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**MEETING MINUTES  
SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2015  
575 Administration Drive, Room 102A,  
Santa Rosa, California**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Landman at 8:48 A.M. with Directors King, Cook, Slayter, Schwartz, Wysocky, Okrepkie, and Carrillo (alternate for Gorin) present. Director Cox absent with prior notice.

Staff Present: CEO Geof Syphers, Authority Counsel Steve Shupe, Program Manager Amy Rider, and Internal Operations Manager Stephanie Reynolds

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the April 2, 2015 meeting minutes of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors (8:51 A.M.)
2. Approve Board policy update to Customer Service Policy A.1 on Customer Confidentiality

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items by Director Schwartz  
Seconded by Director King  
Motion carried 6-0-2 (Wysocky and Okrepkie abstained)

**III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

3. Chief Executive Officer's Report (8:54 A.M.)  
Present: CEO Syphers

CEO Syphers reviewed the progress of CCA growth across California; discussed the issues faced by failed CCAs in Illinois; gave an update on the Phase 3 rollout to Cloverdale, Rohnert Park and Petaluma in June; reviewed the March, 2015 financial reports; introduced Deb Emerson, Director of Power Services for SCP; and reported on a recent purchase of resource adequacy.



Public Comment:

Woody Hastings: Recommended a one-year assessment/performance review of SCP.

4. Review draft programs for Switch Vehicle training and agricultural floating solar support (info only) (9:13 A.M.)  
Present: CEO Syphers, Program Manager Amy Rider

Update on program review discussions by Amy Rider. Introduction to the Switch Vehicle educational program and an agricultural floating solar support program. CEO Syphers noted that over \$200,000 in checks have been mailed to Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers that had overproduced energy and had a credit on their bills of over \$100. Several of the recipients of large checks were public schools. Clarification was given on the contract between SCP and the Sonoma County Water Agency for work on the previously contracted floating solar project. Discussion on the need for more electric vehicle charging stations and engagement across city and county agencies.

Public Comment:

Peter Renfro: Advised caution with aggregation programs that can become too large and exclude local contractors participation.

Andy Ferguson: Reported on the North Bay Economic Forum, encouraged interregional cooperation, more funding for programs and creation of a chief technological officer (or similar) position at SCP.

George Beeler: Agreed with Andy Ferguson's comments.

John Parry: Echoed Peter Renfro's comments and recommends further discussion on the impact of large projects on small, local solar companies.

5. Review Draft 2015/2016 Fiscal Budget and Rates (information only) (9:56 A.M.)  
Present: CEO Syphers; Mike Maher, CPA; John Parry, RAC Chair

A review of the draft budget was given by CEO Syphers with assistance from Mike Maher, CPA. The need to increase operating reserves, a standard industry practice to strengthen buying power, was discussed.

*Recess for Break at 10:23 A.M.*

*Director Cook left meeting*

*Reconvene from Break at 10:32 A.M.*

*Director Okrepkie left meeting at 10:55 A.M.*

Ratepayer Advisory Committee Chair John Parry reported at the 4/17/15 Ratepayer Advisory Committee meeting that the consensus was to keep rates the same and he would like SCP to work towards more customer-friendly tariffs.



Public Comment:

George Beeler: Distributed a letter to the Board in favor of increased rates to allow for an increase in program funds.

Susan Briski: Spoke on the evolution of SCP, staff and committees and stated that the Business Operations Committee should be more a part of the budget process.

Dick Dowd: Stated that the BOC should be more involved in the budget process and the operations of SCP.

Woody Hastings: Supports inclusion of the BOC in budget process and asked for clarification on uses of the Reserve Fund.

Paul Brophy: Stated the need for a policy on how reserves are used or moved.

Art Deicke: Agreed with stable rates during rollout and the need to build reserves. He also stated that citizen committees may need to be combined/restructured.

#### **IV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(12:03 P.M.)

Director Schwartz asked that at a future meeting the Board be provided with information on community sponsorships and memberships mentioned in the budget summary.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

(12:06 P.M.)

Susan Briski: Thanked staff for the input and encouraged as much detail on the budget as possible be presented at the next RAC and Board meetings and encouraged staff to work with financial planners.

#### **VI. ADJOURN**

12:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Reynolds  
Internal Operations Manager