



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:34)

Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Morris, Vice Chair Quinlan, and Members Soto, Dowd, Wang, Kelly, Hagen, Nicholls, Booth, and Lipp.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager, and Greg Alesandro, IT Systems Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:28)

Public Comment: Rick Learned discussed virtual private power plants.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:05 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:06:13)

1. Approve December 21, 2023, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update
3. Recommend Board Ratification of Generation Rates Effective February 1, 2024, Consistent with Prior Board Direction

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the January 18, 2024, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Morris, Quinlan, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Kelly, Hagen, Nicholls, Booth, Lipp

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

4. Welcome and Orientation to Sonoma Clean Power Authority

(1:08 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:09:37)

Geof Syphers, CEO, thanked the new members of the Community Advisory Committee (Committee) for their time and introduced them to the work of the Committee. Chair Morris then invited all new members to introduce themselves as well as the returning members. The Committee made their introductions.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:36 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:37:32)

Michael Koszalka, COO, introduced to new members of SCP's staff, Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager and Greg Alesandro, IT Systems Manager. He mentioned that the Pacific Environmental Education Center purchased a new electric Ford F150 with help from SCP's Electric Vehicle Incentive for non-profits. He also discussed SCP's current enrollment numbers. CEO Syphers explained how Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), and SCP interact, energy use by jurisdiction and he announced that a Member Statement Form would be sent to the Committee Members. COO Koszalka then gave an update on SCP's monthly financials.

Vice Chair Quinlan requested that the individual 2023 Member Statement Forms be sent to the returning members so they can help with completing the 2024 form. Chair Morris asked if there was an update on SCP's new property purchase and CEO Syphers responded that it is in escrow. Vice Chair Quinlan added that he noticed Sebastopol and Point Arena were leading in EverGreen and he encouraged the new Committee Members to use grassroots tactics to get word out about SCP and EverGreen.

Public Comment: None

6. Receive Legislative Regulatory Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:51 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:52:13)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, stated that the California Public Utilities Commission denied CalCCA's Application for Rehearing of the resource adequacy decision preventing CCA expansion.

Member Soto asked if it was unusual for a CCA to not be able to provide services for 2 years as the CPUC did in this decision and Director Reardon answered that it was. CEO Syphers added that he did not see a nexus between this policy and expanding service.

Mr. Horton gave an update on the upcoming legislative session and the changes in leadership in the Legislature. He stated that California has a budget deficit so there will be significant cuts across the board this year.

Member Lipp asked for an explanation of the fixed income charge and CEO Syphers explained that the change is coming to the proposed charge because there are a lot of legislators who see issues with the legislation. Vice Chair Quinlan asked what the date of implementation for the bill was and Director Reardon answered that the date has not been confirmed. Member Soto asked if this would affect delivery or generation and CEO Syphers answered that it would affect delivery. Member Hagen asked if the state budget would affect things that SCP are doing, and CEO Syphers answered that fortunately it will have a limited effect as programs through SCP are generally self-funded.

Public Comment: None

7. Receive the 2023 Annual Report

(2:15 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:15:16)

Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing, gave a presentation on the 2023 Annual Report entitled "More Power to You." She stated the presentation could be found on SCP's website.

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(2:27 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:26:28)

None

ADJOURN

(2:28 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:27:41)

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 initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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