



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:01 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:01:00)

Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Lipp, Members Hollinshead, Soto, Dowd, Wang, Heffler, and Nicholls. Vice Chair Kelly and Members Hagen and Morris were absent without prior notice.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations & Marketing; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager; Claudia Sisomphou, Public Affairs and Advocacy Manager; Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning & Analytics; and Spandan Gandhi, Senior Energy Analyst

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approve May 15, 2025, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report
3. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve Proposed Amendment to Customer Service Policy A.3 Late Payment Noticing, Transfer of Service, Pre-Collection Noticing, Collections and A.6 Emergency Consumer Protection Policy
4. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Execute Task Order #2 of the Foundational Professional Agreement with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District for Debt Collection Services Effective through December 31, 2029
5. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the June 12, 2025, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly, Hagen, Morris

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

6. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:03 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:03:12)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, introduced Sarah Smith, Administrative Assistant, Laura Liberty, Human Resources Manager, and Patrick Le, Capital Projects Engineer – Electrical, SCP's new staff to the Community Advisory Committee (Committee).

1:06 p.m. Member Hagen entered the meeting.

Director Reynolds introduced Kate Kelly, Director of Public Outreach & Marketing who announced that SCP had won the North Bay Leadership Council's Paint Community Green Award and the North Bay Biz Magazine Reader's Poll, "Best Public Agency."

Public Comment: None

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

(1:10 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:10:24)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, stated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued a proposal to modify how CCA customers are granted financial credit for how the Resource Adequacy (RA) credit is calculated and the goal of the modifications was to increase the number of transactions included and to increase the accuracy of the RA. However, it would use historical RA prices instead of the current prices to determine market value

and it would do so retroactively, which would be a detriment to SCP's customers. Geof Syphers, CEO, added that this is creating a fee that changes with the market.

Member Hollinshead stated that a good option would be to require a stated time for fees. Member Heffler asked if the CPUC was political and Director Reardon responded that the CPUC are concerned about residential bundled customers when they make their rulings.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, discussed the geothermal bills that SCP has sponsored. Mr. Horton stated that AB 526 (Papan) had died in committee, but AB 527 (Papan) and AB 531 (Rogers) had moved to the Senate and SCP would know by mid-September. Member Heffler asked why AB 526 failed, and Mr. Horton responded that it was a cost issue because California is currently running a deficit.

Public Comment: None

8. Receive Update on Tribal Engagement Efforts

(1:33 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:33:08)

Claudia Sisomphou, Public Affairs and Advocacy Manager, gave an update and presentation on SCP's tribal engagement efforts. CEO Syphers discussed his experiences meeting with local tribal governments and attempts to establish relationships with local tribes.

Member Wang asked what feedback SCP was receiving from the tribes. CEO Syphers stated that there had been a wide range of comments including issues such as business readiness, income inequality, local projects, and rate payer issues. Member Hollinshead asked if the local tribes were pushing for power resilience. CEO Syphers explained that tribes permit differently, but SCP is learning from the discussions. Member Hagen asked if the tribes are interested in working towards geothermal and CEO Syphers replied that SCP was gauging their interest.

Public Comment: None

9. Receive Overview of Emerging Technologies for Potential Consideration in the 2025 Integrated Resource Plan and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:59 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:59:31)

Ryan Tracey, Director of Planning and Analytics, challenged the Committee to start thinking about new technologies to potentially be added to SCP's Integrated resource plan. Director Tracey then introduced Spandan Gandhi, Senior Energy Analyst, who gave a presentation on emerging green technologies.

Member Hollinshead asked why SCP was not using Fervo. CEO Syphers explained that SCP is focusing on legislation and is waiting for conditions to change before contracting. CEO Syphers gave a brief explanation on why nuclear is an option in the recommendations. Chair Lipp asked why pumped hydro was not included as an option and Director Tracey explained that it wasn't scalable, but it would be kept on the watchlist. Member Heffler asked what the time frame was for the Geothermal Opportunity Zone and Director Tracey explained that there has been a lot of progress in Utah with next generation geothermal energy production possible by 2030.

Member Hollinshead stated that SCP should focus on seasonal storage. Chair Lipp stated that nuclear power would require SCP do a lot of public relations and education in the community. Member Soto asked if SCP could compare different ecosystems and Director Tracey explained that emerging technology can be subjective.

Public Comment: None

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(3:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:01:18)

Member Hollinshead mentioned that a 4MW solar array was being built in Ukiah.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(3:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:02:07)

Public Comment: None

ADJOURN

(3:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 02:03:09)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



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