



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:00:06)

Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Ryan Tracey, Chief Strategy Officer; Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager; Karen Flores, Clerk of the Board

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:32)

1. Approve September 18, 2025, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Staff Recommendation: Approve)
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report (Staff Recommendation: Receive and File)
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Update to the NetGreen 2.0 Tariff to Remove the Bonus Penny Adder from the Net Surplus Compensation Rate Calculation and Rename Tariff to Net Energy Metering (Staff Recommendation: Approve)

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the October 16, 2025, 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, Morris

ABSENT: Kelly

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

4. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:05 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:05:03)

Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the progress of the potential expansion to Lake County. The City of Clearlake voted 2-3 to not join SCP. SCP discussed with counsel if there is an option to waive the “all or nothing” obligation set by the Board of Directors, which requires the City of Clearlake, City of Lakeport and the County of Lake to all join SCP at the same time. Staff recommendations will be presented to the Board of Directors at the November 6, 2025, meeting. The City of Lakeport & County of Lake are anticipated to proceed with their votes on Oct. 21.

Discussion ensued between committee members. CEO Syphers provided additional information explaining that excluding Clearlake from the project wouldn’t significantly affect the financial analysis, but the County’s participation is crucial.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:24 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:23:42)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, provided two key updates. First, regarding the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved a proposal that changes how resources are valued for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers, despite some associated risks. In response, the County of Sonoma submitted a Public Records Act (PRA) request to understand the basis of the decision, but the CPUC replied that the requested information was not available. Director Reardon also addressed the upcoming January rate change to SCP customers. PG&E initially assigned a \$0 value to battery capacity, which was later corrected to reflect more accurate data. CEO Syphers clarified that PG&E had planned to charge customers for battery use without offering any credits for their contribution, highlighting a significant concern in the rate structure. PG&E has since reversed course and is now willing to credit SCP customers for their value.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, shared updates on SCP's sponsored geothermal bills: AB 527 (Papan), which exempts exploration wells from CEQA, and AB 531 (Rogers), which streamlines approval for geothermal projects under 50 MW. Mr. Horton explained that AB 527 was vetoed, however, AB 531 has been signed into law.

Public Comment: None

6. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update and Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Delegated Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Terminate the Geothermal Opportunity Zone Cooperation Agreement with Chevron New Energies and Execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Chevron New Energies for Collaborating to Develop Geothermal in the Western Interconnection

(1:54 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 0:53:52)

Ryan Tracey, Chief Strategy Officer, provided some background on GeoZone agreements which included milestone deadlines. Of these deadlines, Chevron's was set for March 2026, however, Chevron has indicated over the past year that it will not meet all required milestones by that date. Due to Chevron's delayed progress and uncertain timeline, SCP staff has recommended terminating the existing cooperation agreement with Chevron New Energies for geothermal development in the GeoZone, while proposing a new Memorandum of Understanding to maintain collaboration on broader geothermal efforts in the Western U.S. The termination preserves SCP's right of first refusal and ensures continued communication and stakeholder engagement for any future activity in the GeoZone. Additionally, CSO Tracey shared that the County of Sonoma, working closely with SCP, has been awarded a California Energy Commission (CEC) grant of \$1.36 million. This grant will help fund regional geothermal planning projects with Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake counties, aimed at improving data and permitting processes for future geothermal development.

Public Comment: None

Chair Lipp requested this item be separated into two separate votes, the termination of the agreement and execution of the MOU.

Motion to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Delegated Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Terminate the Geothermal

Opportunity Zone Cooperation Agreement with Chevron New Energies by Member Nicholls.

Second: Member Dowd

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly

Motion to Recommend the Board of Directors Execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Chevron New Energies for Collaborating to Develop Geothermal in the Western Interconnection by Member Dowd

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly

7. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Parameters for Customer Rate Reductions on January 1, 2026, and a Rate Adjustment for February 1, 2026, and Waive Prior Board Decision to Allocate 2% of Revenues from Calendar Year 2025 to the Local Investment Fund

(2:25 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:25:00)

CEO Syphers introduced the need for rate changes and circumstances at play within the industry. He explained SCP's recommendation on reducing customer rates starting January 1, 2026, targeting total bills at 3% above PG&E's bundled service, despite a sharp increase in PG&E's Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) fee. To manage forecast uncertainties, a second rate adjustment is proposed for February 1, 2026, once PG&E's actual rates are confirmed. SCP expects to reduce generation rates by approximately 40%, which requires that SCP return approximately \$135 million to customers in calendar year 2026. Staff also request the Committee recommend avoiding the planned \$5 million contribution to Local Investment Fund this year to help further offset customer rates.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve Parameters for Customer Rate Reductions on January 1, 2026, and a Rate Adjustment for February 1, 2026, and Waive Prior Board Decision to Allocate 2% of Revenues from Calendar Year 2025 to the Local Investment Fund by Member Dowd

Second: Member Heffler

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

ABSENT: Kelly

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(2:47 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:47:10)

Member Hagen recommended a recent story from PBS about geothermal energy in Massachusetts.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(2:48 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:48:17)

Public Comment: None

ADJOURN

(2:49 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:48:42)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Flores
Clerk of the Board