



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

CALL TO ORDER

(1:01 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:45)

Chair Lipp called the meeting to order.

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

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Michael Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Neal Reardon, Director of Policy; Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager; Chris Golik, Senior Finance Manager; Felicia Smith, Director of Customer Energy Solutions; Sarah Smith, Clerk of the Board

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

(1:02 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 00:02:12)

1. Approve February 19, 2026, Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Monthly Financial Report
3. Recommend the Board of Directors Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer or His Designee to Execute a Legal Services Agreement with Sonoma County Counsel in the Amount Not-To-Exceed of \$100,000 through December 31, 2028

Public Comment: None

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

Second: Member Nicholls

Motion passed by roll call vote.

AYES: Lipp, Hollinshead, Soto, Pollard, Wang, Young, Baird, Nicholls

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

4. Receive Internal Operations Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

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

COO Michael Koszalka reported installation of 196 Level 2 chargers and 29 DC fast chargers, with 29% located in disadvantaged and rural communities. He noted that additional funding supported nine more fast chargers in Fort Bragg and Bodega Bay. Members expressed appreciation for improved coastal access while flagging that some Bodega Bay chargers appear nonoperational. Ongoing gaps remain for Level 3 charging along the mid-coast, particularly between Santa Rosa and the central coast. CEO Syphers explained that grid capacity constraints have made adding fast chargers in certain coastal areas challenging and may require longer-term upgrades.

Public Comment: A Member of the North Bay Electric Auto Association noted that Nissan Leafs sold in the U.S. since 2013 are bidirectional capable, making them a low-cost option as most automakers are only now adopting the technology. A PG&E pilot program (with DC Bell) is underway for bidirectional charging, still has open slots, and offers incentives of up to \$13,000.

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

(1:12 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:011:45)

Neal Reardon, Director of Policy, provided an update on the revised California Public Utilities Commission procurement order, noting concerns that such orders drive up costs by forcing simultaneous market purchases, but highlighting two retained protections: credit for early procurement and preservation of Community Choice Aggregators' independence by requiring each load-serving entity to procure its own share. While SCP had already secured its full 68MW obligation, late changes now require that 25% of the resources be long-duration storage or geothermal, necessitating additional targeted procurement efforts. Staff also raised strong concern over transmission planning changes that shift 730MW of expected geothermal development from California to Nevada, potentially exporting jobs and tax revenue out of state and underscoring the need for expanded in-state transmission to support California-based clean energy development.

Miles Horton, Legislative Policy & Community Engagement Manager, provided an update on the four bills SCP is sponsoring in 2026. AB 2111 (Papan) will be coming up in the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee on April 8th.

Additionally, CalCCA is sponsoring two state bills that SCP's Board voted to support at the March 5th meeting. AB 1761 (Rogers) would increase transparency in how the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) is calculated, ensuring greater public visibility into a charge that affects all electric ratepayers, while SB 1138 (Padilla) would allow resource adequacy to be bought and sold on an hourly basis rather than monthly, reducing unnecessary costs that currently drive up customer bills.

Public Comment: None

6. Receive Geothermal Opportunity Zone Update

(1:36 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:35:35)

Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the Board adopted the committee's recommended guidelines for outreach to potential geothermal partners, and proactive engagement with those partners is underway. An additional update highlighted recent U.S. Department of Energy announcements of \$100 million for enhanced geothermal field testing and \$71.5 million for exploration drilling; however, expectations are low that California will receive federal funding.

Public Comment: None

7. Review and Provide Feedback on the Draft Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

(1:43 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 00:42:50)

Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, presented a draft budget for FY 2026–27 and an adjustment to the current fiscal year budget, highlighting revenues primarily from electricity sales supplemented by a planned draw of approximately \$46.7 million from the Rate Stabilization Fund to support customer rates. Total revenues for the next fiscal year are projected at \$212 million following significant rate reductions implemented in January to remain competitive with PG&E returns and PCIA impacts.

Public Comment: None

8. Review Strategic Action Plan and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

(2:10 p.m. – Video Time Stamp: 01:09:29)

Felicia Smith, Director of Customer Energy Solutions, gave a presentation on SCP's Strategic Action Plan for customer offers and incentives, outlining how

programs align with SCP's mission, equity framework, and integrated resource planning, with affordability identified as the top customer priority.

Public Comment: David Harris, a Santa Rosa resident, shared a resource for broader international energy and transportation insights, recommending the German-based P3 Group website (p3-group.com), which publishes studies on developments in Europe and China that may not be widely covered in U.S. media

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

(2:48 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:48:10)

Member Hollinshead shared that the city of Ukiah has begun early planning and infrastructure assessment toward potentially becoming a model power-resilient community.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

(2:50 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:49:35)

Public Comment: None

ADJOURN

(2:50 p.m. - Video Time Stamp: 01:50:00)

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Flores
Clerk of the Board