



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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:54)

Chair Morris called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs; and Danielle McCants, Customer Operations Manager.

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:06 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:05:53)

1. Approve May 16, 2024, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

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

Second: Vice Chair Lipp

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Morris, Lipp, Wang, Hagen, Nicholls

ABSENT: Soto, Kelly

ABSTAINED: Hollinshead, Dowd, Heffler

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

(1:08 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:07:46)

Geof Syphers introduced Garth Salisbury as SCP's new Chief Financial Officer. Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, gave updates on the Customer Center and mentioned that a large commercial customer opted up to EverGreen. Director Reynolds pointed out photos of new branding in Mendocino County and then invited Rebecca Simonson, Director of Programs, to give a Programs update. Director Simonson spoke on equity in SCP's programs, gave an update on GridSavvy, and gave an overview of SCP's renter friendly programs and solutions. Director Simonson then gave an update on the Lead Locally grant, which was completed in March, and a \$100 smart thermostat incentive.

Member Hollinshead asked if battery storage is part of the GridSavvy program, and Director Simonson responded it is still in beta testing because SCP wants to resolve some issues before its launch. Member Nicholls expressed concern about the discontinuation of the CalEVIP program for chargers along the coast. Member Heffler asked if SCP was using Tesla batteries and Director Simonson answered that SCP is exploring all partnerships. Member Hagen mentioned she had checked out an induction stove from the Customer Center and liked it so much that she purchased one. Vice Chair Lipp also pointed out the lack of charging on the coast. Director Simonson clarified that the CalEVIP program was a statewide program and was discontinued because of low application to installation turnover. Chair Morris thanked staff for their work on GridSavvy and non-profit EV incentives.

Danielle McCants, Customer Operations Manager, discussed Calpine's Community Benefits grants and announced 6 new recipients. Director Reynolds stated that at the August 1, 2024, Board of Directors (Board) meeting the Board would determine if the August 16, 2024, Community Advisory Committee (Committee) and the September 5, 2024, Board meeting would be cancelled.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:43 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:42:25)

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy and Community Engagement Manager, gave a legislative update. He mentioned that SCP's sponsored bill, AB 1359 (Garcia), which deals with geothermal permitting, was moving along and gave some background on how the GeoZone initiative came about. Mr. Horton then discussed SB 1298 (Cortese), which would expand the use of very large diesel generators at data center and added that SCP continues to oppose it. He mentioned the State budget was approved, and a climate bond was going on the November ballot.

Chair Morris stated that she was concerned about public purpose funding budget cuts happening, and appreciates the fact that staff is tracking, and would like to hear more in the future. Member Hollinshead asked if SCP was aware of Project 2025 and the possibility of another Trump administration and CEO Syphers responded that SCP was aware. Member Heffler asked if the studies for geothermal exploration were within SCP's territory and CEO Syphers answered yes. Member Heffler then asked if there were opportunities to partner with other CCAs and CEO Syphers answered yes because of the possibilities to scale in other locations and SCP wants to unlock geothermal everywhere possible. Member Wang asked how Proposition 4, the climate bond, would come to SCP for funding and CEO Syphers responded that it is speculative right now but will answer when SCP knows more.

Public Comment: None

4. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

(2:00 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:59:37)

Miles Horton discussed the GeoZone Townhall which would be held on July 25, 2024, at the Customer Center and added that it will also be held virtually and with Spanish translation services. He added that this was the first of many events for SCP's GeoZone community strategy. CEO Syphers stated that the Townhall would be recorded but encouraged the Committee to attend.

Member Hagen asked if it was possible to share the event more broadly with more customers and CEO Syphers responded that it had been shared on social media, with the Board, and other interested parties. Member Hollinshead asked if fracking will be ongoing or if it will be a one-time use to drill the wells. CEO Syphers responded that it will be done at the time of construction but cannot speak to the need afterwar initial construction. He did clarify that geothermal fracking and oil, and gas fracking were very different, but it does present concerns as well. Member Hagen added that fracking for oil suctions from all around and is completely different.

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

(2:18 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:17:16)

Public Comment: None

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:18 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:17:34)

Member Hagen announced that PBS hosted a podcast on digital carbon footprints on July 11, 2024.

### **ADJOURN**

(2:19 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:18:28)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

### **Respectfilluy Submitted**



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**Clerk of the Board**