



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

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

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

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 WHICH SUSPENDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE JUNE 16, 2022, MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

CALL TO ORDER

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:40)

Chair Quinlan called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Quinlan, Vice Chair Morris, and Members Fenichel, Hollinshead, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Nicholls, 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; Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; Chad Asay, Director of the Advanced Energy Center; and Hannah Rennie, Energy Market Analyst.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:16)

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:04:44)

1. Approve May 19, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

3. Recommend that the Board Approve Additional Budget for the Existing On-Bill Finance Assistance Pilot Program and Delegate Authority to the CEO to Negotiate, Execute, and Amend a Professional Services Agreement for On-Bill Finance Administrator Agreement for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$139,643 through June 30, 2023

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the June 16, 2022, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR

4. Receive and Provide Feedback on the Extension of SCP Resolution 2021-05 Permitting Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Board of Directors and Community Advisory Committee Pursuant to AB 361

(1:05 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:13)

CEO Geof Syphers stated that SCP's Board of Directors indicated a preference for switching to a hybrid meeting format beginning in July, where members would convene in-person, but a remote attendance option (Zoom) would remain.

Chair Quinlan encouraged hybrid meetings and would attend in-person. He then requested an informal social gathering of the Committee prior to an in-person Committee and warned that there should be no discussions that could lead to Brown Act violations.

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, added that the Board of Directors will continue to make determinations on whether to renew AB 361, which allows the possibility of holding remote public meetings.

Vice Chair Morris expressed an eagerness to get back to in-person meetings and supported hybrid meetings.

Member Fenichel echoed the comments of Vice Chair Morris but inquired if there was an outdoor option for meetings. CEO Syphers explained that outdoor meetings would not be possible in a hybrid format.

Member Hollinshead liked the hybrid option and will follow whatever rules the Committee applied.

Member Dowd supported in-person meetings but expressed support for hybrid meetings and requested staff stay abreast of the County rules regarding COVID-19.

Members Kelly, Nicholls, Booth and Wells supported in-person meetings with a hybrid component.

Member Lipp supported hybrid meetings and would like the Committee to consider requiring in-person participants to take an at home COVID-19 test prior to the meeting.

1:19 p.m. Public Comment was opened.

Chair Quinlan stated that he would like the Committee to follow whatever rules the Board of Directors decides upon for hybrid meetings.

1:21 p.m. Public Comment was re-opened.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:21 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:21:32)

Director Reynolds announced the 1-year anniversary of the opening of the Advanced Energy Center on June 15, 2022. She gave an update on the 0% financing program and stated there are currently 350 projects to-date. She pointed out the new Flex Market program, a CPUC-funded program which was approved on June 2, 2022 and will be discussed in greater detail at next month's Committee meeting.

CEO Syphers gave a brief Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) update and discussed how the IRP schedule would require modification and need to be pushed back.

Director Reynolds pointed out the GridSavvy postcard in the packet and gave financial updates.

Member Wells asked how people who are not internet savvy are being notified about GridSavvy. Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer, stated that SCP would present on this in the future, but reiterated that SCP is working on ways to include everyone.

Chair Quinlan asked if a 2% response rate on GridSavvy is to be expected, and COO Koszalka responded it was. Chair Quinlan then asked why the August CAC meeting is "to be determined" and Director Reynolds responded that normally the Board does not hold a meeting in September, so the Committee meeting in August is generally skipped. CEO Syphers added that he is generally in Sacramento during those months, but, if necessary, a Committee meeting can be held in August.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:37 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:37:28)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, gave an update on the status of Net Energy Metering (NEM). He stated that a judge overseeing the case requested that NEM be changed to accommodate a balancing between current NEM customers and those who cannot afford to enter the program.

Member Hollinshead inquired to the rationale behind a flat rate and Director Reardon responded this is in response to the distribution grid.

Member Booth announced that NEM responses are due by the 10th of June and asked if SCP's responses are publicly available. Director Reardon responded yes they are, but SCP chose not to be a signatory on this item.

CEO Syphers gave a Legislative update. He announced AB 2316 (Ward) regarding community renewables and pathway renewables for low-income housing had been edited making it worse, so the stance of CalCCA on the bill had been changed to "oppose unless amended." He mentioned that SB 1020 (Laird, Atkins, Caballero, Durazo) is in a good position to pass.

Member Lipp asked for the status on SB 833 (Dodd). CEO Syphers responded the bill is on track to pass with no opposition.

Public Comment: None

7. Receive Presentation on Brand Awareness Survey Findings

(1:56 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:56:33)

Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing introduced Harry Hiner from Hiner & Partners, Inc. to give a presentation on focus group research regarding SCP's brand awareness.

Mr. Hiner stated that SCP has achieved 40% unaided brand awareness, and he said this level is unprecedented. He stated the survey was sent from the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) and the totals were very similar across the counties in SCP's service territory. He also said that there was brand awareness among all ages. He said there was little change needed to SCP's brand awareness but recommended focusing on messaging to younger, Hispanic, and multi-use building groups.

Vice Chair Morris recommended that SCP focus messaging on those who answered "not sure" or "don't know" to the survey questions. Director Kelly responded that this is the first survey and there will be more to come.

Public Comment: None

8. Receive Power Procurement Update

(2:21 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:21:26)

CEO Geof Syphers introduced 3 new power supply procurements to the Board; the Fish Lake Project and the Ormat Portfolio Project. He said the Fish Lake Project will be operational in 2024 and the projects are both 20-year fixed price contracts.

Hannah Rennie, Energy Market Analyst, discussed the Tubbs Island Storage and Solar Project which will be operational on May 30, 2024, and will be a 20-year fixed price contract. She added that this is an EverGreen project and will be located near Sonoma Raceway.

Chair Quinlan asked what the scope of the Tubbs Island project was. Ms. Rennie answered that it is around 32 MWh. CEO Syphers added that this is the first storage project added to the EverGreen portfolio.

Vice Chair Morris brought the Committee's attention to an article in the New Yorker entitled "Potential Energy" regarding battery storage.

Member Hollinshead stated that the geothermal projects seem to represent 4-5% of current power consumption and there is a need to triple those amounts

to tackle decarbonization. CEO Syphers suggested that Committee members follow the GeoZone progress. COO Koszalka added that the IRP will lay out the capacity needed.

Member Dowd discussed water shortages in our area and stated that Sonoma Water hired a consultant to increase water supply. He further stated that geothermal uses a lot of water and that he believes SCP should be aware of the recommendations and be engaged. CEO Syphers agreed and requested an introduction.

Member Kelly asked why access to the grid is needed from Nevada. CEO Syphers responded that there are a lot of studies that go into the grid design.

Member Lipp inquired why there was a range in the potential capacity on the contract. CEO Syphers explained because the energy is dependent on the heat of the resource.

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(3:00 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:00:36)


None

ADJOURN

(3:01 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:00:55)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Clerk of the Board