



**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026  
1:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:08)

Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Lipp, Members Hollinshead, Soto, Pollard, Wang, Young, Hagen, Baird, Heffler, Morris and Nicholls.

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

**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR**

(1:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:53)

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

Public Comment: None

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

Second: Member Hollinshead

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Hollinshead, Soto, Pollard, Wang, Young, Hagen, Baird, Heffler, Nicholls, Morris

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

4. New Member Introductions and Discussion of Member Interests

(1:06 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:06:19)

The committee conducted a round of introductions, during which members shared their names and relevant background information.

5. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(1:58 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:58:17)

Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations, introduced herself and provided an overview of the Internal Operations report, a standing item on each meeting agenda. CEO Syphers also addressed the committee, offering a brief explanation of the Brown Act, encouraging new members to visit Sonoma Clean Power's (SCP) Customer Center, and outlining what they can expect in their roles as new committee members.

Public Comment: None

6. 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, introduced himself as well as Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, and Adam Jorge; Senior Decarbonization Policy Manager, to the new committee members. Director Reardon provided background on the structure of the Legislative and Regulatory report. Director Reardon provided an update on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) unanimously approving a proposed decision to reduce the rate of return Investor-Owned Utility (IOU) shareholders earn.

Adam Jorge; Senior Decarbonization Policy Manager, shared an update regarding Senate Bill 1221 proceeding at the CPUC, which established a voluntary program for small zones within gas-serving investor-owned utilities to develop approximately 30 pilot projects statewide. These pilots are intended to support long-term transition of selected areas away from natural gas and to generate lessons that can later guide broader gas decommissioning efforts across California. The proceeding has been progressing favorably for Sonoma Clean Power and the joint CCA group. Three priority decarbonization zones

within SCP's service territory have been deemed eligible for pilot projects, all located in the City of Petaluma.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, provided an update on the three bills SCP is sponsoring:

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

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(2:49 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:48:54)

None.

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

(2:49 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:49:03)

Public Comment: None

### **ADJOURN**

(2:49 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:49:28)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Karen Flores**  
Clerk of the Board