



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:46)

Vice Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager; Chris Golik, Revenue Manager; Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager; Scott Salyer, Program Manager; and Joshua Nelson, Special Counsel.

Geof Syphers, CEO, announced the pending retirement of Denis Quinlan and thanked him for his service on the Community Advisory Committee (Committee.) Member Quinlan thanked the Committee and staff for all the hard work during his tenure. CEO Syphers then read a statement from Chair Morris and the Committee in turn thanked Member Quinlan for his years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(1:09 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:08:10)

Public Comment: None

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:10 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:09:56)

1. Approve February 15, 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 an Amendment to the Software License, Maintenance, and Support Agreement with Ascend Analytics, LLC, for a Three-Year Extension and Incremental Contract Total of \$546,503

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the March 21, 2024, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Dowd

Second: Member Kelly

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Quinlan, Dowd, Wang, Kelly, Hagen, Booth

ABSENT: Morris, Soto, Nicholls

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

4. Receive Brown Act and Ethics Law Training for the Community Advisory Committee

(1:12 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:11:34)

Joshua Nelson, Special Counsel, gave a Brown Act and Ethics training to the Committee. The slides provided as part of this training are attached to these minutes.

CEO Syphers added that the purpose of this training is to reduce individual liability and he reiterated that staff and counsel are here to help the Committee Members. Vice Chair Lipp asked for clarification on how the Brown Act applies to social media interactions. Counsel Nelson clarified, gave examples, and elaborated on how social media responses could be construed as violations of the serial meeting definition. Vice Chair Lipp then asked about the use of intermediaries or "hub & spoke" interactions, and Counsel Nelson explained that activity could fall under Brown Act rules. Member Kelly asked if liking SCP's social media posts rose to a Brown Act violation and Mr. Nelson answered it could be, and the safer practice is to re-post or forward the post. CEO Syphers clarified that when analyzing a topic, the Committee should also

try to avoid the perception of a conflict. Member Dowd urged caution to the Committee in any of their communications.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:46 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:46:13)

CEO Syphers mentioned that Ali Soto Anguiano had resigned her position on the Committee and added that this changes the quorum for a Committee meeting from six to five. Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, introduced Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager, to give the Committee an update on the Enphase Battery Storage program. Ms. Glanton stated that SCP was ready to launch its new battery offering under GridSavvy. This program would incentivize energy use during times of high demand, and she stated that SCP was shooting for an April launch.

Member Booth asked what capacity Enphase has in SCP's service territory. Ms. Glanton stated that there are over 1,000 batteries in SCP's service territory and the goal for SCP is to reach all of them. Ms. Glanton also mentioned that PG&E is offering a competing program. Member Kelly asked who the target customer for the program is, and Ms. Glanton said it includes any SCP customer. Member Kelly then asked if the program was income based and Ms. Glanton answered that it was not. Member Hagen asked if there was any disadvantage to the program and Ms. Glanton answered that the customer gets to select the amount of battery capacity they want to offer to the program. Vice Chair Lipp asked if there was a penalty if the customer overrides the program and Ms. Glanton responded customers can override or opt out of participation up to twice per month with no penalties.

Director Reynolds stated that Community Donation Partners would be announced next month, and she discussed SCP's financial statements.

Public Comment: None

6. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates, Recommend a Position on AB 1305 (Stern) and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(2:00 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:00:01)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed SCP's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) that was required to be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). He stated that the IRP was accepted and the CPUC commended SCP's commitment to underserved communities. Director Reardon then announced that Governor Newsom appointed Matthew Baker to the CPUC.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager, gave a legislative update. He stated that SCP had participated in the CalCCA lobby day in Sacramento. He mentioned that California budget is in a significant deficit this year, but the State is taking actions to close the gap. Mr. Horton mentioned that the Legislature has seen new legislation introduced and is focusing on key issues including power affordability, reliability, and transmission. He then discussed SB 1305 (Stern) which SCP's staff recommendation is "oppose unless amended" because the bill would stipulate specific procurement of resource adequacy from virtual power plants at a time when the rules for this technology are far from clear, and it is therefore unknown whether SCP's existing virtual power plant (GridSavvy) would qualify. Member Kelly asked how SCP's GridSavvy program would be able to reach the targets under SB 1305 and CEO Syphers pointed out that the targets were very aggressive.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates, Recommend an Oppose Unless Amended Position on AB 1305 (Stern) by Member Quinlan

Second: Member Booth

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Quinlan, Dowd, Wang, Kelly, Hagen, Booth

ABSENT: Morris, Soto, Nicholls

7. Receive Agricultural Community Needs Assessment Final Report

(2:23 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:23:35)

Scott Salyer, Program Manager, gave an update on the Agricultural Community Needs Assessment Final Report.

Member Kelly asked what SCP believed the main benefit for the agricultural community was and CEO Syphers answered that this was only a first step to understanding the needs of the community and more would be learned from the data. Member Kelly stated that some agricultural issues he would like to see discussed include eco vaults, bio digesters, and other specific technologies related to agriculture. CEO Syphers invited the Committee to inform staff about new technologies. Member Hagen stated she would like to investigate methane reduction and capture and groundwater recharge. Vice Chair Lipp said he would like to research artificial intelligence controls and modeling tools for load shaping. Member Wang mentioned there was a Zero Waste Symposium happening on May 2, 2024, and invited SCP to attend.

Public Comment: None

8. Review and Provide Feedback on the Draft Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

(2:36 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:36:24)

CEO Syphers introduced SCP's budget and annual process. He mentioned that the draft budget would be seen and reviewed four times, twice by the Committee and twice by the Board of Directors. Chris Golik, Revenue Manager, walked the Committee through the Budget tables and explained how this budget would retain a 7% savings over PG&E, the expected cost of energy rising, and SCP's reserve funds.

Member Quinlan asked how long SCP can offer rates lower than PG&E's. CEO Syphers answered that it is unclear because of things SCP doesn't control. Member Kelly asked what percentage of the annual load is in purchase agreements. CEO Syphers responded that historically it has been aimed at 90% which allows some market exposure, but he added that SCP is learning that with customers paying the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) it is like having another hedge and customers are getting more exposed to energy market prices than prudent, so SCP will be challenging others in the industry to study this issue. CEO Syphers expanded on this by saying that because SCP is a public agency it is not buying energy to resell like a speculator, but rather to provide to customers.

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(2:57 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:56:58)

Member Dowd thanked Member Quinlan for his service and said he would be missed.

ADJOURN

(2:58 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:57:34)

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 "D" and a double horizontal line at the end.

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