



SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY
BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by BOC Chair Susan Briski at 9:01 A.M.

Committee Members Present:

Chair Susan Briski, Vice Chair Dick Dowd, Paul Brophy and Bill Mattinson. Committee member Beeler absent with prior notice.

Staff/Consultants Present: CEO Geof Syphers, Director of Power Services Deb Emerson, Program Manager Amy Rider and Internal Operations Manager Stephanie Reynolds

II. BUSINESS OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR:

1. Adopt Minutes for the Business Operations Committee meeting held May 22, 2015.

Public Comment: None

Motion by CM Dowd to accept the minutes as corrected.
Seconded by CM Mattinson

Motion carried: 4-0-0

(Item #3 taken out of order)

3. Review and Recommendation on contract for the purchase of energy and resource adequacy

Director Deb Emerson requested committee approval to commence negotiations for SCP's Resource Adequacy (RA) obligations that are required by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The contracted price would be under \$5 million so would not require approval of the Procurement Ad Hoc Committee of the Board of Directors. She stated that if any substantial changes were made to any of the standard contracts SCP has used in the past, the contract would be brought to the BOC for approval. Emerson stated that SCP will be looking at offers to secure energy for 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the next few weeks and those purchases would be over the \$5M threshold requiring a meeting of the PAHC for approval before execution. CM Dowd noted that working on lower ghg emissions and keeping rates stable are important elements to keep a priority when reviewing offers. The individual contracts for the purchase of RA would not be brought to a BOC meeting due to the short time frame needed to make the purchases. Purchases of energy would be brought to the BOC and a redline version showing any changes from any standard,



previously used contracts would be provided. CM Mattinson asked about the number of firms solicited. Deb Emerson stated that ten firms were solicited and the number had since been narrowed down to four. Bids for the purchase of energy had not gone out, yet.

Public Comment:

John Parry asked about the strategy with current market conditions. Deb Emerson responded that supply and demand, new solar projects and low natural gas prices are all factors.

Bob Williamson asked about the volumes to be purchased. Deb Emerson stated that the volumes are based on forecasted load and shaping contracts that were forward procured.

Cary Chris Jayner stated it was good to allow flexibility in moving forward and encourages staff to be more involved in CPUC proceedings.

CM Brophy asked about the length of contracts. Deb Emerson stated the contracts would be approximately three years, but SCP would not pass on a favorable contract.

Motion by CM Dowd to recommend staff negotiate contracts for approximate volumes of Resource Adequacy and the maximum volumes of energy subject to the constraints set by the Board of Directors.

Seconded by CM Mattinson

Motion carried: 4-0-0

2. Chief Executive Officer Update

CEO Syphers noted that all of Sonoma County eligible customers were being served as of June 30, 2015. He discussed other areas of California researching CCA programs. If some of the larger areas are successful in forming CCAs, the market may be affected. Financials for May were not available at the time of the meeting. Discussion on current legislation was held and it was noted that SCP is still in the interview process for a new lobbying firm.

The current rate case proposed by Pacific Gas & Electric was discussed. CEO Syphers stated that SCP was joining with Marin Clean Energy and Lancaster's CCA to have representation at the CPUC during the proceedings.

Public Comment:

John Parry stated that there is a missing component by not using public input instead of lobbyists and organizers.

Bob Williamson commented on the success of SCP and reasons for increased interest in CCAs.



4. Presentation and discussion on 2014 results for power mix, greenhouse gas emissions and rates.

CEO Syphers thanked Woody Hastings of the Climate Protection Campaign for early advocacy for CCAs. Data was presented to the committee showing 2014 greenhouse gas emissions. The data from Pacific Gas and Electric for 2014 was not used as a comparison due to the fact that data will not be available until October 2015. SCP customer bill savings for 2014 totaled \$13,575,035. CM Dowd concurred that ghg reporting is critical and supports the work done to simplify reporting rules. He also asked for price-driven renewable purchases, looking at local energy first, then price. CMs Mattinson and Brophy agreed. Chair Briski agreed and asked staff to work towards a policy that gives guidelines for priorities on purchases.

Public Comment:

Peter Renfro asked about increasing solar usage. CEO Syphers stated the percentage of solar will increase over the next few years due to current contracts that will be coming online after the completion of construction.

Woody Hastings suggested a clear public explanation of ghg reductions and encouragement of the development of local renewable resources.

Bob Williamson agreed with the transparency needed for results and stated a discussion is needed on how much of a premium to pay for local power.

John Parry disagreed on the use of nuclear as a renewable source on the table and also asked SCP to focus on local jobs and ghg reductions.

Floyd Keneipp asked for clarification on the geothermal emissions reporting. CEO Syphers responded that the emissions information came from the sensors at the Geysers Geothermal Plant and information from the Air Board.

Alicia Silverman supported the goals as listed, keeping ghg reductions a priority.

5. Review and update BOC Priority Table

Chair Briski reviewed the table. Discussion on the evolution of the JPA was moved from low to high priority. CM Dowd also added monitoring of pending and new legislative and regulatory actions that would affect SCP. CM Mattinson noted the Resource Ad Hoc had not met recently and he will report on any progress at a future meeting.

Public Comment

Floyd Keneipp questioned the big audacious goal. CEO Syphers stated nothing formal has been articulated by the Committee.

Peter Renfro asked that solar be added to program development and in the Resource Plan.

Woody Hastings suggested including monitoring of enacted legislation to the table.



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III. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Briski offered her resignation from the BOC due to time constraints. CM Dowd expressed thanks to the Chair for her efforts, as did CEO Syphers and other Committee members.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Reynolds,
Internal Operations Manager