



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024  
1:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:25)

Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Morris, Vice Chair Quinlan, and Members Soto Anguiano, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Hagen, Nicholls, Booth, and Lipp. Member Kelly was absent with prior notice.

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

Member Booth noticed she was participating in the meeting under the provisions of AB 2449.

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

(1:05 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:08)

Public Comment: None

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:05 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:52)

1. Approve January 18, 2024, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or Designee to Execute a Professional Services

Agreement with ReconMR, LLC, with a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$115,000 for the Annual Brand Awareness Survey

4. Approve Rescheduling the Community Advisory Committee's April 2024 Meeting Date to April 11, 2024
5. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute an Option to Extend the Lease for the Advanced Energy Center an Additional 36 Months with Kushins & Langendorf

Public Comment: None

Chair Morris asked if people could call in to SCP regarding the research done in item 3 and Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations and Marketing answered no, the research firm would reach out to participants.

Motion to approve the February 15, 2024, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Quinlan

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

6. Nominate and Approve the Appointments of Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee for One-Year Terms

(1:09 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:09:14)

Vice Chair Quinlan

Public Comment: None

Motion to nominate and approve Patricia Morris as Chair of the Community Advisory Committee by Vice Chair Quinlan

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly

Chair Morris thanked the Committee and staff.

Motion to nominate and approve Spencer Lipp as Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee by Chair Morris

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly

Vice Chair Lipp also thanked the Committee and staff. Chair Morris encouraged everyone on the Committee to think about taking on leadership positions in the future.

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

(1:14 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:14:16)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, invited Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager to give an update on donation partnerships with GridSavvy. Ms. Glanton stated that the applications received were diverse and staff are recommending five organizations. Director Reynolds then discussed SCP's investments. Scott Salyer, Program Manager, discussed SCP's E-bike Commuter Program and the partnerships with local organizations promoting green commutes. Mr. Salyer added that the kickoff for the program will be in late May and said that SCP wants to target and empower underserved communities.

Chair Morris asked if the Committee could help, and Mr. Salyer answered that SCP would like information on specific groups to target. Member Booth asked if schools were eligible and Mr. Salyer answered technically yes, but the program is limited to individuals over 18, but added that teachers and staff could be eligible.

Director Reynolds announced that SCP had closed escrow on its new building purchase. When reviewing the December financials, CEO Geof Syphers discussed power loss in the service territory due to recent storms and reminded the Committee that SCP is an advocate of grid reliability. CEO Syphers then discussed GeoZone partnerships with Chevron New Energies and announced that they had received a geothermal grant from the Federal government.

Member Dowd asked for a little background on the building purchase and CEO Syphers mentioned that it would be used for more office space and its location is convenient. Vice Chair Lipp wanted to raise awareness that power was out in west county for 9 days and CEO Syphers explained that complete electrification for some areas may not work right now, and reliability is very important. Member Nicholls mentioned that information coming from PG&E was wrong regarding the timing of the outage and asked if SCP could investigate it.

Public Comment: None

8. Receive Legislative Regulatory Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate (1:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:41:25)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, announced that PG&E applied to expand the capacity of the Helms Pumped Storage Facility. Director Reardon explained that this expansion would extend the life of the hydro plant and provide additional capacity. Director Reardon then discussed the extension of Diablo Canyon and explained that since its approval, two petitions have been submitted to the CPUC and he stated that PG&E requested a guaranteed rate of return on their investment.

Vice Chair Lipp asked if there would be others on SCP's side regarding the Helms plant and Director Reardon answered that several groups including other CCAs, rate payers' advocates, and environmental groups would be. Chair Morris asked if there was precedent for the Helm's funding and Director Reardon answered that there was not. Chair Morris then asked how capacity was expanded and CEO Syphers answered in two ways either increasing height or digging out the reservoir. Chair Morris then asked if SCP had discussed selling carbon credits and Director Reardon explained that it was different than standard carbon offset and required reducing emissions, but he

said that the emission reductions could be traded. Member Quinlan then stated that this then enables someone else to act in a dirty manner and CEO Syphers that the only options are not selling credits or to monetize it, and neither is a perfect fit.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, gave a legislative update and stated that bills were due to the legislature by February 16, 2024. He gave an update on SB 938 which would close a loophole using ratepayer funds for lobbying and he discussed leadership changes. Mr. Horton then discussed the budget and the upcoming ~\$39+ billion deficit. Mr. Horton then gave an update on AB 1999 which would significantly alter the authorization it gave for income graduated fixed charges.

Member Quinlan stated that AB 205 may create grid problems and CEO Syphers explained that it takes away the motivation to conserve.

Public Comment: Tom Conlon, see attached public comment.

9. Receive Energy Savings Box Focus Group Findings

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

Director Kelly gave a presentation of the findings from SCP's Energy Savings Box Focus Group. The presentation is attached.

Member Quinlan asked what a smart socket was, and an example was passed around to the Committee. Member Nicholls asked if the box would be found in local libraries and Director Kelly answered not now, but SCP toolkits can be found there, and the box will be found at the Advanced Energy Center (Energy Center). Member Soto asked what can be done to show value of the box and CEO Syphers responded that there was a lot including: video, radio, publishing and speaking, but it depends on who SCP is targeting. Chair Morris asked when the program will start, and Mr. Salyer answered in late March or April. Member Nicholls asked if SCP was promoting EverGreen with this, and Director Kelly answered that it was not.

Public Comment: Tom Conlon, see attached public comment.

10. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

(2:33 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:33:24)

CEO Syphers explained that this item was routine and showed 7% customer bill savings over a 2-year period. Chris Golik, Finance Manager, discussed the adjustments. CEO Syphers added that the main adjustments dealt with electricity sales, fund reserves and the cost of energy. Mr. Golik also pointed out that the purchase of the new building was added to the capital budget.

Public Comment: None

Motion to recommend the Board of Directors approve the proposed Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Member Dowd

Second: Member Quinlan

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:42 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:42:56)

Chair Morris encouraged all Committee Members to watch the Board of Directors meetings. Member Hagen stated she would be unable to attend the April Committee Meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

(2:43 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:43:33)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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