



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024  
1:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:07 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:06:32)

Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs; Kimberly Beltran, Technical Programs Manager; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics; and Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service.

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:08 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:08:42)

1. Approve March 21, 2024, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the April 11, 2024, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Morris, Lipp, Dowd, Kelly, Nicholls

ABSENT: Soto, Wang, Hagen, Booth

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

(1:09 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:09:12)

Michael Koszalka, COO, introduced Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs and Kimberly Beltran, Technical Programs Manager, to give a Programs update. Director Simonson discussed equity work with local organizations and SCP's 2022 Equity framework. Geof Syphers, CEO, reiterated that SCP has seen some excellent results concerning equity and thanked the Programs Team for their dedication to the subject and he announced that SCP has five organizations that have become SCP's community donation partners. Ms. Beltran gave an update on GridSavvy and noted that information regarding supporting California grid reliability and she asked the Committee to share with their networks.

Member Dowd thanked staff for their work and discussed fees for affordable housing. CEO Syphers stated that SCP is always looking for ways to accelerate low-income housing and would like to focus on programs that do this. Member Nicholls appreciated SCP's work on multi-family housing but expressed concern with the BayREN connection because of their need to connect gas lines to multi-family structures and CEO Syphers responded that SCP would also like to see change in this area. Vice Chair Lipp commended BayREN's work on multi-family dwellings and asked how many others were going to need this assistance and Director Simonson responded that her team was working on the numbers now.

*1:31 p.m. Member Soto entered the meeting.*

Chair Morris thanked staff for their work and asked if there was a way to donate the funds from GridSavvy. Ms. Beltran answered that people could request it by emailing [gridsavvy@sonomacleanpower.org](mailto:gridsavvy@sonomacleanpower.org).

COO Koszalka then pointed out SCP's participation numbers with an emphasis on EverGreen. He then discussed SCP's finances. CEO Syphers stated that SCP had opened a recruitment for a Chief Financial Officer and explained that this will give SCP the ability to better manage debt and risk.

Public Comment: None

4. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:42 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:42:43)

CEO Syphers gave a regulatory update and pointed out that a CPUC administrative law judge proposed denying PG&E's application for a Pacific Generation spinoff. He 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. CEO Syphers then mentioned that the CPUC issued a proposal regarding the Income Graduated Fixed Charge.

Member Nicholls asked if there would be a 7% per kWh reduction billing under the charge and Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics answered that yes, there is a new structure switching to the fixed charge, but it is only \$.07 per kWh reduction. Member Kelly asked if the tiered rates system would be based on income and CEO Syphers answered yes, but what was left to determine was the appropriate dollar figures.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager, gave a legislative update. He stated that SCP was taking a support position on SB 1014 (Dodd) which would holistically plan for fire risk in the state. Mr. Horton discussed SB 1221 (Min) stating that it related to electrification and would reform the obligation for utilities to install new gas lines. Vice Chair Lipp asked how SB 1221 related to the Berkley court case and CEO Syphers responded that the bill does address it, but it says that the utility would no longer have an obligation to offer gas. Member Nicholls asked if PG&E abandons gas lines could they be used for undergrounding power lines. CEO Syphers responded that clothe didn't know, but noted that gas lines are not rated for heat. Member Soto asked if the people backing the income graduated fixed charge had forecast into the future and CEO Syphers expressed concern that removing the barrier for homes to move from gas to electric would cause collateral damage to low-income ratepayers and people with solar power. Member Kelly asked about pricing and Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service, discussed tiered versus time of use rates.

Mr. Horton then discussed SB 1165 (Padilla) which would allow new transmission and streamline existing ones and he stated that SCP supports this bill. He also mentioned that SCP would be tracking the new climate bond set for the November election and he discussed SCP's Lobby Day in Sacramento. Vice Chair Lipp asked about AB 266 and Mr. Horton responded that it related mostly to delivery.

Public Comment: None

5. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

(2:21 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:21:25)

COO Koszalka discussed the FY 24/25 Budget and stated that this is the second time that the Committee has seen the budget and noted that there were no material changes. CEO Syphers added that the Board of Directors (Board) did ask for descriptions of SCP's equity work to be added to the staff report and that details would be added when the budget item goes before the Board again.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by Member Dowd

Second: Vice Chair Lipp

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Morris, Lipp, Soto, Dowd, Kelly, Nicholls

ABSENT: Wang, Hagen, Booth

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

(2:35 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:35:24)

Public Comment: None

**COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:36 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:35:52)

None

**ADJOURN**

(2:36 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:36:10)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darin A. Bartow", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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