



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025  
1:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:07)

Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Lipp, Vice Chair Kelly and Members Hollinshead, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Hagen, Heffler, Morris and Nicholls.

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 & Community Engagement Manager; Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations & Marketing; and Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:43)

1. Approve March 20, 2025, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Member Dowd requested a change to Item 1 the March 20, 2025, to show that Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the April 17, 2025, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Nicholls

Second: Vice Chair Kelly

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

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

(1:07 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:07:14)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, gave an update on SCP's new building. She discussed SCP's marketing outreach and local food bank needs. Director Reynolds then announced that SCP contracted with local radio station KZST for studio naming rights, which will increase SCP's local presence. Geof Syphers, CEO, then gave an update on Lakeport's request to become a member of SCP's service territory and he stated that on May 8<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors (Board) would be asked to formally request a review.

Chair Lipp stated that brand awareness is great, but he would encourage SCP to streamline incentives on the website because it can be difficult to navigate. Member Hollinshead asked why there were still holdouts joining SCP in Sonoma and Marin County and CEO Syphers explained that this is to be expected but there has also been a slow and steady increase in those counties. Vice Chair Kelly asked if there is collaboration with other CCAs in the geothermal industry and CEO Syphers discussed CCPower which is the CalCCAs joint procurement entity. Member Wang asked how long marketing contracts are for, and Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations & Marketing answered that they generally are for one year. Member Hollinshead mentioned that staff had met with him and Sonoma's Climate Action Committee.

Public Comment: Tom Coddington discussed wanting SCP to provide energy to Lake County and his comment is attached to these minutes.

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

(1:35 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:35:07)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, discussed the CPUC's proposal regarding affordability and he explained that it goes to Governor Newsom's order to improve energy affordability. Director Reardon then explained that there are several proposals to support net energy metering (NEM).

Member Hollinshead stated that NEM 3.0 shows that solar is a good producer and Director Reardon agreed. CEO Syphers stated that the goal for SCP is that solar customers capture the maximum value for their system. Vice Chair Kelly asked if new rate payers were on a different schedule and Director Reardon said that they were. Member Morris asked if the Governor's order was to review programs and Director Reardon said it was.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, discussed 3 bills that SCP is sponsoring in California's legislature: Assembly Bills 526 (Papan), 527 (Papan), and 531 (Rogers). Mr. Horton then discussed a trip to Utah he took with Director and Supervisor Lynda Hopkins and Supervisor Gore to visit the FORGE geothermal project, and he discussed the legislative opportunities that the trip to Utah opened for SCP.

Public Comment: None

## 6. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

(2:20 P.M. – Video Time Stamp: 01:20:04)

CEO Syphers introduced both the item and Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics. Director Tracey provided an update on the GeoZone project, stating that SCP's GeoZone partners will not meet the milestone deadlines in their contracts, prompting SCP to request a mutually agreed upon termination of the Cyrq contract and to set the expectation for some extensions on the other two. Director Tracey said SCP is now focusing on making geothermal development more attractive to future potential partners.

Member Heffler asked if SCP was seeking new partners. CEO Syphers said the current focus is on legislative and regulatory changes to support geothermal development. Vice Chair Kelly asked how momentum for geothermal energy would be maintained. CEO Syphers said the setback with losing Cyrq has been minor, key lessons learned, and SCP will be ready when regulations are updated. He emphasized GeoZone as a long-term, generational project. Member Hollinshead asked if more learning was needed. CEO Syphers and Director Tracey said the main challenge is learning techniques for drilling in

local rock and de-risking the investment by shortening timelines for exploration. Vice Chair Kelly asked how California's high land and labor costs might affect geothermal development. CEO Syphers responded that de-risking early exploration through grants, subsidies, or low-cost loans would be essential.

Public Comment: None

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:37 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:37:37)

None

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

(2:37 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:37:45)

Public Comment: None

### **ADJOURN**

(2:38 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:38:00)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



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

Dear Sonoma Clean Power,

I would be very interested in joining Sonoma Clean Power.

I live in Lake County, and I see from your website that you

have budgeted to boost participation. I have solar panels and storage batteries. And I'm interested in 100% renewable power. Could a future meeting include the possibility of including Lake County in your strategic

action plan?

Thank you very much,

Tom Coddington