



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:10)

Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing; 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: 00:04:27)

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:05 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:18)

1. Approve May 11, 2023, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Geothermal Zone Update
3. Recommend that the Board Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute First Amendment to Contract with Frontier Energy Inc to add \$10,536 for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$150,179 through August 30, 2023, to Close Out Remaining Projects with On-Bill Financing Agreements
4. Review Resolution 2023-03 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund

5. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with Alternative Energy Systems Consulting, Inc. through December 31, 2024, with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$118,000 to Provide Technical Assistance for Sonoma Clean Power's Workplace Charging Research Project
6. Recommend that the Board of Directors Authorize the CEO, or his Designee, to Execute a Contract with BlastPoint for New Data-Driven Customer Insights through June 30, 2024, with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$176,000

Chair Morris requested that the Item 1 be changed to reflect an error in the May 11 meeting minutes and should say "Chair Morris called the meeting to order."

Public Comment: None

Member Lipp abstained from Item 5 due to a potential conflict of interest with the counterparty.

Motion to approve the May 11, 2023, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar with the change to Item 1 included by Chair Morris

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Fenichel, Kelly

ABSTAIN: Member Lipp, Item 5

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

(1:08 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:08:28)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, shared a video regarding Sonoma Clean Power's (SCP) work with Career Technical Education (CTE). Ms. Reynolds announced that the Town of Windsor voted to transition all accounts to EverGreen. Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing, discussed SCP's community outreach and events, highlighting Sonoma County's Pride Event, Adopt-a-Road trash removal, Cloverdale's Friday Night Lights, Country Summer, and the upcoming Sonoma County Fair Hall of

Flowers. Director Kelly also noted that SCP had begun its Community Benefits Grant Program with Calpine.

Member Hollinshead asked who the non-profits were who received the grants and Director Kelly answered that she would get back to the Committee with the information. Chair Morris asked what the amounts of the grants were and Director Kelly answered that \$79,000 was given in total.

Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer (COO), gave an update on GridSavvy Rewards Alerts and stated that it had grown from 2,000 enrollees last year to 7,000 this year. Member Quinlan asked what the participation rates for GridSavvy Rewards Alerts events were and COO Koszalka replied that data would be available after October. COO Koszalka then discussed SCP's Community Needs Assessments focusing on underserved communities. Director Reynolds then gave an update on changes to initiatives, programs, and incentives offered by SCP and COO Koszalka added that low-income incentives will stay the same.

Member Hollinshead requested a list of State and Federal incentives and Member Nicholls added that he had his contractor run rebates for him. Vice Chair Quinlan asked if SCP had a feel for why there was an increase in the use of incentives and COO Koszalka answered that there was a marked increase when the process changed from sending rebates to contractors to sending them directly to customers. Member Lipp stated he appreciated that SCP helped low-income individuals but worried that some customers would be negatively impacted by the reductions in rebates and incentives. COO Koszalka responded that the community needs assessments may provide more information on who would be impacted by changes in SCP rebates.

COO Koszalka shared financial news stating that for the current fiscal year energy costs are trending lower than expected. He discussed resource adequacy and stated that on June 6, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) fined SCP \$442,012 for being 1.5% short in the year-ahead filing for the month of July 2023 and 11% short for the month of August. This fine was levied because - even though SCP eventually filled its entire regulatory obligation - it was after the CPUC's designated year-ahead deadline for compliance.

Member Hollinshead asked why increased solar and battery storage is a reduced commodity. Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, responded that as more solar energy is produced, its value as a commodity goes down. He added that the CPUC assigns the different values to resources. Chair

Morris asked if the citations were the reason that community choice aggregators (CCAs) couldn't add cities and Director Reardon answered that it was. Vice Chair Quinlan asked if the citation was appealable, and Director Reardon answered that it was, but appealing these decisions takes a great deal of time and expense and is generally not successful.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:51 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:51:37)

Director Reardon discussed how SCP customers currently do not receive a credit for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions-free resources they pay for in utility portfolios and SCP has been pushing the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for this credit. The CPUC recently agreed to this credit going forward. He discussed resource adequacy and the new "slice of day" concept to meet all needs. He added that the CPUC is getting serious on resource adequacy enforcement. Finally, he stated that the Legislature is on a brief summer recess.

No bill positions were presented during the discussion therefore no vote of the Committee was required for this item.

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1:58 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:57:58)

None

ADJOURN

(1:58 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:58:34)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Clerk of the Board