



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

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

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

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 WHICH SUSPENDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH 17, 2022, MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:05)

Chair Quinlan called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Morris, and Members Hollinshead, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Nicholls, Booth and Lipp. Member Fenichel was absent with prior notice.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs; Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service; Chad Asay, Director of the Advanced Energy Center; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; and Carolyn Glanton, Program Manager

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

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:04:03)

Public Comment: None

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:05 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:02)

1. Approve February 17, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Recommend that the Board Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO to Execute Second Amendment to Contract with Frontier Energy Inc. for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$204,970 through June 30, 2022, for the Administration of the On Bill Loan Program
3. Recommend that the Board Approve a Five (5) Year Extension of SCPA's Contract with Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC for Data Management, Billing, and Contact Center Services
4. Recommend Board Ratification of Generation Rates Effective April 1, 2022, Consistent with Prior Board Direction

Public Comment: None

Motion to Approve the March 17, 2022, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

ABSENT: Fenichel

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

(1:06 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:06:45)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, gave an update on enrollment numbers and discussed Energy Education in schools.

Geof Syphers, CEO, discussed the joint procurement entity which includes SCP and 9 other entities, California Community Power (CC Power), and its recent purchase of a second long-duration battery storage unit. He also discussed the recruitment for the CAC to fill the remaining open seat and

encouraged Committee members to reach out to their communities for applicants.

Vice Chair Morris inquired whether each Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) can claim the full amount of Long Duration Energy Storage (LDS) from California's Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) or if it is split between the CCAs. CEO Syphers answered that it is split between the entities, but not equally, with each CCA receiving their share.

Member Kelly asked if there was a time frame for the battery storage site to be completed. CEO Syphers answered that it's planned to come online in 2025.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:24 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:24:00)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed Providers of Last Resort being in place so if a CCA was to fail, its customers would be served by a new entity until the IOU has the capability to serve those customers. Director Reardon then explained that new PG&E rates went into effect March 1, 2022, as predicted, and led to a significant reduction in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fee to CCA customers.

CEO Syphers stated that CalCCA met in Sacramento and 2 bills were discussed. He asked the Committee for input on SB 833 (Dodd).

Public Comment: None

7. Recommend that the Board Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments to the Staff Recommended Adjusted Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

(1:38 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:38:31)

Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer, noted that there were changes to SCP's budget to address cost of energy and revenues.

Member Kelly asked how the rate change ties into the Budget adjustment. CEO Syphers explained that PG&E provides very short notice of their rate changes and SCP often learns the details of the changes just days before implementation.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Recommend that the Board Approve the Proposed Budget  
Adjustments to the Staff Recommended Adjusted Fiscal Year 2021-2022  
Budget by Member Dowd

Second: Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

## 8. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Reintroduction

(1:46 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:46:06)

CEO Syphers explained that SCP's mission is to lower greenhouse gas emissions and as such SCP needs to be able adapt as things change regarding climate change.

Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics, introduced the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and explained they are conducted on a biannual basis with the next IRP Compliance Filing due to the CPUC on November 1, 2022. He explained that SCP also prepares an internal IRP which sets strategy and internal objectives, and describes how SCP will go beyond minimum state requirements

Director Tracey discussed new items in the IRP including the Ascend Power Simm platform, Preferred System Plan Decision, Mid-term Reliability Procurement Orders, Energy Market, and a cross-agency IRP focus.

*2:04 p.m. Chair Quinlan exited the meeting. Vice Chair Morris stepped in as Chair.*

Director Tracey discussed SCP's accomplishments including its Renewable Portfolio Standard. He explained SCP's planning framework as including SCP's climate goals and its financial obligations to ratepayers. He added that SCP's program strategies are shifting to focus more on equity and community needs.

Member Hollinshead inquired how we fund the initiatives identified in the IRP. CEO Syphers explained that revenues come from SCP's customers, but also that setting priorities in the IRP is so important.

Member Kelly stated that SCP's portfolio was strong, and that energy storage and timing are key areas SCP should focus on. He stated that businesses

should push working from home and questioned whether there were other organizations that SCP could be involved with.

Member Wells expressed the need for SCP to measure, monitor, and focus on implementation. He stated SCP needs to be able to have funding flexibility. Member Nicholls said SCP needs to educate the public.

Member Booth inquired whether SCP has separated market-ready ideas from those that are not. She also stated that SCP should be on the lookout for pilot programs.

Member Lipp expressed the sentiment that a focus on equity and community needs may not align with what the grid needs. He also asked where the base load comes from in future years. CEO Syphers explained that availability of baseload renewable energy is very slim and that construction of new baseload resources is severely constrained by transmission; he then explained that is why SCP needs to launch GeoZone now.

Public Comment: None

*3:04 p.m. Vice Chair Morris called for a 5-minute recess. 3:09 p.m. the meeting resumed.*

#### 9. Review Programs Strategic Action Plan and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(3:09 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:09:08)

Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs, explained that the goal of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) is to reduce costs and emissions. Carolyn Glanton, Program Manager, stated that the first iteration of the SAP was in 2018. She continued that the current SAP shows SCP's over-arching strategies, metrics for tracking, incorporates the Programs Equity Framework, and near and long-term actions.

Member Wells requested a table in the SAP which would include implementation, monitoring, measuring, and a summary of the programs. Member Hollinshead requested the SAP show what type of funding would be necessary for all programs. Vice Chair Morris would like the priority to be for programs the customers need. Member Lipp encouraged SCP to expand partnerships.

Public Comment: None

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(3:32 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:32:10)

None

## **ADJOURN**

(3:32 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:32:21)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darin A. Bartow", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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