



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:44)

Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; 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; Chris Golik, Finance Manager; Brian Goldman, Principal Compliance Analyst; Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service; Danielle McCants, Customer Operations Manager; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs; Felicia Smith, Programs Manager; and Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:15)

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:52)

1. Approve July 20, 2023, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Recommend Board of Directors Approve a Resolution Attesting to the Accuracy of Sonoma Clean Power Authority's 2022 Power Source Disclosure Annual Reports for CleanStart and EverGreen Products and 2022 Power Content Label

3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve an Update to the NetGreen Tariff to Adjust Sonoma Clean Power Authority's Premium Net Surplus Compensation Rate Review Resolution 2023-03 Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund

Public Comment: None

Member Wells requested a change to Item 1 to show he was absent for the July 20, 2023, meeting. Chair Morris requested an educational item to explain Item 3 and the NetGreen Tariff and Geof Syphers, CEO responded that one would come in the next few months as information becomes available.

Motion to approve the September 21, 2023, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar with the change to Item 1 included by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Morris, Hollinshead, Dowd, Wells, Nicholls, Lipp

ABSENT: Quinlan, Fenichel, Kelly, Booth

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: 00:07:23)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, announced that the Board of Directors (BOD) and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Agendas are now being translated into Spanish. Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing, introduced Melissa King as SCP's new Marketing Associate and then she mentioned SCP was honoring Hispanic Heritage Month by showing a video of events at the Advanced Energy Center (Energy Center). Director Reynolds then discussed the CAC member recruitment and stated that SCP had been named "One of the Best Places to Work in Sonoma County" by the North Bay Business Journal for the 5th year in a row. She pointed out the Community Needs Assessments and stated that there would be a staff report brought to the BOD and then to the CAC. Felicia Smith, Programs Manager, then gave an update on rebates and incentives, and those who can apply. She then gave a demonstration of The Switch is On website incentive search.

Member Dowd asked if there are staff available to aid customers in the application process and Ms. Smith answered that customer service is available to help on the phone. Member Nicholls added that rural areas are having power outages weekly and need incentives for battery backups. Member Lipp asked if there was a way to cross reference contractors and Ms. Smith responded that the Switch is On website does that and SCP is looking into creating one.

Director Reynolds then discussed SCP's financials and investment changes. CEO Syphers added that the financials in the packet were the unaudited end of the year financials.

Member Hollinshead asked if the rates in the packet were current and Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service, answered that they were.

Public Comment: Vice Chair Quinlan, speaking as a member of the public, asked about GridSavvy Rewards Alerts energy savings data. CEO Syphers responded that about there were 7,000 new enrollments, but the energy savings data would not be ready immediately.

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

(1:35 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:34:58)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, stated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) hosted a public workshop on July 11th to introduce the findings of the North Coast Resiliency Initiative Report. He said that PG&E expects 3 indirect power outages per 10 year period after transmission hardening. He then discussed PG&E's General Rate Case where utilities are guaranteed cost recovery for investments in transmission, distribution, generation, and incentives for staff retention. He also discussed the effect undergrounding would have on PG&E's rates which would lead to a significant increase in customer charges. Director Reardon stated that 3 options had been provided to lower the cost, including insulating lines, and that an Administrative Law Judge is expected to issue a Proposed Decision this year on which option to choose. Finally, Director Reardon stated that the CPUC unanimously voted on August 31 to direct Southern California Gas to increase the amount of natural gas stored in Aliso Canyon by 67%.

Member Dowd asked if PG&E was preparing for alternatives within the judgement and CEO Syphers responded that this would fall to the CPUC to enforce.

Member Wells asked how insulation works and Director Reardon responded that it was a new patent, and he would follow up. Chair Morris asked if SCP would comment on the judgement and Director Reardon mentioned that SCP would be submitting comments.

CEO Syphers gave a legislative update noting that AB 1373, the Governor's Energy Trailer, passed, but CalCCA had achieved some defensive victories including central procurement of reliability resources by the California Department of Water Resources instead of the investor-owned utilities, and the right of CCAs to self-procure before central procurement.

Member Lipp asked if the state procurement was just for generating resources and CEO Syphers stated that it could also include transmission.

Public Comment: Tom Conlon, spoke on Power Content.

6. Receive Geothermal Zone Update

(2:13 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:12:41)

CEO Syphers discussed the Lake County GeoZone Tour where seismic activity was a main discussion and he stated this was a good way to begin the Cloverdale Community Meeting regarding the GeoZone. He pointed to his op-ed in the Press Democrat and stated that SCP is trying to educate the public in the need for many forms of energy, including winter and nighttime resources.

Member Hollinshead asked what the impacts could be from the GeoZone and CEO Syphers responded that SCP had heard community concerns of seismic activity and air quality relating to gases from wells such as hydrogen sulfide. Chair Morris mentioned she attended the meeting and asked if there would be a draft set of principles. CEO Syphers said he would like input from the Committee. Member Hollinshead asked about water usage for the Eavor technology and CEO Syphers responded that there would be some initially, but it is designed to operate as a closed loop system.

Public Comment: None

7. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute an Agreement with Enphase Energy for a Battery Storage Grid Services Manager program with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$980,000 through November 30, 2029

(2:27 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:27:03)

Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager, discussed the agreement with Enphase for battery storage management. She explained that this is a pilot program that will allow customers to charge during the day and use energy in the evenings through the GridSavvy program.

Member Hollinshead asked if this was aimed at residential and Ms. Glanton answered that it could be either residential or commercial. Member Hollinshead then asked why there wasn't a large-scale battery and Ms. Glanton responded the system would be large. Member Lipp asked what the level of participation was, and Ms. Glanton answered that it is roughly 1,000 participants. CEO Syphers added that there are no customer subsidies for the incentives in this program because it pays for itself. Member Lipp asked if this could be added alongside other programs and Ms. Glanton answered that it could.

Public Comment: Vice Chair Quinlan, speaking as a member of the public, announced that as a former employee of Enphase Energy, he would recuse himself from future involvement or votes of the Committee relating to the company.

Motion to Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the CEO or his Designee to Execute an Agreement with Enphase Energy for a Battery Storage Grid Services Manager program with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$980,000 through November 30, 2029, by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Morris, Hollinshead, Dowd, Wells, Nicholls, Lipp

ABSENT: Quinlan, Fenichel, Kelly, Booth

8. Discuss and Provide Feedback on Staff Proposed Customer Rate Reductions which would Establish Parameters Following Changes to Distribution Utility Rates and Fees on or After January 1, 2024, and Amendments to Financial Policy B2 to allow Local Investments with Excess Reserve Funds

(2:46 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:45:47)

CEO Syphers stated that SCP had hit its reserve targets and staff were asking for input from the Committee on how to use extra funds for local investments. He also stated that this item would be brought back to the Committee and

twice to the Board. He then stated that the second issue was a change to SCP's Financial Policy to allow for local investments.

Member Dowd stated that he was happy to see this item. Member Lipp stated he was happy to see equity included in the policy. Chair Morris stated that smoothing rates are a good component to this item.

Public Comment: Vice Chair Quinlan congratulated SCP for getting to the target ahead of schedule and asked what types of local investments there would be. CEO Syphers responded that staff would like to leave options open.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(3:10 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:09:45)

None

ADJOURN

(3:11 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:10:11)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted

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

Darin A. Bartow, JD