



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 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 MAY 19, 2022, MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:30)

Chair Quinlan called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Morris, and Members Hollinshead, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Booth, and Lipp. Members Fenichel and Wells were 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; Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; Chad Asay, Director of the Advanced Energy Center, and Kimberly Beltran, Technical Program Manager

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

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:18)

Public Comment: None

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:53)

1. Approve April 21, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

2. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Three Year Professional Services Agreement with S2 Advertising for Comprehensive Media Consulting Services
3. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update
4. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the May 19, 2022, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

ABSENT: Fenichel, Wells

## **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: 00:06:31)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, explained that SCP is preparing for the eventual return to in-person or hybrid meetings for the Board of Directors and the Community Advisory Committee. She discussed the Energy Education Program and how, in concert with Sonoma Water, educators are trained to address climate skepticism.

Chad Asay, Director of the Advanced Energy Center, updated the Committee on several milestones reached at the Advanced Energy Center. He also stated that the Energy Center hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> school field trip and mentioned testimonials from SCP customers.

Director Reynolds thanked David Harvey, the Advanced Energy Center Store Manager, and Helen Mejia, the Advanced Energy Center Assistant Store Manager for their work with PG&E and other CCAs on the "induction lending program." She discussed the March financials and pointed out that they included the Board of Directors-approved budget adjustments and the final budget for the upcoming fiscal year would be approved by the Board in June.

Geof Syphers, CEO, mentioned that SCP would be hosting the Mike Hauser Academy. He discussed CC Power and thanked Deb Emerson, Director of Power Procurement, for leading baseload procurement for the CCAs. CEO Syphers mentioned that the CPUC is exploring the idea of CCAs posting bonds to operate. He informed the Committee that the Board approved the changes to the financial reserve policy.

*1:21 p.m. Member Fenichel entered the meeting.*

CEO Syphers mentioned that Eric Scheier, Department of Energy Fellow, gave SCP's staff a presentation on energy burdens on household incomes. CEO Syphers also discussed a CCA feasibility study for the City of Stockton and Lake County as well as working with the State to consider financing the startup of new CCAs.

Member Dowd discussed working with Sonoma Water on a new strategic plan to deal with the drought and inquired if SCP is working with them to tie into the plan. CEO Syphers replied no, not yet, and SCP will reach out to Sonoma Water.

Member Kelly asked if there is a timeline for the CPUC's decision on the Financial Security Reserve bond issue. CEO Syphers answered that it would be near the end of the year or in the first quarter of next year.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:39 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:39:25)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed PG&E rate increases under the General Rate Case (GRC). He discussed the CPUC being ordered to reopen discussion on Net Energy Metering (NEM), seek input on how the program should progress, and that the proposed decision will likely be made at the earliest by the end of the year.

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update. He mentioned the Board of Directors supported SB 852 (Dodd) which would allow local governments to raise funds for capital projects addressing climate mitigation. He said that SB 881 (Min) which would have given the CPUC the right to regulate the portfolios of CCAs was killed. He mentioned SB 1020 (Laird, Atkins, Caballero, Durazo) which creates Renewable Power Standard (RPS) requirements for 2035 and 2040 and stated that the Board had delegated authority to SCP staff to take a

position if applicable. He then discussed SB 1158 (Becker) which would change the reporting requirements for GHG emissions to a 24/7 reporting structure. He stated that SCP is working closely with the author but has a position opposing the current language unless the bill is amended.

Member Nicholls expressed frustration with the fact that PG&E efforts to underground lines fell short of goals and was not done in high priority areas. CEO Syphers stated that this is exactly what the state regulators found.

Member Kelly asked if the GRC application related to PCIA charges. Director Reardon explained that they did.

Member Fenichel asked if the Committee could see PG&E's priority list for undergrounding. Director Reardon explained that SCP has made data requests, but all SCP receives is a snapshot in time. There is still a lot of work to do to get a clearer picture from PG&E.

Vice Chair Morris asked if Gov. Newsom intends to extend the life of Diablo Canyon. CEO Syphers replied that the Governor's Office has stated that it is making the attempt.

Chair Quinlan asked what the Committee could do regarding the GRC. CEO Syphers encouraged the Committee to write letters with a public safety entity as letters written in concert with public safety entities carry more weight.

Public Comment: None

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:08 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:08:06)

None

## **ADJOURN**

(2:08 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:08:32)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Darin Bartow, JD  
Clerk of the Board