



**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:13)

Vice Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer; Amit Ranjan, Strategic Energy Resource Manager; Connor Wolf, Programs Specialist; and Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approve July 18, 2024, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Generation Rates Effective August 1, 2024, Consistent with Prior Board Direction
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Revisions to Financial Policy B2 on Financial Reserves, and Approve the Deferral of Funds into the Rate Stabilization Fund
4. Receive Legislative and Regulatory Updates and Provide Feedback as Appropriate
5. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

6. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Revision to Sonoma Clean Power's A.3 Late Payment Noticing, Transfer of Service, Pre-Collection Noticing, Collection and A.4 Information Technology Security Policy

Member Nicholls mentioned that PG&E was again raising rates and asked, regarding Item 2, if SCP would also. Geof Syphers, CEO, responded that would be discussed at the October Board of Directors (Board) meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the September 19, 2024, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Hollinshead, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Hagen, Heffler, Nicholls

ABSENT: Morris, Kelly

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

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

(1:07 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:07:56)

Michael Koszalka, COO, introduced SCP's newest employees Amit Ranjan, Strategic Energy Resource Manager, and Connor Wolf, Programs Specialist. COO Koszalka then discussed recent and upcoming events with SCP presence and stated that SCP's audited financial statements for FY 23/24 would be available soon. COO Koszalka then introduced Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager, who gave an update on SCP's Enphase program. Ms. Glanton stated that the partnership with Enphase had ended, and SCP will now be focusing on other battery manufacturers. CEO Syphers mentioned that he supports SCP staff ending programs that will not be successful, and he added that this puts pressure on the battery industry to think of grid reliability.

Member Hollinshead asked staff to describe the difference between grid resiliency and Enphase's power resiliency goal and Ms. Glanton responded that SCP does have batteries in its territory and wants to use them for grid reliability. CEO Syphers stated that the key distinction between the two is

whose resiliency is being discussed and said that SCP wants to help the entire grid. Member Hollinshead then stated that SCP should focus efforts on large energy users like grocery stores. Vice Chair Lipp asked if SCP's strategy was to subsidize the oversizing of batteries.

Public Comment: None

8. Receive a Presentation on a Planned Power Purchase Agreement Prepayment Transaction

(1:20 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:20:54)

CEO Syphers stated that this item was a culmination of a discussion to use public funding to lower the cost of energy for SCP customers, and then he introduced Garth Salisbury, CFO who gave a detailed presentation on prepayments for power purchase agreements.

Member Heffler asked how this assuages risk and CFO Salisbury answered it will reduce the cost of contracts already in place. Member Nicholls asked what the timing was on putting this plan together and CFO Salisbury responded it could be by November. Member Hollinshead asked who makes money off this deal and CFO Salisbury explained that everyone can win, but SCP would take the lion's share of savings with the bonds. Member Hollinshead then asked if the Federal government was making up the difference and CFO Garth answered that they were. Member Soto asked if the bond rate was fixed in this risk hedging and CFO Salisbury stated that staff would find the number of years the bonds would have the greatest spread in rates and then transact.

Public Comment: None

9. Receive Residential and Commercial Community Needs Assessment Final Report

(1:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:41:31)

Carolyn Glanton, Programs Operations Manager, gave a presentation on the Residential and Commercial Community Needs Assessment Final Report. CEO Syphers added that a colleague at Redwood Credit Union stated that energy and insurance prices have increased in cost faster than other household expenses, and people are seeing the connection between climate change and affordability.

Vice Chair Lipp stated that it is important to get information out and hear from the communities. CEO Syphers added that the information relates to much more than just programs. Member Soto asked if members of the community worry about heat risk, and Ms. Glanton said that it was not asked in this survey. Member Soto added that there would be an intersection with heat risk and grid reliability. Member Wang expressed worry that people with low income are not homeowners and asked if SCP was working with landlords, and Ms. Glanton stated that this came up a lot and is being discussed. Member Nicholls stated that there are no tax rebates for upgrades on rental properties. Member Hagen asked if there are any rebates or financing options out there for solar upgrades for non-profits, and CEO Syphers responded that there are not because rooftop solar is mandated now. Ms. Glanton mentioned SCP's non-profit electric vehicle incentives.

Public Comment: None

10. Recommend the Board Reduce Agency Expenses by an Estimated \$46 Million for the Six-Year Period from 2025 through 2030 by Accepting an Allocation of Energy from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant

(2:19 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:19:27)

CEO Syphers gave background on the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and state reliability. He stated that the Committee is being requested to recommend whether the Board should accept the energy credit or not. CEO Syphers added that SCP was not given the option to sell this energy credit, and he added that staff recommends accepting the credit.

Member Dowd stated that while he is not supportive of Diablo Canyon continuing operation, it is beneficial to SCP's customers to accept the credit. Member Nicholls stated he had reached out to his constituency and because of the savings, recommended taking the credit. Member Hollinshead stated he was worried about the reactor failing and a lack of transparency of safety inspection data, but he would accept the allocation if SCP asked for disclosure in return to taking the credit. Member Heffler agreed, stating the savings should be used in battery, solar, and replacement energy technologies. Member Soto stated that SCP should take the credit and use the savings to invest in alternatives to nuclear and Member Hagen agreed. CEO Syphers thanked the Committee for their input and agreed to push for the necessary reliability resources to allow the plant's closure.

Public Comment: Geoffrey Leonard, Dave Hahn, Diego Garcia, and Jane Glanton all expressed support for taking the allocation of energy from Diablo Canyon and their comments are attached.

Motion to recommend the Board of Directors accept the allocation from Diablo Canyon, and for SCP staff to research other options regarding Diablo Canyon that would be beneficial for SCP customers by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Hollinshead, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Hagen, Heffler, Nicholls

ABSENT: Morris, Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(2:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:41:09)

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(2:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:41:24)

None

ADJOURN

(2:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:41:33)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Dear Community Advisory Committee and Board of Directors,

My name is Dave Hahn and I'm happy to be an Evergreen customer of SCP. I'm writing today to strongly encourage you to accept the financial benefit of the proposed Diablo Canyon GHG-free allocation.

I'm not an advocate for nuclear energy. In fact, I'd like to see the day when California transitions off nuclear energy and to purely renewable sources. But, according to the [LA Times](#), the Diablo Canyon plant was already extended through 2030 and we'll all have to pay for it. Some of my friends and neighbors are already having a hard time making ends meet. If we are all going to be forced to pay for this plant's extension, I respectfully ask that you please use whatever we get in return to lower bills as much as possible.

Thank you,

Dave Hahn

From: Diego Garcia

To: Clerk of BOD

Subject: Diablo Canyon

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 8:04:57 PM

This is for board and committee

Please accept the power plant deal I don't want to pay more than I have to.

Diego Garcia.

From Santa Rosa

Geoffrey Leonard

To the Board of Directors and members of the Community Advisory Committee of Sonoma Clean Power:

I am a resident of Glen Ellen and a customer of Sonoma Clean Power. I am writing to express my support for the Board to reduce agency expenses by accepting an allocation of energy from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. I agree with the recommendation of the Staff and believe that this action should be taken to provide cost savings to SCP customers.

Regards,

Geoffrey Leonard

From: Jane Palmer

To: Clerk of BOD

Subject: Accept Allocation

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 9:46:18 PM

Dear Sonoma Clean Power Community Advisory Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I have been a happy customer of SCP since you launched. I strongly urge you to recommend that the Board accept the \$46 million allocation of carbon-free energy from Diablo Canyon. With the extension of the plant through 2030, we're all already paying for it, and with the current high cost of living and rising energy bills, it's important to seize every opportunity to reduce costs for customers. Accepting this allocation would provide significant financial relief, helping to lower energy bills over the next six years.

Thank you very much,

Jane Palmer