



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

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**\*\*\*\*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 NOVEMBER 17, 2022, MEETING IN PERSON AND BY REMOTE ATTENDANCE.

**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:17)

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. Member Johnson was absent.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; Erica Torgersen, Director of Customer Service; Danielle McCants, Customer Operations Manager; Chris Golik, Revenue Manager; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager; Brant Arthur, Program Manager; and Darin Bartow, Clerk of the Board

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

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:17)

Public Comment: None

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:33)

1. Approve October 20, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Updated Board Policies and Tariffs
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Updated Terms and Conditions and CleanStart Tariff following Pilot Program
4. Receive Proposed Resolution 2022-04 Adopting an Amended Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974
5. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Transfer of Unclaimed Checks Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50053
6. Receive the Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update
7. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Your SolarMate, Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$100,000 with a Total-Not-to-Exceed amount of \$350,000 through December 31, 2023

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the November 17, 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

ABSENT: Johnson

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

(1:06 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:07:56)

Geof Syphers, CEO, introduced Sonoma Clean Power's newest employees, Karen Flores and Melissa Cordova. He gave an update on the CALeVIP

program and stated that SCP has installed 9 new fast chargers. He also noted that October was the busiest month ever for the Advanced Energy Center. CEO Syphers mentioned Congressman Mike Thompson held a press conference on the Inflation Reduction Act at SCP.

Chair Quinlan asked if public EV chargers would be free of charge and CEO Syphers responded that there would have to be a payment system as required by law. Member Wells inquired where the EV chargers installed as part of the CALeVIP program are located and Brant Arthur, Program Manager, responded that a list would be distributed to the Committee. Vice Chair Morris asked where the public could find out where public EV chargers are located, and Mr. Arthur responded that there is a website "plugshare.com" which details this information. Member Booth asked if there is a plan for tracking how much energy is used at the CALeVIP chargers, and Mr. Arthur said yes. Member Kelly asked if batteries could be incorporated into them, and Mr. Arthur explained that this has already been started. Member Nicholls inquired about limitations of adding more chargers in West Sonoma County and CEO Syphers responded that the distribution grid is not robust which limits the number of locations where chargers are easy to install.

Public Comment: Zeno Swijtink asked if low-income communities would be taken into consideration for EV chargers and Brant Arthur, Program Manager answered they are.

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

(1:26 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:27:15)

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update and spoke of the November 8, 2022, US elections and the 2022 UN Climate Conference held in Egypt. He stated that SCP had drafted a letter regarding "fast-trip" devices and delivered it to the CPUC.

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, gave a regulatory report where he mentioned that the CPUC had released a staff proposal estimating the value of GHG-free attributes for crediting CCA customers in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment or PCIA. He discussed the extension of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Facility, and he mentioned that the CPUC revised their Net Energy Metering (NEM) proposal to honor all current tariffs.

Public Comment: None

10. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute Agreement for Professional Services with Sacramento Municipal Utility District through August 31, 2024, with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$125,680 for a Residential and Commercial Community Needs Assessment

(1:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:42:06)

This item was heard together with item 11.

Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager, explained the Strategic Action Plan is written to help staff develop programs that are impactful, scalable, and enhance customers' lives. Items 10 and 11 work toward these goals. As an important first step, community needs assessments need to be performed, followed by goal setting. She stated that the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) was chosen to perform community needs assessments in three categories, residential energy use, residential resiliency needs, and commercial building energy use and resiliency, because SMUD has expertise in these areas. Vice Chair Morris asked if SMUD had experience and Ms. Glanton responded that yes, they have done a lot of community outreach in this area. Member Wells asked what defines resiliency and Ms. Glanton responded that it included storage and understanding the burdens on the public during Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Member Kelly asked if there were other comparable counties and Ms. Glanton responded that yes, SCP looks at the data from other CCA service territories.

Public Comment: None

Motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve and delegate authority to the CEO or his designee to execute agreement for professional services with Sacramento Municipal Utility District through August 31, 2024, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$125,680 for a residential and commercial community needs assessment by Member Nicholls.

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

ABSENT: Johnson

11. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with EVNoire through December 31, 2023, with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$110,000 for a Transportation and Mobility Community Needs Assessment

(1:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:42:06)

This item was heard with item 10.

Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager, mentioned that EVNoire was chosen for the transportation and mobility needs category of the community needs assessments because of their experience and expertise in working with disadvantaged communities, along with their extensive data on attitudes towards, and benefits of, driving zero-emission vehicles.

Vice Chair Morris asked if there would be studies done around agriculture and Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs, responded that a separate agreement with a counterparty is currently being negotiated for that.

Public Comment: Zeno Swijtink asked if SCP is working with other local and regional groups. Ms. Glanton said yes.

Motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve and delegate authority to the CEO or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement for professional services with EVNoire through December 31, 2023, with a not-to-exceed amount of \$110,000 for a transportation and mobility community needs assessment by Chair Quinlan.

Second: Vice Chair Morris

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

ABSENT: Johnson

12. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Parameters to Establish New Customer Rates for Implementation Following Changes to Customer Exit Fees on or After January 1, 2023

(1:58 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:59:59)

Chris Golik, Finance Manager, stated that PG&E will reduce the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) which allows SCP to present two options for

new customer rates to the CAC and Board. The first option would set customer total bills to 5% below PG&E's bundled service bills and allow the Reserve Balance to continue to grow. The second option would set bills 9% lower than PG&E bundled bills. He discussed SCP's rate setting and reserve goals and how the two options would affect those goals.

Chair Quinlan asked for Committee members to give their input. Members Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Hollinshead, and Nicholls all expressed support for Option 1.

Motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve parameters to establish new customer rates for implementation following changes to customer exit fees on or after January 1, 2023, and recommend Option 1, by Member Dowd.

Second: Member Lipp

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

ABSENT: Johnson

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:14 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:14:53)

Member Nicholls thanked the Advanced Energy Center for their home battery seminar.

## **ADJOURN**

(2:16 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:16:01)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



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