planned for Humboldt offshore wind.
- **Walker River Transmission Line:** PG&E and LS Power proposed the CPUC consider evaluating a 500 kV line between Tesla substation in the Greater Bay Area and the Walker River substation southeast of Reno as an option to improve access to Northern Nevada geothermal resources. If approved, this transmission line could reduce the prioritization of infrastructure to support in-state geothermal resources.

SCP has submitted comments that continue to progress planning infrastructure for in-state capacity. Specifically, SCP is advocating for a reconfiguration of the 500 kV Humboldt line paired with new transmission capacity to Northeastern California, which unlocks in-state opportunities while also improving connectivity for Northern Nevada, should out-of-state resources be needed.

Agency Goals

The GeoZone activities are directly related to the 2026 agency goal to continue progress on the GeoZone, which SCP sees as a key initiative in supporting deployment of technology that will be critical to meeting long-term climate goals, addressing affordability, and providing reliability while creating local economic opportunities. The lease sale will occur on October 27th, 2026.

Community Advisory Committee Review

The Committee pulled the GeoZone update from its October 15th consent calendar to facilitate a comprehensive discussion of the recent Central Oregon field trip. The Committee expressed interest in staff's observations from engaging the local community—specifically on seismicity, economic impacts, footprint, and compatibility with agriculture. The Committee specifically recommended staff develop more robust estimates of potential job creation. The Committee did not officially weigh-in on staff's recommendation on participating in the California Geothermal Coalition, which was not presented as a Committee action due to timing.

Attachments

- None.