



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:01:33)

Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; and Chris Golik, Finance Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:30)

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:58)

1. Approve April 20, 2023, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Geothermal Zone Update
3. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve and Authorize the CEO or his Designee to Execute a New Contract with Sonoma Water for the Continuation of the Energy Education Program through June 30, 2025, with an Annual Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$300,000 and Aggregate Contract Value of \$600,000

Member Nicholls encouraged SCP to work with West County Schools.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the May 11, 2023, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nichols

Motion passed by roll call vote.

Chair Morris abstained from Item 1.

AYES: Morris, Quinlan, Hollinshead, Dowd, Wells, Nicholls, Booth

ABSENT: Fenichel, Kelly, Lipp

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

(1:08 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:07:49)

Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service, introduced Tania Gibbons, SCP's new Customer Service Manager. Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, announced SCP's new Art exhibit located at the Headquarters. She mentioned that SCP had been honored with the American Bicyclists Gold Award and Geof Syphers, CEO, invited the Committee to SCP's weekly Wednesday Bike Ride. Director Reynolds mentioned that Snoopy's Home Ice had just purchased a new battery-operated electric Zamboni and added that Jeanie Schulz had congratulated SCP on the purchase. She then invited Chris Golik, Finance Manager, to discuss SCP's investments. Mr. Golik mentioned that SCP has investments with 2 banks and the Sonoma County Investment Pool. Director Reynolds noted that SCP's 0% On Bill Financing Program has reached its initial goal, is on hiatus and being reassessed to determine how to improve on targeting future lending toward customers who need it most.

Chair Morris asked if the investment policy allows for investment in fossil fuels and CEO Syphers responded that this issue would come up in a future item when the Committee discusses investment policy.

Director Reynolds discussed the February Financials which included a budget adjustment and mentioned that the Board had approved the FY23/24 Budget at their May meeting.

Member Nicholls asked when the results of SCP's 0% On Bill Financing Program review would be available, and CEO Syphers responded it would take a few months.

Public Comment: None

5. Receive Legislative Regulatory Updates, Provide Feedback, and Recommend Positions to the Board as Appropriate

(1:26 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:25:34)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, stated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) granted a clean energy micro-grid for Calistoga which will begin operation in 2025. He also stated that the CPUC passed a resolution that would prevent East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) from expanding to the City of Stockton, as well as prevent Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE) from expanding.

Member Dowd asked if the Committee could help with the legislature and CEO Syphers encouraged the public to speak up. Member Hollinshead asked if PG&E has a resource adequacy problem. Director Reardon responded that the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment credits SCP customers for excess resource adequacy PG&E had procured in the past, but PG&E keeps control of the resources, so are not generally short on the resource requirements, as set by the CPUC.

CEO Syphers discussed the Governor's Trailer Bill has been placed into AB 1373 so there will be a hearing on it. CEO Syphers expanded on the Governor's Budget by explaining there are three major policy elements which could affect SCP. First, it allows the CPUC to order any investor-owned utility or the California Department of Water to buy any power resource it wishes on behalf of any electric provider. The risk that introduces, CEO Syphers said, is that SCP could not ensure its own procurement could be financed when the CPUC could supersede that procurement with its own and apply costs to SCP's ratepayers.

Member Hollinshead asked who benefited from the Governor's Budget and CEO Syphers stated that it was unclear. Member Nicholls stated that the County was reviewing AB 817 regarding teleconference meeting and recommended SCP do the same.

Public Comment: None

6. Discuss 2023 Community Advisory Committee Goals

(2:10 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:09:42)

Member Wells stated that the Equity Ad Hoc had met and discussed the 2023 Community Advisory Committee Goals document. He said that SCP does a great job on diversity and requested staff provide an item summarizing equity and diversity issues. CEO Syphers explained that the issue can be boiled down to two categories: first, what is working in the community and how can SCP amplify it and second, how can we make SCP a place that is inviting to underserved communities.

Vice Chair Quinlan seconded the request for an equity item. Chair Morris stated that society now places a spotlight on the issues of equity and should be thought of in all aspects of SCP's work. Member Wells added it is important for SCP to educate underserved communities about SCP's mission.

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(2:35 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:34:49)

ADJOURN

(2:35 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:35:12)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Darin A. Bartow, JD
Clerk of the Board**