



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026
1:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

(1:00 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:45)

Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present: Chair Lipp, Members Hollinshead, Wang, Young, Hagen, Heffler, Morris and Nicholls. Members Soto, Pollard, and Baird were 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 Policy & Legislative Affairs; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager; Chris Golik, Senior Finance Manager; Karen Flores, Clerk of the Board

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:03:25)

1:03p.m. Member Soto entered the meeting

1. Approve January 15, 2026, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report
3. Receive update on PG&E's Base Service Charge - Formerly Known as the "Graduated Income Fixed Charge"
4. Generation Rates Effective February 1, 2026
5. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the February 19, 2026, Community Advisory Committee Consent Calendar by Member Morris

Second: Member Hollinshead

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

6. Nominate and Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee for 2026

(1:05 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:05:12)

The committee voted to keep Chair Lipp as the Chair for 2026 and nominated member Heffler as Vice Chair for 2026.

Public Comment: None

Motion to nominate and approve Spencer Lipp as Chair of the Community Advisory Committee by Member Nicholls.

Second: Member Morris

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Motion to nominate and approve Michael Heffler as Vice Chair of the Community Advisory Committee by Chair Lipp.

Second: Member Hagen

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

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

(1:10 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:09:45)

Neal Reardon, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs, provided an update on recent California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) appointments. Director Reardon spoke about an update on the CPUC's Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) proceeding and a proposed procurement order requiring 6,000 MW of new statewide resources by 2032, noting that such orders tend to increase costs due to competition for a limited number of viable projects

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, provided an update on the three bills SCP is sponsoring in 2026. Mr. Horton described a 4th

bill that SCP is interested in sponsoring this year. This bill would address the issue of transmission capacity constraints. The goal of the bill is to allow more resources to be added to the grid by not requiring resources to meet resource adequacy 100% of the time.

Public Comment: None

8. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Guidelines for New Public-Private Partnerships for the Geothermal Opportunity Zone

(1:41 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:41:30)

Ryan Tracey, Chief Strategy Officer, briefed the committee on lessons learned from last year’s termination of agreements with Chevron and Cyrq and outlined a new strategy for advancing the Geothermal Opportunity Zone. CSO Tracey highlighted progress on a parallel statewide initiative through California Community Power, which recently executed “GEODE” agreements to support geothermal development and provide early commercial signals to the industry. SCP plans to shift from broad public solicitations to targeted bilateral agreements in the next round, supported by newly proposed guidelines emphasizing local project focus, partner expertise, scalability, ratepayer benefits, workforce and labor commitments, environmental safeguards, and transparency.

Public Comment: Fred Allebach asked staff to clarify the differences between Calpine’s technology and closed-loop geothermal systems, the technologies SCP is considering for the GeoZone, and what authority SCP has in Mendocino County to pursue its 600 MW geothermal goal compared with private developers like Chevron. Woody Hastings with the Climate Center expressed support for SCP’s evolving GeoZone work and its inclusion of workforce, environmental, and transparency criteria, while raising questions about the rationale for using bilateral agreements instead of open solicitations and suggesting SCP also consider midscale geothermal solutions that support community level resilience rather than focusing solely on large utility-scale projects. Bill Brockenborough, a Mendocino County resident, expressed strong support for the GeoZone effort and urged SCP to prioritize financially capable partners and to require developers to bring major firms with substantial balance sheets to ensure geothermal projects can be successfully financed and built. Dan McCullough of the North Coast Carpenters Union requested that the Carpenters, Pile Drivers, and Millwrights be directly included in any project labor agreement negotiations, noting they are not part of the building trades council. Jay Goldin asked for more detail on why SCP’s agreements with Cyrq Energy and Chevron were terminated and what those companies were unable to find in local geothermal resources, and he also echoed support for exploring smaller scale geothermal options for community resilience.

Motion to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Guidelines for New Public-Private Partnerships for the Geothermal Opportunity Zone and to Include Public Participation and Transparency by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Hollinshead

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

9. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

(2:26 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 01:26:02)

Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, introduced the item and explained that there is about a month's delay when seeing financial results. Chris Golik, Senior Finance Manager, reported that the revised budget reflects a \$38 million increase in fund balance, \$69 million better than originally budgeted, driven primarily by a \$72 million reduction in energy costs due to lower market prices, mild weather, project delays, and the absence of severe events, along with lower-than-expected electricity sales and higher investment income.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 by Member Nicholls

Second: Member Heffler

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

10. 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Public Input and Alternatives Discussion

(2:42 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 01:41:50)

CSO Tracey presented the scope, assumptions, and modeling approach for the 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), outlining regulatory requirements, recent market shifts, and SCP's transition to a decision making under uncertainty framework. Staff reviewed progress since the 2022 IRP— including major new solar, storage, wind, geothermal, small hydro, and storage contracts— and described candidate supply side resources, emerging technologies, local development opportunities through GeoZone and the Capital Projects team, and proposed customer-facing solutions such as expanded GridSavvy demand response and largescale load shifting. Committee members discussed the

importance of capturing behind-the-meter storage and virtual power plant potential, exploring long-duration storage options, addressing permitting and interconnection barriers, and balancing local development with affordability.

Public Comment: Bob Anderson thanked the Community Advisory Committee members for the work they do and asking the hard questions.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(4:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 03:02:28)

Member Hagen shared that Woody Hastings will be speaking about geothermal energy in Sebastopol at “Science Buzz Café,” a forum hosted a few times a month on Mondays at HopMonk regarding science.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(4:03 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 03:03:21)

Public Comment: None

ADJOURN

(4:04 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 03:03:35)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Flores
Clerk of the Board