



**AGENDA  
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)\*\***

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

(Comments are restricted to matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction. Please be brief and limit spoken comments to three minutes, or 300 words if written.)

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve October 20, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 7**
2. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Updated Board Policies and Tariffs (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 13**
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Updated Terms and Conditions and CleanStart Tariff following Pilot Program (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 17**
4. Receive Proposed Resolution 2022-04 Adopting an Amended Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File) **pg. 19**
5. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Transfer of Unclaimed Checks Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50053 (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 23**
6. Receive the Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File) **pg. 27**
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 (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 31**

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

8. Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File) **pg. 35**
9. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File) **pg. 49**
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. (Staff Recommendation: Approve) **pg. 53**

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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 (Staff Recommendation: Approve)

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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 (Staff Recommendation: Approve)

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## **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **ADJOURN**

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## COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS AND TERMS

CAC	Community Advisory Committee
CAISO	California Independent Systems Operator – the grid operator
CCA	Community Choice Aggregator – a public power provider
CEC	California Energy Commission
CleanStart	SCP’s default power service
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
DER	Distributed Energy Resource
ERRA	Energy Resource Recovery Account – one of PG&E’s rate cases at the CPUC
EverGreen	SCP’s 100% renewable, 100% local energy service, and the first service in the United States providing renewable power every hour of every day.
Geothermal	A locally-available, low-carbon baseload renewable resource
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GRC	General Rate Case – one of PG&E’s rate cases at the CPUC
GridSavvy	GridSavvy Rewards are available to SCP customers for reducing household energy use when needed to help California ensure reliable low-emission power. A form of ‘demand response.’
IOU	Investor Owned Utility (e.g., PG&E)
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan – balancing energy needs with energy resources
JPA	Joint Powers Authority
MW	Megawatt is a unit of power and measures how fast energy is being used or produced at one moment.
MWh	Megawatt-hour is a unit of energy and measures how much energy is used or produced over time.
NEM	Net Energy Metering. NEM is a billing mechanism that credits solar energy system owners for the electricity they add to the grid.
NetGreen	SCP’s net energy metering bonus
PCIA	Power Charge Indifference Adjustment – a fee charged by PG&E to all electric customers to ensure PG&E can pay for excess power supply contracts that it no longer needs.
RA	Resource Adequacy – a required form of capacity that helps ensure there are sufficient power resources available when needed.
RPS	Renewables Portfolio Standard refers to certain kinds of renewable energy which qualify to meet state requirements, including wind, solar, geothermal.
SCP	Sonoma Clean Power
TOU	Time of Use, used to refer to rates that differ by time of day

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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 OCTOBER 20, 2022, MEETING IN PERSON AND BY REMOTE ATTENDANCE.

**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:21)

Vice Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Vice Chair Morris, and Members Fenichel, Hollinshead, Dowd, Kelly, Wells, Nicholls, Booth, and Lipp. Chair Quinlan and Member Johnson were absent.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing; Chad Asay, Director of the Advanced Energy Center; Chris Golik, Revenue Manager; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; Brant Arthur, Program Manager; and April Varellas, Brand Manager.

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

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

Public Comment: Michael Heffler (email comment attached)

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:07 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:07:23)

1. Approve September 15, 2022, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive the Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute the Second Amendment to an Agreement with The Engine is Red, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$140,000
4. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute Agreement for Professional Services with Maher Accountancy Through June 30, 2024, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$450,000
5. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Continued Use of Updated B-6 Rate Effective October 1, 2022

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the October 20, 2022, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar, as corrected, by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Hollinshead

Motion passed by roll call vote

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

ABSENT: Quinlan, Johnson

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

(1:10 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:10:43)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, discussed trainings for teachers and field trips to the Advanced Energy Center (Energy Center). She also discussed Energy Center attendance and customer participation rates. Geof Syphers, CEO, stated that Leuwam Tesfai is the new Head of the Energy Division for the CPUC. He mentioned the upcoming 2022 - 27<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Parties Climate Talks which Directors Rogers and Elward will be attending along with representatives from the Sonoma County Board of



Supervisors and Sonoma Water. He added that SCP will help fill the funding gap for this trip with a \$35,000 donation.

Member Dowd requested more discussion regarding the water supply and the GeoZone. Vice Chair Morris asked if contractors interested in working with SCP customers to implement technologies through the Energy Center need to contact the Energy Center and Chad Asay, Director of the Energy Center, responded yes.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:23 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:23:29)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed PG&E applying with the California Public Utilities Commission seeking approval to transfer generation assets to a new subsidiary, Pacific Generation LLC and mentioned the first round of feedback is due November 1, 2022. Director Reardon discussed PG&E's plans to install "fast-trip" devices on sections of distribution lines which would shut the system off automatically if necessary and stated this is an issue SCP needs to look into.

Member Booth asked if other CCAs are involved in the discussion regarding the fast-trip system and Director Reardon responded that SCP is looking into working with other CCAs. Member Wells asked if this story was in the mainstream press and Director Reardon explained it had been mainly discussed in the energy press. Member Kelly asked if there is any evidence that fast-trip systems prevent fires and CEO Syphers responded that it is designed to be adjusted for sensitivity, so SCP will have to wait and see as there are still many unknowns about the devices and how they will be utilized.

Vice Chair Morris asked if PG&E will be able to set up new power sources through Pacific Generation and Director Reardon answered that it is not what PG&E has described, but he would report back based on guidance in the application.

Public Comment: None

8. Receive Overview of Workplace Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Research Project Proposal and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:44 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:45:02)

Brant Arthur, Program Manager, introduced this item by pointing to the SCP parking lot as an example of EV charging at the workplace and there has been a lot of interest in EV charging at workplaces. It is the goal of SCP to work with local businesses to allow affordable options for those who cannot charge at home. He stated that SCP would be looking for four businesses to work with. CEO Syphers added that SCP wants to pursue this program aggressively. Member Nicholls asked if there was a possibility that rates could be changed due to daytime charging. CEO Syphers responded that this would be important to watch and Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs, added that one of the topics of this project will be to help inform SCP and test different rate structures without a rate overhaul.

Public Comment:

Gerald Glaser explained that stationary storage is an expensive proposition, requested SCP work with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on workplace charging.

Steve Pierce asked SCP to approach the West County School Board with their EV plan.

9. Discuss Future Opportunities for Distributed Renewable and Storage Resources within the Sonoma Clean Power Service Territory

(2:17 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:17:35)

CEO Syphers introduced this item as an extension of the same item from the September 15, 2022, meeting. He explained that while the discussion was brief the Committee did begin to incorporate the idea for distributed renewable and storage facilities in the desire to electrify everything.

Member Hollinshead stated that currently there is only one model of electrical distribution, and this is a problem if the world wants to hit its climate goals by 2040. Member Hollinshead further explained that he wanted to determine how to best use the electrical grid more efficiently. CEO Syphers responded that the most efficient use of the grid is an important goal.

Public Comment: Gerald Glaser said discussing this would be cost effective and worthwhile.

Steve Pierce stated that financing could be an SCP issue.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:49 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:50:13)

Member Hollinshead announced Ukiah City Utilities had created a program which is the equivalent of SCP's EverGreen program.

## **ADJOURN**

(2:50 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:50:33)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

## Clerk of BOD

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**From:** Michael Heffler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2022 9:46 PM  
**To:** Clerk of BOD  
**Subject:** Neighborhood microgrids

CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER!

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Greetings!

What is SCP's thinking at this time about creating neighborhood microgrids serving multiple homes with common ground between them served by SCP? I see you have a related topic at the end of the October 20 meeting.

Thanks,  
Michael Heffler  
Sonoma, CA



## Staff Report - Item 02

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**To:** Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service  
Danielle McCants, Customer Operations Manager

**Issue:** Recommend to the Board of Directors to Approve Updated Board Policies and Tariffs

**Date:** November 17, 2022

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### Requested Action

Recommend SCPA Community Advisory Committee approve updated Board policies and tariffs.

### Background

In 2013, SCPA's Board of Directors created policies to promote the best interests of the Agency through overseeing the management of the Agency's business and affairs. Over the years, these policies were updated, and new policies were created and adopted by SCPA's Board of Directors.

In 2020, SCPA's Board of Directors approved SCPA Tariffs for CleanStart, EverGreen, and NetGreen.

### SCPA Board Ad Hoc on Policies:

On November 2, 2022, an ad hoc committee of the Board (Jackie Elward, Dan Gjerde and Mark Landman) met with staff and reviewed SCPA Board policies. The ad hoc recommend the changes in this report.

**Discussion:**

The ad hoc committee recommends the following changes to its Board approved policies and tariffs. See redlines attached.

Customer Service Policy A.6 Emergency Consumer Protection Policy	See redlines attached.
Customer Service Policy A.6a 2020 Covid-19 Emergency Consumer Protection Policy	See redlines attached.
Customer Service Policy A.6b 2020 Lightning Complex Fires Emergency Consumer Protection Policy	Expired September 30, 2021. No action required.
Customer Service Policy A.6c: 2020 August Complex Fires Emergency Consumer Protection Policy	Expired September 30, 2021. No action required.
Customer Service Policy A.6d: 2020 Oak Fire Emergency Consumer Protection Policy	Expired October 31, 2021. No action required.
Customer Service Policy A.6e 2020 Glass Incident (Shady Fire) Emergency Consumer Protection Policy	Expired October 31, 2021. No action required.
Financial Policy B.3 Accounts Receivable Reserve Adopted: November 7, 2013	Request to retire Financial Policy B.4 as Accounts Receivable are already required under GAAP accounting. See redlines attached.
Financial Policy B.4 Bad Debt Adopted: November 7, 2013	Request to retire Financial Policy B.4 as Bad Debt are already required by GAAP accounting. See redlines attached.
NetGreen Tariff Net Energy Metering Program	See redlines attached.

## **Fiscal Impact**

None.

## **Attachments**

- Customer Service Policy A.6 - Emergency Consumer Protection Policy, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Customer Service Policy A.6a - 2020 Covid-19 Emergency Consumer Protection Policy, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Customer Service Policy A.6b - 2020 Lightning Complex Fires Emergency, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Customer Service Policy A.6c - 2020 August Complex Fires Emergency Consumer Protection Policy, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Customer Service Policy A.6d - 2020 Oak Fire Emergency Consumer Protection Policy, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Customer Service Policy A.6e - 2020 Glass Incident (Shady Fire) Emergency Consumer Protection Policy, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Financial Policy B.3 - Accounts Receivable Reserve, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Financial Policy B.4 - Bad Debt, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- NetGreen Tariff - Net Energy Metering Program, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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## **Staff Report - Item 03**

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**To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee**  
**From: Danielle McCants, Customer Operations Manager**  
**Issue: Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Updated Terms and Conditions and CleanStart Tariff following Pilot Program**  
**Date: November 17, 2022**

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### **Recommendation**

Recommend that the Board of Directors approve updated Terms and Conditions and CleanStart Tariff effective January 1, 2023, in which the one-time termination fee of \$5 per residential account or \$25 per commercial account for opt outs outside the first 60 days of SCP service is reinstated.

### **Background**

The Board of Directors approved updated Terms and Conditions and CleanStart Tariff at the October 7, 2021, meeting suspending the one-time termination fee of \$5 per residential account or \$25 per commercial account for opt outs outside the first 60 days of SCP service. The approved updated Terms and Conditions and CleanStart Tariff became effective January 1, 2022, and is slated to be in effect through the end of 2022. The termination fee is collected to cover processing and administrative costs. The suspension of said fee was a pilot to determine whether the termination fee had an impact on opt outs.

### **Discussion**

The goal of the pilot was to determine whether the termination fee impacted opt outs. After analyzing 2021 data, in which the termination fee was in place, compared to 2022 data, through the end of September 2022, it has been concluded that opt outs were unaffected by the elimination of the fee. In both years, customer opt outs peak three weeks from the customers start date and taper off after 8 weeks on SCP service. Average weekly opt outs (through September 2022) remained consistent

with weekly averages of years past. Reinstating the termination fee will help cover the processing and administrative costs associated with the change in account status.

If approved, SCP's Terms and Conditions, CleanStart Tariff, move-in notices, talking points, and Customer Service Representative (CSR) script would need to be updated. Additionally, there would be a process revision needed by Calpine, SCP's billing vendor.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The fiscal impact for the current calendar year through September is a loss of revenue of \$10,720. Reinstating the termination fee would increase revenue approximately \$13,766. Actual revenue will be based on opt out actuals.

Year	Avg. Weekly Opt Out	Residential Opt Out	Commercial Opt Out	Revenue Collected
2020	41.62	1,975	189	\$14,600
2021	45.8	2,181	203	\$15,980
	Avg. Weekly Opt Out through September	Residential Opt Out through September	Commercial Opt Out through September	Loss of Revenue through September
2022	40.2	1,374	154	\$10,720
	Avg. Weekly Opt Out (Estimated)	Residential Opt Out (Estimated)	Commercial Opt Out (Estimated)	Revenue (Estimated)
2023	42.5	1,843	182	\$13,766

## **Attachments**

- Attachment A - Proposed Updated Terms and Conditions, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment B - Proposed Updated CleanStart Tariff, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board



## **Staff Report - Item 04**

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**To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee**  
**From: Darin Bartow, Clerk of the Board**  
**Issue: Receive Proposed Resolution 2022-04 Adopting an Amended Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974**  
**Date: November 17, 2022**

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### **Informational Item (no vote required)**

Receive information regarding proposed Resolution 2022-04 adopting the amended Conflict of Interest Code pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974. This item will be brought to the Board of Directors at the December 1, 2022, meeting for adoption.

### **Summary**

Pursuant to Section 87306.5 of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"), the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") directed the Authority to: (1) conduct a review of the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code ("Code") to determine if a change in the Code was necessary; and (2) amend the Authority's Code pursuant to the Act, if necessary.

During the review process, staff found that updates and amendments to the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code are necessary. A redlined version of the proposed amended Code is attached.

### **Background**

The Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the "Act"), requires all public agencies to adopt and maintain a Conflict of Interest Code. The Act further requires that agencies regularly review and update their Codes as necessary when directed by the code-reviewing body or when change is necessitated by changed circumstances (Sections 87306 and 87306.5). The FPPC is the Authority's code-reviewing body and directed that the Code be reviewed as required under the Act. During this review, staff found that amendments to the Code are necessary.

Attached is a redlined version of the proposed amended Code showing the changes to be made to the Authority's Code to bring it current. The revisions are based on the need to include new positions that must be designated, revises titles of existing positions, and deletes titles of positions that have been abolished and/or positions that no longer make or participate in making governmental decisions.

### **Attachments**

- Resolution of Adoption
- Legislative (redlined) version of proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
THE SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY  
AMENDING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE  
PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF  
1974**

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. (the “Act”), which contains provisions relating to conflicts of interest which potentially affect all officers, employees and consultants of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority (the “Authority”) and requires all public agencies to adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors adopted a Conflict of Interest Code (the “Code”) which was amended on August 3, 2017, in compliance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, subsequent changed circumstances within the Authority have made it advisable and necessary pursuant to Sections 87306 and 87307 of the Act to amend and update the Authority’s Code; and

WHEREAS, the potential penalties for violation of the provisions of the Act are substantial and may include criminal and civil liability, as well as equitable relief which could result in the Authority being restrained or prevented from acting in cases where the provisions of the Act may have been violated; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public meeting on, and of consideration by the Board of Directors of, the proposed amended Code was provided each affected designated position and publicly posted for review at the offices of the Authority and establishing a 45-day comment period in compliance with Title 2 California Code of Regulations, section 18750(a)(3); and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held upon the proposed amended Code at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on October 1, 2022, at which all present were given an opportunity to be heard on the proposed amended Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors does hereby adopt the proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code, a copy of which is attached hereto and shall be on file with the Clerk of the Board, with a complete copy of the Authority’s Conflict of Interest Code and available to the public for inspection and copying;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said amended Code shall be submitted to the Fair Political Practices Commission for approval and said Code shall become effective immediately after the Fair Political Practices Commission approves the proposed amended Code as submitted.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of December 2022.

JURISDICTION	NAME	AYE	NO	ABSTAIN/ ABSENT
Cloverdale	Director Bagby			
Cotati	Director Landman			
County of Mendocino	Director Gjerde			
County of Sonoma	Director Hopkins			
Fort Bragg	Director Peters			
Petaluma	Director King			
Rohnert Park	Director Elward			
Santa Rosa	Director Rogers			
Sebastopol	Director Slayter			
Sonoma	Director Felder			
Windsor	Director Fudge			

*In alphabetical order by jurisdiction*

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Dave King,  
Chair, Sonoma Clean Power  
Authority

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Geof Syphers,  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Sonoma Clean Power Authority

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board  
Sonoma Clean Power Authority



## **Staff Report - Item 05**

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**To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee**

**From: Danielle McCants, Customer Operations Manager  
Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service**

**Issue: Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Transfer of Unclaimed Checks Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50053**

**Date: November 17, 2022**

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### **Recommended Action**

Recommend to SCPA's Board of Directors approval of the transfer of unclaimed checks from the respective unclaimed fund to SCPA's general operating account pursuant to California Government Code Section 50053.

### **Background**

Following the 2017 Northern California Wildfires, pursuant to CPUC Resolution M-4833, E-4899 and Advice Letter 3914-G-A/5186-E-A, PG&E adopted their Emergency Consumer Protection Plan to support customers who were affected by the October 2017 Northern California Wildfires. SCP adopted its own policy, "October 2017 California Wildfires Customer Protections Internal Policy 1.8", which established a series of billing and service modifications and credit relief to support customers recovering from the immediate aftermath of the October 2017 Northern California Wildfires. The customer protections were aimed to help SCP customers who experienced housing or financial crises due to the 2017 wildfires. One such action was refunding payment(s) made after October 7, 2017, for SCP electric generation charges. Due to destruction of the fires, many checks were addressed to invoice addresses on file that no longer existed (i.e., fire impacted address) thus, many checks were returned or left uncashed.

Additionally, SCP compensates net energy metering customers through our NetGreen offering for customers with on-site generation such as solar. SCP provides checks via mail to two subsets of NetGreen customers. The first is to active customers

who are eligible for an annual cash out amount that is over \$100. Historically, and for the purposes of the current unclaimed funds, this is for customers with a retail balance over \$100 during the spring cash out.\*

The second set of NetGreen customers that receive a check from SCP are customers with closed accounts. If a customer moves, terminates their electric service, or changes electricity providers, SCP will mail the customer a check for any accrued NetGreen credits, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per account, to the PG&E mailing address, unless another address is provided by the customer.

Annually, during the first quarter, SCP will review all returned/stale checks from unclaimed funds from the previous year and will attempt to contact the customer to acquire a current mailing address to reissue the check to. SCP attempts contact using any available information (i.e. phone call and/or email). Following failed attempts, the funds are handled as “unclaimed funds” as provided by California law.

\*NetGreen 2.0 that uses a premium net surplus compensation model was enacted in 2020 and is not included in the unclaimed funds for this year as it hasn’t met the three-year threshold which is discussed in more detail in the Discussion section below.

## **Discussion**

The unclaimed funds procedure was established to provide the proper mechanism to take possession of long-standing unclaimed checks in accordance with government statutes and to ensure the propriety of the related account transactions.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 50050 - 50057, funds that are not the property of SCPA that remain unclaimed for three years become SCPA property after public notice is made and if not claimed or if no verified complaint is filed and served. After the three-year period, SCPA may cause a notice to be published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. The notice will state the amount of money, the fund in which it is held, and that it is proposed that the money will become property of SCPA on a designated date not less than 45 days nor more than 60 days after the first publication of the notice.

SCPA’s unclaimed funds listing ran in the Press Democrat and Ukiah Daily Journal on Sunday, September 11, 2022, and Sunday, September 18, 2022. SCPA does not create a separate fund or bank account for the monies, rather, SCPA creates a specific accounting item to track the balances. As such, the accounting item description was



used for noticing in addition to noting that funds are held in the Operating Account. Attachment A shows the listing of checks that remain unclaimed.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The initial unclaimed fund amount was \$16,149.20. Of that, \$4,132.76 was claimed by payees, leaving a final unclaimed balance of \$12,016.44. Approval of this transfer will increase SCPA's operating income by \$12,016.44.

### **Attachments**

- Attachment A – Listing of Unclaimed Funds, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment B – Proof of Publication, Press Democrat, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment C – Proof of Publication, Ukiah Daily Journal, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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## **Staff Report - Item 06**

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**To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee**  
**From: Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning & Analytics**  
**Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer**  
**Issue: Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update**  
**Date: November 17, 2022**

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### **Background**

The Geothermal Opportunity Zone (GeoZone) was established by the SCP Board of Directors and the Boards of Supervisors in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties to explore expanding local geothermal power capacity. The purpose of the GeoZone is to develop the resources necessary to allow SCP to stop relying on natural gas power plants altogether. To that end, the GeoZone is seeking to sustain existing local geothermal production and add 500 MW of new geothermal capacity.

Ongoing updates, information, and materials about the GeoZone can be found at <https://sonomacleanpower.org/geozone>.

### **Cooperation Agreements**

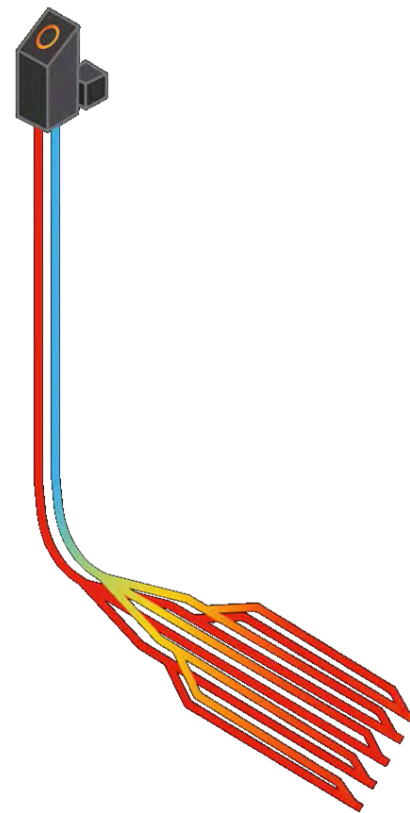
Staff are working on the draft cooperation agreements for the three selected private partners: Eavor Inc., Chevron New Technologies, and Cymr Energy. Each cooperation agreement will be presented to the CAC and Board for approval before execution, likely early in 2023.

### **Advanced Closed Loop (ACL) Technology**

During the November Board meeting, a question arose concerning the dispatchability of advanced closed loop (ACL) technology. Staff provided a verbal response, explaining that ACL can store energy subsurface by shutting-in production during solar hours, waiting for subsurface fluids to be heated beyond their non-dispatchable state, and then produced in high-need hours in the evening—where the additional heat enables enhanced generation output.

To increase understanding of ACL technology, staff also share a schematic of an ACL project here. Figure 1 is a graphic from Eavor depicting the configuration of their Eavor-Deep ACL technology. Below is a high-level explanation for how Eavor-Deep works:

Figure 1. Advanced Closed Loop (ACL) Schematic



- Low temperature water descends a cased vertical wellbore deep into the subsurface (blue in graphic)
- In the geologic target, the cased well connects to a downhole “radiator” of slightly deviated multi-lateral boreholes with a sufficient surface area to facilitate heat transfer
- A separate set of multi-lateral boreholes connect at the toe to allow heated water (which is lower density) to ascend to surface
- A separate cased vertical wellbore connects to the second set of multi-lateral boreholes and brings the heated water to surface (red in graphic)
- A heat exchanger at the surface transfers heat from the water circulating through the wellbores to a separate working fluid with a lower boiling point (probably an organic compound such as pentane) that is used to drive a turbine

Staff encourages those wishing to learn more about ACL to visit [Eavor’s website](#), which includes both accessible explanations of their technology and a comprehensive technical library. Eavor also recently [released a video](#) on their technology that includes useful visuals of both the construction and operation of ACL.

## Transmission Planning

Staff has initiated a project with a transmission consultant to review strategic and tactical considerations for transmission planning in the GeoZone. The consultant will

provide staff with guidance on which transmission lines in the GeoZone are likely to have sufficient capacity for pilot projects and scale-up. Staff is also asking the consultant to characterize larger-scale network upgrades that may be triggered by GeoZone development projects. Although development partners will be expected to lead the interconnection process, first-hand transmission knowledge will enable SCP to effectively advocate for the GeoZone in the CPUC and CAISO's transmission planning processes.

SCP proactively submitted comments in a recent ruling by the CPUC establishing the process and scope of the 2023-2024 transmission planning process. In joint comments with the Redwood Coast Energy Authority, SCP asked the CPUC to increase its expected contribution of geothermal resources in the GeoZone area, accelerate long-lead transmission projects that are inhibiting local resource development (specifically citing a 500 kV Delevan project with a projected 12-year construction time), and consider synergies between building transmission for offshore wind and the GeoZone.

## **Other News**

- The Department of the Treasury asked for feedback on the implementation of the tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) by November 4. SCP submitted comments concerning the eligibility of geothermal projects, the scope of credit enhancements, and the ability for SCP to receive credits as a direct payment.
- SCP was invited to deliver a guest lecture to students at the University of Texas at Austin on the GeoZone. Staff provided eager students an overview of the California energy market, the increasingly important role of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), and the GeoZone's approach to leveraging a public power provider's community relationships and offtake commitment to promote deployment of new and important energy technologies.

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## **Staff Report - Item 07**

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**To: Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee**

**From: Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager**

**Issue: 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**

**Date: November 17, 2022**

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### **Recommendation**

Recommend the Board approve and delegate authority to the CEO or his designee to execute the fifth amendment to the agreement with Your SolarMate for Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) application processing increasing the with a not-to-exceed (NTE) amount by \$100,000, with a total NTE of \$350,000 through December 31, 2023. This amendment would add one additional year to the term.

### **Background**

To enable residential customers to strengthen their energy resilience, SCP's Assistance Program helps participating contractors with SGIP paperwork and the application process.

In 2019, at the encouragement of the Board of Directors to engage on resiliency, staff met with representatives of local battery storage installers. The local battery storage installers shared obstacles with the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP). One main issue for installers is the difficult and time-consuming application process. A main obstacle for customers is the long amount of time between submitting the rebate form and receiving the incentives. Incentives are released after the project is complete and can take many months or even years.

In February 2020, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) recommended the Board of Directors delegate authority to the CEO to negotiate, execute and amend a Professional Services Agreement with Your SolarMate, originally in the amount of \$100,000. The scope of work included submitting SGIP applications on behalf of the installer. Your SolarMate was selected from a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process. In March 2020, the Board of Directors delegated authority to the CEO to negotiate, execute, and amend a Professional Services Agreement with Your SolarMate.

In April 2020, SGIP introduced the Equity Resiliency rebate, a new category of funding. This new addition created new program requirements and processes. The First Amendment was executed on April 29, 2020, which updated the scope of work to clarify program design changes. It also amended the fee schedule, adding a new fee for processing Equity Resiliency applications.

The Second Amendment was executed on September 3, 2020. This amendment updated the fee schedule for processing Equity Resiliency applications, a result of numerous new application requirements and elements that were added to the Statewide program application process.

The Third Amendment added \$150,000 to the not-to-exceed agreement amount and extended the agreement term through December 31, 2021. This was recommended by the CAC in October 2020 and approved by the Board in November 2020.

The Fourth Agreement, dated December 1, 2021, extended the agreement term through December 31, 2022.

Staff have received comments from battery installers who are grateful for help with the application free of charge and from customers who otherwise would not have been able to install battery systems. The tables below represent the success the program has had to date.

<b>Funding</b>	<b>Through 11/3/2022</b>
Total upfront incentives SCP has provided to customers since launch	\$2,266,642.52
SGIP incentives SCP has received from PG&E to date	\$1,132,435.15
SGIP incentives PG&E still owes SCP to date	\$1,134,207.37



<b>Project Status</b>	<b>Number of Projects as of 11/3/22</b>
Active	47
Cancelled	38
On-Hold	3
Completed	108
Total	196

### **Discussion**

This amendment to the Agreement with Your SolarMate will increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$100,000, increasing the total agreement to \$350,000. This amendment will also extend the term of the agreement from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2023.

Your SolarMate is an expert in SGIP and stays current on all program changes. The project intake process is continuously refined to increase efficiency for all parties involved. Your SolarMate staff work with the contractor, fill out all necessary applications, upload supporting documentation, and are the main point of contact with the program administrators until the incentives are issued. Extending the agreement amount and term will increase SCP customers resilience and assist local battery storage installers.

### **Fiscal Impact**

\$27,000 of the \$100,000 requested is in the FY22/23 existing programs budget. The remaining \$73,000 would need to be approved as part of the FY23/24 budget.

### **Attachments**

- Attachment A – Partially executed Fifth Amendment to an Agreement with Your SolarMate, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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**To:** Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations  
Mike Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer

**Issue:** Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

**Date:** November 17, 2022

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### **CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

In 2019, SCP received \$5.1 million in EV charging incentives from the California Energy Commission's (CEC) California Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (CALeVIP). SCP then partnered with the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District to add another \$1.5 million in incentives for public Level 2 and DC Fast Charging sites.

Since the program's launch, 72 new EV charging stations throughout Sonoma and Mendocino counties have been installed and are now live, including 9 DC fast chargers and 63 Level 2 chargers. The photos below show installed chargers in Petaluma.



An additional 48 DC fast chargers and 61 Level 2 chargers are funded for completion in 2023. The program's 181 chargers represent a nearly 20% increase for the region, where an estimated 954 chargers are currently available to the public.

In July 2022, SCP dedicated an additional \$800,000 in local funding to support building fast chargers in areas that were not covered or served by the sites initially funded through CALeVIP. California's ambitious goal is to have 250,000 public EV chargers by 2025.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, SCP distributed a press release on the program (see attached) to better inform the public on SCP's involvement in expanding EV charging efforts.

## SCP HOSTS CONGRESSMAN THOMPSON'S PRESS CONFERENCE

On October 25th, Congressman Mike Thompson held a press conference at Sonoma Clean Power's Advanced Energy Center, including local business and agriculture leaders, elected officials, and local climate action students to talk about the historic impact of the Inflation Reduction Act. Local and Bay Area news outlets covered the press conference. Click here to view a news segment from [KTVU Channel 2 News](#).

This press conference, along with several other events, contributed to October 2022 being the busiest month yet at the Energy Center, with the most visitors since it opened. We look forward to hosting more events and sharing all the space has to offer to our communities.

## CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION (10/27/22)

Meters and Participation by TOT				
COUNTY	Eligible	SCP	% Part.	% Opt Out
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SONOMA</b>	<b>226,633</b>	<b>199,979</b>	<b>88.2%</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
WINDSOR INC	9,976	8,779	88.0%	12.0%
UNINC SONOMA CO	73,759	64,251	87.1%	12.9%
SONOMA INC	6,436	5,639	87.6%	12.4%
SEBASTOPOL INC	4,429	4,044	91.3%	8.7%
SANTA ROSA INC	77,598	68,951	88.9%	11.1%
ROHNERT PARK INC	19,276	17,186	89.2%	10.8%
PETALUMA INC	27,355	24,366	89.1%	10.9%
COTATI INC	3,877	3,511	90.6%	9.4%
CLOVERDALE INC	3,927	3,252	82.8%	17.2%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MENDOCINO</b>	<b>38,523</b>	<b>30,809</b>	<b>80.0%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
WILLITS INC	2,738	2,192	80.1%	19.9%
UNINC MENDOCINO CO	31,359	24,908	79.4%	20.6%
POINT ARENA INC	346	296	85.5%	14.5%
FORT BRAGG INC	4,080	3,413	83.7%	16.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>265,156</b>	<b>230,788</b>	<b>87.0%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>

Current EverGreen Enrollment by TOT			
COUNTY	SCP Meters	EverGreen Meters	EverGreen %
<b>SONOMA</b>	<b>199,979</b>	<b>3,440</b>	<b>1.72%</b>
WINDSOR INC	8,779	49	0.56%
UNINC SONOMA CO	64,251	984	1.53%
SONOMA INC	5,639	79	1.40%
SEBASTOPOL INC	4,044	174	4.30%
SANTA ROSA INC	68,951	1,172	1.70%
ROHNERT PARK INC	17,186	234	1.36%
PETALUMA INC	24,366	600	2.46%
COTATI INC	3,511	124	3.53%
CLOVERDALE INC	3,252	24	0.74%
<b>MENDOCINO</b>	<b>30,809</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>1.40%</b>
WILLITS INC	2,192	20	0.91%
UNINC MENDOCINO CO	24,908	355	1.43%
POINT ARENA INC	296	16	5.41%
FORT BRAGG INC	3,413	41	1.20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>230,788</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>1.68%</b>

## CALCCA ANNUAL REPORT

The CalCCA 2021-2022 Annual Report has been published and may be accessed by the following link: <https://fliphtml5.com/gufon/ztly/>

## MONTHLY COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The year-to-date change in net position is less than projections. Year-to-date revenue from electricity sales exceeded budget by 14% and cost of energy exceed budget projections by 27%. Year-to-date electricity sales reached \$77,928,000.

SCP maintains a balanced portfolio by procuring electricity from multiple sources. Net position reached a positive \$144,8951,000, which indicates healthy growth as SCP continues to make progress towards its reserve goals. Approximately \$63,511,000 was set aside for operating reserves as of June 30, 2021. Operating reserves are expected to increase to near the minimum reserve balance as of June 30, 2022, and will be updated when audited financials become available.

Aside from cost of energy, most other operating expenses continued near or slightly below planned levels for the year.

## **BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE**

The accompanying budgetary comparison includes the 2022/23 budget approved by the Board of Directors.

The budget is formatted to make comparisons for both the annual and the year-to-date perspective. The first column, 2022/23 YTD Budget, allocates the Board approved annual budget at expected levels throughout the year with consideration for the timing of additional customers, usage volumes, staffing needs etc. This column represents our best estimates, and this granular approach was not part of the Board approved budget.

Revenue from electricity sales to customers is ahead of budget by approximately 14% at the end of the reporting period. The cost of electricity is more than the budget-to-date by approximately 27%. Variation in this account is typically due to fluctuating market cost of energy on open position purchases. Major operating categories of Data Management fees and PG&E Service fees are based on the customer account totals and are closely aligned to budget.

In addition to the items mentioned above, SCP continues its trend of remaining near or under budget for most of its operating expenses.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- CAlLeVIP Press Release
- September 2022 Financials

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Board of Directors - December 1, 2022
- Community Advisory Committee - December 15, 2022



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## New Public Charging Stations to Enable More EV Drivers

**SANTA ROSA, CALIF., October 13, 2022** – [Sonoma Clean Power](https://www.sonomacleanpower.org) (SCP), the public power provider for Sonoma and Mendocino counties, is working to improve access to public charging for current and prospective electric vehicle (EV) drivers.

With the recent passage of the Federal Inflation Reduction Act, more people are considering the switch to EVs than ever before. However, finding convenient locations for charging remains a concern or barrier for many, especially renters.

In 2019, SCP received a \$6.75 million grant from the California Energy Commission's (CEC) California Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (CALeVIP) to expand the local network of EV chargers by partnering with businesses, nonprofits, multi-family properties, tribal governments, and government entities.

Qualifying sites receive rebates to help cover equipment and installation costs for Level 2 connectors and direct current (DC) fast chargers. Funding for the program comes from the CEC, SCP, and the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, and is managed by the state's CALeVIP administrator, the Center for Sustainable Energy.

Since the program's launch, 72 new EV charging stations throughout Sonoma and Mendocino counties have been installed and are now live, including 9 DC fast chargers and 63 Level 2 chargers.<sup>1</sup>

An additional 48 DC fast chargers and 61 Level 2 chargers are funded for completion in 2023. **The program's 181 chargers represent a nearly 20% increase for the region**, where an estimated 954 chargers are currently available to the public.<sup>2</sup>

California's ambitious goal is to have 250,000 public EV chargers by 2025.

In July 2022, SCP dedicated an additional \$800,000 in local funding to support building fast chargers in areas that were not covered or served by the sites initially funded through CALeVIP.

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<sup>1</sup> [CALeVIP Rebate Statistics Dashboard](#)

<sup>2</sup> [California Energy Commission Electric Vehicle Chargers in CA Dashboard](#)



“We want people to have access to EV charging options near the places they live and work,” says Brant Arthur, a Program Manager at SCP. “With this funding, our focus is on filling in public charging gaps along rural highways and near multi-family housing.”

Since its launch in 2014, SCP has spearheaded several efforts aimed at electrifying local transportation. Most notably, SCP’s three-year Drive EV incentive program accelerated EV adoption by helping over 1,250 customers make the switch. SCP also offers every customer a free Level 2 EV charger for their home, with over 3,900 customers taking advantage of the incentive to date.

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#### **About Sonoma Clean Power**

Sonoma Clean Power is the public power provider for Sonoma and Mendocino counties, serving about half a million people. In downtown Santa Rosa, SCP operates the only Advanced Energy Center in the United States dedicated to helping customers transition to 100% renewable energy for their homes, businesses, and vehicles. SCP is also the only power provider in California offering 100% local, renewable electricity twenty-four hours per day, every day of the year. To learn more, visit [sonomacleanpower.org](https://sonomacleanpower.org) or call 1 (855) 202-2139.





## ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Board of Directors  
Sonoma Clean Power Authority

Management is responsible for the accompanying special purpose statement of Sonoma Clean Power Authority (a California Joint Powers Authority) which comprise the budgetary comparison schedule for the period ended September 30, 2022, and for determining that the budgetary basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the accompanying statement nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on this special purpose budgetary comparison statement.

The special purpose statement is prepared in accordance with the budgetary basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors of Sonoma Clean Power Authority.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the note disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in these interim financial statements. Sonoma Clean Power Authority's annual audited financial statements include the note disclosures omitted from these interim statements. If the omitted disclosures were included in these financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Authority's financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

We are not independent with respect to the Authority because we performed certain accounting services that impaired our independence.

*Maher Accountancy*

San Rafael, CA  
October 26, 2022

**SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY  
OPERATING FUND  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
Three Months Ended September 30, 2022**

	2022/23 YTD Budget	2022/23 YTD Actual	2022/23 YTD Budget Variance (Under) Over	2022/23 YTD Actual / Budget %	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Budget Remaining
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES:</b>						
Electricity (net of allowance) *	\$ 67,605,663	\$ 77,259,562	\$ 9,653,899	114%	\$ 244,400,000	\$ 167,140,438
Evergreen Premium (net of allowance)	639,543	668,705	29,162	105%	2,312,000	1,643,295
CEC Grant	353,500	90,086	(263,414)	25%	1,414,000	1,323,914
Interest income	95,000	185,707	90,707	195%	380,000	194,293
Miscellaneous Income	256,250	-	(256,250)	0%	1,025,000	1,025,000
Total revenue and other sources	68,949,956	78,204,060	9,254,104	113%	249,531,000	171,326,940
<b>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES:</b>						
<b>CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>						
Cost of energy and scheduling	46,895,546	59,758,533	12,862,987	127%	171,380,000	111,621,467
Data management	669,250	671,216	1,966	100%	2,677,000	2,005,784
Service fees- PG&E	244,750	244,222	(528)	100%	979,000	734,778
Personnel	1,850,644	1,787,489	(63,155)	97%	7,650,000	5,862,511
Energy Center, marketing & communications	676,716	551,252	(125,464)	81%	2,557,000	2,005,748
Customer service	87,753	59,306	(28,447)	68%	291,000	231,694
General and administration	280,799	296,044	15,245	105%	1,140,000	843,956
Legal	107,500	53,557	(53,943)	50%	430,000	376,443
Regulatory and compliance	129,950	61,682	(68,268)	47%	460,000	398,318
Accounting	64,500	51,000	(13,500)	79%	258,000	207,000
Legislative	55,000	24,000	(31,000)	44%	220,000	196,000
Other consultants	142,750	82,873	(59,877)	58%	571,000	488,127
Industry memberships and dues	167,500	138,770	(28,730)	83%	560,000	421,230
Program implementation	1,114,802	242,223	(872,579)	22%	6,025,000	5,782,777
Program - CEC grant	1,045,000	65,059	(979,941)	6%	4,180,000	4,114,941
Total current expenditures	53,532,460	64,087,226	10,554,766	120%	199,378,000	135,290,774
<b>OTHER USES</b>						
Capital outlay	150,000	49,953	(100,047)	33%	600,000	550,047
Total Expenditures, Other Uses	53,682,460	64,137,179	10,454,719	119%	199,978,000	135,840,821
Net increase (decrease) in available fund balance	\$ 15,267,496	\$ 14,066,881	\$ (1,200,615)		\$ 49,553,000	\$ 35,486,119

\* Represents sales of approximately 546,000 MWh for 2022/23 YTD actual.

RESERVES	Current Balance	% of Long-Term Target	Long-Term Targeted Balance
Operating Reserve (as of June 30, 2021)	\$ 63,511,000	42%	\$ 152,948,000

**SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY**  
**OPERATING FUND**  
**BUDGET RECONCILIATION TO STATEMENT OF**  
**REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**Three Months Ended September 30, 2022**

Net increase (decrease) in available fund balance per budgetary comparison schedule:	\$ 14,066,881
Adjustments needed to reconcile to the changes in net position in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position:	
Subtract depreciation expense	(339,591)
Add back capital asset acquisitions	<u>49,953</u>
Change in net position	<u><u>\$ 13,777,243</u></u>



## ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

Management  
Sonoma Clean Power Authority

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Sonoma Clean Power Authority (a California Joint Powers Authority) which comprise the statement of net position as of September 30, 2022, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, and the statement of cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the accompanying statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, conclusion, nor provide any assurance on these financial statements.

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# SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

As of September 30, 2022

### ASSETS

#### Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 58,634,864
Accounts receivable, net of allowance	32,445,708
Other receivables	2,027,584
Accrued revenue	13,016,815
Prepaid expenses	1,777,162
Deposits	7,939,203
Investments	35,245,417
Total current assets	<u>151,086,753</u>

#### Noncurrent assets

Land	860,520
Capital assets, net of depreciation	18,447,150
Deposits	196,256
Total noncurrent assets	<u>19,503,926</u>
Total assets	<u>170,590,679</u>

### LIABILITIES

#### Current liabilities

Accrued cost of electricity	19,113,184
Accounts payable	1,317,630
Advanced from grantors	3,074,682
Other accrued liabilities	1,372,728
User taxes and energy surcharges due to other governments	817,187
Total current liabilities	<u>25,695,411</u>

### NET POSITION

Investment in capital assets	19,307,670
Unrestricted	125,587,598
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 144,895,268</u></u>

**SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES**  
**AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**Three Months Ended September 30, 2022**

**OPERATING REVENUES**

Electricity sales, net	\$ 77,259,562
Evergreen electricity premium	668,705
Grant revenue	90,086
Total operating revenues	<u>78,018,353</u>

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Cost of electricity	59,758,533
Contract services	1,949,477
Staff compensation	1,787,489
General and administration	469,407
Program rebates and incentives	122,320
Depreciation	339,591
Total operating expenses	<u>64,426,817</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>13,591,536</u>

**NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)**

Investment earnings (loss)	185,707
Nonoperating revenues (expenses), net	<u>185,707</u>

**CHANGE IN NET POSITION**

	13,777,243
Net position at beginning of period	<u>131,118,025</u>
Net position at end of period	<u>\$ 144,895,268</u>

# SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Three Months Ended September 30, 2022

### CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Receipts from customers	\$ 73,746,600
Other operating receipts	4,518,613
Payments to electricity suppliers	(56,675,618)
Payments for other goods and services	(2,512,370)
Payments for staff compensation	(1,728,838)
Tax and surcharge payments to other governments	(811,898)
Payments for program rebates and incentives	(963,324)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>15,573,165</u>

### CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Payments to acquire capital assets	<u>(158,850)</u>
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### CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Interest income received	<u>117,007</u>
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>117,007</u>

Net change in cash and cash equivalents	15,531,322
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>43,103,542</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 58,634,864</u>

**SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)**  
**Three Months Ended September 30, 2022**

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET  
CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating income (loss)	\$ 13,591,536
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	339,591
Revenue adjusted for provision for uncollectible accounts	1,670,701
(Increase) decrease in:	
Accounts receivable	(7,221,032)
Other receivables	(358,636)
Accrued revenue	414,994
Prepaid expenses	1,184,081
Deposits	(1,826,222)
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accrued cost of electricity	2,148,606
Accounts payable	15,901
Advanced from grantors	3,074,682
Accrued liabilities	2,172,191
User taxes due to other governments	141,772
Supplier security deposits	225,000
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 15,573,165</u></u>





## Staff Report - Item 09

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**To:** Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer

**Issue:** Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

**Date:** November 17, 2022

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### Requested Action

Receive legislative and regulatory updates and provide direction as appropriate.

### Regulatory Updates

#### CPUC Staff Propose GHG-free Credit for CCA Customers

On September 12th, a California Public Utilities Commission Administrative Law Judge issued a Ruling seeking comment on a staff proposal to provide customers who have left bundled utility service (i.e., those receiving generation service from a CCA or Energy Service Provider) a financial credit for the GHG-free resources they pay for. California law makes a distinction between "renewable" and "GHG-free" resources, with GHG-free including hydroelectric facilities over 50 MW in size and nuclear facilities. The existing Power Charge Indifference Adjustment ("PCIA") mechanism provides CCA customers with a financial credit for the renewable resources procured on their behalf, but not the GHG-free resources.

CPUC staff concluded that the GHG-free resources held in utility portfolios do provide an incremental value for the utility, and that they should compensate CCA customers accordingly. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, SCP staff working with the statewide CalCCA trade association filed comments in support of the staff proposal and offering specific recommendations for implementation. If adopted, the GHG-free credit could reduce CCA customer bills by January of 2024. It would not have any impact on the resources SCP uses to provide clean generation to customers.

## Estimated Impact of Diablo Canyon Power Plant Extension

Senate Bill 846 (2022) supports the extension of PG&E's Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) to 2030 with a \$1.4 billion loan in anticipation of applying for a portion of the \$6 billion offered in the U.S. DOE Civil Nuclear Credit Program. DCPP's Nuclear Regulatory Commission license was set to expire November 2, 2024, for Plant 1 and August 26, 2025, for Plant 2. Under existing law, several revenue streams to replace the end of the capital investment return with the expiration of the license. However, the allocation of certain categories of costs is not always made clear in statute.

Assuming that all costs will be borne by PG&E-territory load serving entities and not spread to those in Southern California or territories served by municipal utilities, the table below shows the change in revenue requirements between the case where DCPP is retired on schedule and the life extension authorized in SB 846.

Change in PCIA and Non-bypassable charge from SB 846 (\$ millions)							
	2023 GRC RRQ	Cost/MW H	SB 846 RRQ	Cost/MW H	Increase RRQ	SCP Share of RRQ Increase	PCIA + NBC Change
2023	\$1,246	\$0.0712	\$1,369	\$0.0782	\$123	\$3.6	\$0.0016
2024	\$1,208	\$0.0690	\$1,330	\$0.0760	\$123	\$3.6	\$0.0016
2025	\$764	\$0.0672	\$1,186	\$0.0678	\$423	\$11.5	\$0.0051
2026	\$24	\$0.0000	\$1,003	\$0.0573	\$979	\$27.0	\$0.0118
2027	\$0	\$0.0000	\$979	\$0.0559	\$979	\$27.0	\$0.0117
2028	\$0	\$0.0000	\$979	\$0.0559	\$979	\$27.1	\$0.0116

## Legislative Update

While the California legislature is on recess until January, SCP has remained engaged with two legislative efforts.

First, SCP worked with RCRC and other CCAs to get lawmakers to sign on to a letter to the CPUC calling for regulatory oversight of PG&E's "fast trip" system, which shuts off power on circuits when a fault is detected. See the attached letter.

Second, CalCCA is exploring a number of potential bills for the next session, and SCP staff are interested in engaging on the solutions to California's power reliability crisis. Just one example of the problem: procurement orders from the CPUC are often issued just 2 or 3 years before critical resources are needed, while it can take 3 to 5 years just to get permission to start building a new reliability resource. The timing mismatch is a

serious problem, and having better planning information about where new resources will likely be approved could help resolve things.

### **Attachments**

- Legislative Fast Trip Letter, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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## **Staff Report - Item 10**

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**To:** Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager  
Brant Arthur, Programs Manager  
Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs

**Issue:** Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute an 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

**Date:** November 17, 2022

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### **Recommendation**

Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute an 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 as part of the Customer Incentives and Offerings Strategic Action Plan.

### **Background**

On March 17, 2022, the Community Advisory Committee received the Programs Strategic Action Plan for Customer Offerings and Incentives ("Strategic Action Plan"). The Board of Directors adopted the Strategic Action Plan on April 7, 2022. The Strategic Action Plan defines how SCP will consider and develop programs to serve all SCP customers, especially in historically underserved, underinvested, and marginalized communities. To achieve our mission of turning the tide on the climate crisis, our programs must be impactful, scalable, accessible, enhance our customers' lives, and be driven by the needs of the communities they serve.

An important first step is to assess community needs and set goals. In July 2022, SCP issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify potential partners and consultants to conduct community needs assessments. The assessments will highlight

customer's needs, wishes, and concerns when it comes to emissions reduction, energy efficiency, resiliency, and electrification. This will inform the development of more impactful customer programs that meet community needs.

The RFQ included five different categories of needs:

1. Transportation and mobility needs
2. Residential energy use
3. Residential resiliency needs
4. Commercial building energy use and commercial resiliency needs
5. Agricultural energy use

The RFQ drew five responses across all the categories. Staff reviewed responses, created a short list for interviews, and interviewed respondents.

## **Discussion**

Based on their RFQ response and interview, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) was selected for three community needs assessment categories: residential energy use, residential resiliency needs, and commercial building energy use and resiliency. Other entities have been selected for the transportation and mobility needs and agricultural energy use categories.

SMUD was selected based on their experience with electricity customers, as they are the nation's sixth-largest community-owned, not-for-profit electric company, and have over 75 years of experience in California utility operations.

The residential energy use and residential resiliency needs assessment includes performing a web usability study for SCP's current residential offers and incentives webpage, creating and managing a survey in English and Spanish, facilitating focus groups, coordinating with community-based organizations, and providing recommendations on potential residential programs.

The scope of work for commercial building energy use and resiliency includes data collection, creating and managing a survey in English and Spanish, summarizing research data, and creating recommendations on potential commercial programs.

This Agreement will go through August 31, 2024.

**Fiscal Impact**

The amount requested is within the Board approved FY22/23 budget for Program Implementation. Any budget remaining for FY23/24 and FY24/25 will be brought before the Committee and Board for approval in subsequent budget cycles.

**Attachments**

- Attachment A - Draft Agreement with Sacramento Municipal Utility District, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board

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## **Staff Report - Item 11**

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**To:** Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Brant Arthur, Program Manager  
Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager  
Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs

**Issue:** 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

**Date:** November 17, 2022

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### **Recommendation**

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 as part of the Customer Incentives and Offerings Strategic Action Plan.

### **Background**

In July 2022, SCP issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify potential partners and consultants to conduct community needs assessments. Additional background is found in Staff Report Item 10 for this agenda.

### **Discussion**

Based on their outstanding RFQ response and insightful interview, EVNoire was selected for the transportation and mobility needs category of the community needs assessment. Other entities have been selected for the residential energy use, residential resiliency needs, agriculture, and commercial building energy use and resiliency categories.

EVNoire is a nationally recognized minority-owned and led organization, working across transportation, energy, and environmental health equity. EVNoire was selected based on their experience and expertise in working with frontline communities, along with their extensive data on attitudes towards, and benefits of, driving zero-emission vehicles.

The transportation and mobility needs assessment will help inform program development and support the Customer Incentives and Offerings Strategic Action Plan through several strategies:

- Key informant interviews to inform the survey tool and data collection strategy
- Focus groups with individuals residing within priority communities
- Survey that explores priority community attitudes, knowledge, beliefs, and engagement with clean transportation options

These strategies will be achieved through paid partnerships with community-based organizations and will offer participant compensation for those making time to share their personal experience. Translation service will be provided to ensure engagement with non-English speaking communities.

EVNoire plans to complete the transportation and mobility needs assessment by November 2023 and will provide an environmental scan of transportation in SCP's territory along with an analysis of community data and recommendations for future programs. EVNoire will deliver a report to the community, incorporating feedback on recommendations and accuracy of report.

This Agreement will go through December 31, 2023.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The amount requested is within the Board approved FY22/23 budget for Program Implementation. Any budget remaining for FY23/24 and FY24/25 will be brought before the Committee and Board for approval in subsequent budget cycles.

### **Attachments**

- Attachment A - Draft Agreement with EVNoire, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board
- Attachment B - Draft Agreement Exhibit C Non-Disclosure Agreement, available at [this link](#) or by request to the Clerk of the Board



## Staff Report - Item 12

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**To:** Sonoma Clean Power Authority Community Advisory Committee

**From:** Geof Syphers, CEO  
Mike Koszalka, COO  
Chris Golik, Revenue Manager

**Issue:** 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

**Date:** November 17, 2022

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### Recommendation

Recommend that the Board approve new customer rates to be implemented as soon as is feasible after PG&E's changes to PCIA and rates expected on January 1, 2023, using one of the following two options:

#### Rate Setting Option 1

- SCP customer total bills set to 5% below bundled service total bills
- All rate classes are reset so SCP customer total bills have an equal percentage difference from bundled service total bills
- Requires that staff return to the Board following rate implementation to have the final rate tables ratified

#### Rate Setting Option 2

- SCP customer total bills set to 9% below bundled service total bills
- All rate classes are reset so SCP customer total bills have an equal percentage difference from bundled service total bills
- Requires that staff return to the Board following rate implementation to have the final rate tables ratified

## Background

SCP's goals with customer rate setting include:

- Protect customers from sudden large changes in rates;
- Have few rate changes in a given year to provide stability for customers;
- Recover expenses, and when possible make progress in building cash reserves to meet SCP's adopted long-term reserve target.

On April 1, 2022, SCP updated rates to eliminate the premium for SCP customers while covering the undercollection of energy costs from the first nine months of the fiscal year. SCP then made small rate adjustments on July 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022 to keep SCP customer total bills at or below bundled service total bills.

Sustaining rates at these levels has allowed SCP to make considerable progress toward reaching its long-term financial reserve target, helping to protect ratepayers from unfavorable surprises in future energy costs or exit fees.

PG&E is expected to implement changes to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and rates on January 1, 2023 or soon after that. While SCP does not expect to have final numbers for these changes until December 31, 2022, the most recent PG&E forecast includes:

- A significant increase in PG&E delivery costs for all customers;
- A small increase in PG&E's bundled service generation costs; and
- A substantial decrease in the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment for CCA customers.

The happy circumstance of a very low (possibly zero) PCIA is due to the high commodity electricity prices in 2022 and a forecast for high prices in 2023. Such high prices mean that PG&E can resell its excess energy at high prices, so SCP's customers do not need to protect PG&E from losses. The other important reason for the fortunate conditions of 2023 relate to SCP having purchased substantially most of its energy needs far in advance at lower prices than current market conditions.

## Discussion

To facilitate the implementation of new customer rates as soon as possible following PG&E's expected changes on January 1, 2023, staff is recommending the use of rate setting parameters. If PG&E's final numbers are available on December 31, 2022, SCP expects to be able to implement new rates on February 1, 2023. If PG&E's updates are

delayed, then staff proposes to make SCP's rate change as soon as is feasible after the information becomes available.

As a result of the high market cost of energy, PG&E is expected to reduce PCIA significantly in 2023. This presents an opportunity for SCP to both offer customers savings vs. PG&E and to continue to build reserves. The two suggested rate setting options are intended to strike a balance between these goals.

Staff requests that the Committee recommend the Board approve new customer rates to be implemented as soon as is feasible after PG&E's changes to PCIA and rates expected on January 1, 2023, using one of the following two options:

### **Rate Setting Option 1**

Criteria:

- SCP customer total bills set to 5% below bundled service total bills
- All rate classes are reset so SCP customer total bills have an equal percentage difference from bundled service total bills
- Requires that staff return to the Board following rate implementation to have the final rate tables ratified

Impact:

The reserve balance is projected to grow, possibly reaching SCP's long-term target as early as May 2023. This option increases the likelihood that SCP can offer customers additional savings in July 2023. It also creates the potential for exploring local resource investments, such as by forming a local resource investment fund to potentially build and own local battery storage systems, although such decisions would be made later and separately from this item.

### **Rate Setting Option 2**

Criteria:

- SCP customer total bills set to 9% below bundled service total bills
- All rate classes are reset so SCP customer total bills have an equal percentage difference from bundled service total bills
- Requires that staff return to the Board following rate implementation to have the final rate tables ratified

Impact:

The reserve balance is projected to grow, possibly reaching SCP's long-term target as early as July 2023. This option provides deeper customer savings, but does not produce excess income beyond what is needed to fill SCP's long-term reserves within the current fiscal year.

Staff look forward to discussing these options with the Community Advisory Committee.