



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025  
1:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:01 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:01:36)

Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service; Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations & Marketing; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager; Rebecca Simonson, Director of Capital Projects & Engineering; Scott Salyer, Senior Program Manager, Decarbonization Strategy; Karen Flores, Clerk of the Board

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:23)

1. Approve December 18, 2025, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report
3. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

*Item 2 was pulled and discussed.*

Member Morris suggested a small edit to item 3 staff report for clarity.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the December 18, 2025, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Heffler

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Item 2 was then discussed by Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. CFO Salisbury shared the results of the 2024-2025 financial audit.

Public Comment: None

Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, acknowledged the incoming committee members and asked those who were present at the meeting to come up and introduce themselves to the Community Advisory Committee. Both Jack Pollard and Marsha Baird introduced themselves and provided information on their backgrounds.

## **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR**

4. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:11 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:11:27)

CEO Syphers introduced Erica Torgerson, Managing Director of Customer Service. Director Torgerson announced the upcoming retirement of Scott Lawrence, Senior Commercial Accounts Manager, after 6 years with SCP. CEO Syphers then invited Kate Kelly, Director of Public Relations & Marketing, to discuss SCP's work with food banks during the holiday season. She also announced the recent promotion of energy savings boxes at food distribution sites in Sonoma and Mendocino counties.

Public Comment: None

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

(1:20 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:20:16)

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, provided three updates. First, Director Reardon described how Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers will now be able to utilize Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) incentives for homes and businesses. Second, he described the Ivanpah Power Facility and the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) rejection of terminating the contract. Lastly, he described how CalCCA has exhausted all options to fight the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) changes.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, described three proposed legislative actions that SCP is considering sponsoring in 2026 and asked for the committee's feedback.

1. Another attempt to exempt geothermal exploration wells meeting a high standard of environmental and labor protections from review under the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Securing approximately \$50 million from the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to support geothermal exploration wells in high-potential areas like Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, with the goal of improving geologic data, reducing development risk, and catalyzing next-generation geothermal projects similar to the federal Utah FORGE initiative.
3. Legislation to modernize California's transmission planning process to create a more flexible and cost-effective system that accelerates renewable energy interconnection, drawing on research sponsored by Sonoma Clean Power and Peninsula Clean Energy through Princeton University's ZERO Lab.

Public Comment: None

6. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or his Designee to Negotiate Final Terms and Execute an Agreement for Professional Services with US Solar Construction Management, LLC through May 1, 2027, with a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$960,081 to Provide Design Services for the Ukiah Superfund Solar + Battery Project

(1:56 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 0:56:40)

Rebecca Simonson, Director of Capital Projects & Engineering, introduced SCP's first proposed owned and operated solar and battery storage project, which would be developed on a superfund site. She provided details about the site, the project scope, and the professional services agreement.

Public Comment: None

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Second: Member Hollinshead

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

7. Receive Update on Sonoma Clean Power Authority's E-bike Commuter Grants Program

(2:17p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:17:08)

CEO Syphers introduced Scott Salyer, Senior Program Manager, who gave a presentation on SCP's e-bike programs. Mr. Salyer included three proposed priorities for designing future e-bike efforts in the presentation and asked committee members to provide feedback on those priorities.

Public Comment: None

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:41:05)

None.

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

(2:41 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:41:17)

Public Comment: None

Chair Lipp thanked the outgoing committee members. CEO Syphers thanked Members Dowd and Kelly for their work. Director Reardon thanked Member Dowd for his 15 years of service for SCP.

### **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Flores**  
**Clerk of the Board**