



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022
1:00 P.M.**

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

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

****HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON AND REMOTE ATTENDANCE)****

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 WHICH SUSPENDED CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE JULY 21, 2022, MEETING IN PERSON AND BY REMOTE ATTENDANCE.

CALL TO ORDER

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:45)

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; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs; Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service; and Felicia Smith, Program Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:53)

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:05 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:15)

1. Approve June 16, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

Member Hollinshead requested a brief discussion on Item 2. Member Hollinshead asked how the Company Cyrq operated. Geof Syphers, CEO, explained that Cyrq stores thermal energy during peak solar hours to increase output during non-solar hours, thus shaping geothermal power.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the July 21, 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

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

(1:13 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:11:23)

CEO Syphers welcomed the CAC to the first hybrid meeting.

Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service, discussed the California Arrearage Payment Program (CAPP) and the decision to extend the program.

Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer, discussed SCP's new customer rates which were adjusted so that SCP's customer bills were no higher than PG&E's. He stated that this rate change will affect SCP's budget by \$1.5 million. He also stated that the BOD approved moving deferred revenue and this will be shown in the June SCP financials.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:18 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:16:42)

CEO Syphers mentioned the California State Legislature was in recess. He gave an update on the US Supreme Court decision, *West Virginia et al v. Environmental Protection Agency et al*, where the Supreme Court held that the EPA does not have the right to regulate carbon dioxide emissions.

Member Hollinshead asked if a large fire would change the thinking on SB 122 and CEO Syphers explained that fires were used to support the legislation.

Member Lipp inquired about energy reliability in the summer and the use of energy efficiency demand response and CEO Syphers responded that it is important to watch.

Member Booth requested a status update on AB 2061 (Becker) and AB 2703 (Bennett, Bloom, Rivas) regarding electric vehicle charging reliability. CEO Syphers stated that AB 2061 would give incentives for EV chargers but would require a return of funds if the chargers were not maintained and he stated he would have more at the next CAC meeting.

Public Comment: None

5. Receive Overview of CPUC-Funded FLEXmarket Program

(1:31 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:29:36)

Felicia Smith, Program Manager, discussed the FLEXmarket program and she stated that on June 2, 2022, the CPUC approved \$3 million for SCP to administer the program which would be funded from non-bypassable charges on ratepayer bills. She explained that the program would promote energy efficiency through load shifting and SCP is putting together an implementation program which will be ready on September 1, 2022.

Member Lipp asked if the program would be targeting electrification and Program Manager Smith explained that the program doesn't support fuel switching goals but rather focuses on energy efficiency.

Member Nicholls asked if this program would include floor insulation and Program Manager Smith answered that it would include anything that saves energy.

Public Comment: None

6. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve the Scope of Work and Budget for AutoGrid Systems, Inc. to Administer the GridSavvy Rewards Program and Delegate Authority to the CEO to Negotiate Contract Legal Terms, Negotiate Minor Revisions to the Scope of Work Within a Budget Not to Exceed \$1,744,500, and Execute the Professional Service Agreement for a Term Through December 2026.

(1:38 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:37:05)

Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs, discussed GridSavvy which is SCP's reward-based demand response program and its goal to reduce demand when it is needed. She explained that AutoGrid was selected out of eight candidates to administer the program because of their current infrastructure, and they were the most cost competitive.

CEO Syphers added that the hope is the program will pay for itself in the next five years and once it is self-financing it will be able to scale.

Chair Quinlan asked what impact the program can have on a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) during fire season and CEO Syphers answered that it is limited at the scale SCP is operating.

Member Nicholls asked if SCP had noticed any positive behavioral changes based on calling demand response events and Director Simonson said yes.

Vice Chair Morris inquired if there would be any communications with customers after the outcomes of the events and Director Simonson responded that this is part of the contract and AutoGrid would be building a customer portal to view the results of their actions as well as incentives received.

Member Booth asked if the portal would generate email responses. Director Simonson answered that it would have the capability to do that, and SCP would work to do that.

Public Comment: None

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Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1:54 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:54:44)

Member Dowd stated that he enjoyed meeting with everyone in person.

ADJOURN

(1:54 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:55:10)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted

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

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