



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

******AB 361******

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

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE AB 361 WHICH SUSPENDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE FEBRUARY 17, 2022, MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nicholls called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m.

Committee Members present: Chair Nicholls, Vice-Chair Morris, Members Fenichel, Hollinshead, Quinlan, Kelly, Wells, Booth, and Lipp.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; and Joshua Nelson, Special Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve January 20, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the February 17, 2022, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Hollinshead

Second: Quinlan

Public Comment: None

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Nicholls, Morris, Fenichel, Hollinshead, Quinlan, Kelly, Wells, Booth, Lipp
ABSENT: Dowd

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

2. Appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Advisory Committee for 2022

This item was bifurcated into two votes, one for Chair and one for Vice-Chair.

Motion to appoint Member Quinlan as the Chair of the Community Advisory Committee by Member Morris.

Second: Wells

Public Comment: None

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Nicholls, Morris, Fenichel, Hollinshead, Quinlan, Kelly, Wells, Booth, Lipp
ABSENT: Dowd

Public Comment: None

Member Nicholls passed Chair duties over to Chair Quinlan for the remainder of the meeting; Chair Quinlan opened the nominations for Vice-Chair.

Member Dowd entered the meeting at approximately 1:12 p.m.

Motion to appoint Member Morris as the Vice-Chair of the Community Advisory Committee by Member Quinlan.

Second: Nicholls

Public Comment: None

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Quinlan, Morris, Fenichel, Hollinshead, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Nicholls, Booth, Lipp

Chair Quinlan offered gratitude to former-Chair Nicholls, stated his intent to follow his example as Chair, and that he looks forward to working with Vice-Chair Morris and SCP staff going forward.

3. Receive Brown Act and Ethics Law Training for the Community Advisory Committee

Joshua Nelson, Special Counsel, began his Brown Act and Ethics training by defining a meeting under the Brown Act and discussing how a serial meeting can occur.

Counsel Nelson stated there are both criminal and civil penalties for violations of the Brown Act.

Counsel Nelson focused on new rules for social media in the Brown Act under Assembly Bill (AB) 992.

Counsel Nelson went on to discuss the rules governing a meeting including the rules for agenda posting, public comment, general rules, and AB 361 teleconference rules.

Counsel Nelson then discussed Public Records Requests (PRA), the Conflicts of Interests (COI) and the Political Reform Act.

Member Nicholls inquired how members of the public are required to disclose their name in a Zoom meeting and Counsel Nelson responded that AB361 specifically says that teleconference meetings may require a name during the pandemic emergency based on the platform's requirements.

Public Comment: None

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

CEO Syphers gave an update on the Advanced Energy Center reopening and stated that it would be reopen on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. He stated that SCP will be adjusting rates on April 1, 2022 following PG&E's rates adjustments going into effect on March 1, 2022. He stated that at the next meeting SCP would begin discussing the Integrated Resource Plan, with a final vote on the Plan set for July. He also discussed that since SCP has received a favorable credit rating, SCP can consider the use of municipal bonds which could be used to issue municipal debt to refinance some of SCP's power supply contract and provide savings for SCP customers, but more research is needed.

Member Hollinshead requested a planning item for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and CEO Syphers responded that could be included in the Integrated Resource Plan item at next month's meeting.

Member

Chair Quinlan inquired why Capital Outlay was up significantly in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule and CEO Syphers responded because of the construction costs.

Chair Quinlan asked why customer service costs were up and Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service, responded that the discrepancy in cost was due the fact that SCP has not received PG&E's portion of the costs relating to the Joint Rate Mailers.

Public Comment: None

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

Director Reardon discussed the NEM framework being indefinitely delayed and the BOD asking SCP to draft a letter regarding NEM for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The assigned judge has delayed the proceeding and reopened oral arguments; he will continue to report out on that as information becomes available.

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update. He discussed AB 1814 regarding EV infrastructure and stated that staff wish to support this bill. He also stated that next month SCP will have a table of bills that SCP's staff are analyzing.

Member Booth inquired when NEM 3.0 will open back up. Director Reardon responded that it is not yet known, but he does not expect a decision before this fall.

Vice-Chair Morris expressed her gratitude that the NEM letter was sent and included commentary on how net metering has created equity issues.

Chair Quinlan asked if there would be a time when SCP could set its rates independently of PG&E and CEO Syphers answered in the affirmative.

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Darin A. Bartow". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and a double horizontal line at the end.

Darin A. Bartow, J.D.
Clerk of the Board