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**MEETING MINUTES  
SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 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 8:44 A.M. with Directors Cox, Combs (alternate for Wysocky), Cook, Slayter, Schwartz, Okrepkie, King and Carrillo (alternate for Gorin) present.

Staff Present: CEO Geof Syphers, Authority Counsel Steve Shupe, Program Manager Amy Rider

**II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the February 5, 2015 meeting minutes of the Sonoma Clean Power Authority Board of Directors. (8:45 A.M.)

Motion to approve as corrected by Director Okrepkie  
Seconded by Director Cox  
Motion carried 8-0-1 (Combs abstained)

**III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR CALENDAR**

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report (information only) (8:46 A.M.)  
Present: CEO Syphers, Counsel Shupe, BOC Chair Susan Briski

Chair Landman noted the achievement of the floating solar initiative and thanked all involved, including Water Agency management and staff. CEO Syphers gave an update on rate comparisons with PG&E. Sonoma Clean Power rates are currently between 6-9% lower. He also reported that the current opt out rate was at 11%, still trending towards 15%, as expected.

CEO Syphers announced the hiring of a new Director of Power Services, Debra Emerson. The updated Implementation Plan to include the cities of Cloverdale, Rohnert Park and Petaluma was certified by the CPUC. CEO Syphers read a statement regarding SCP's methods on reporting of greenhouse gas emissions.



A financial report through January 31, 2015 was provided and the Board was notified that the initial \$2.5 loan with First Community Bank had been paid off. There is no further need for a loan guarantee by the County of Sonoma.

Public Comment: Bob Williamson, commented on rates and rate setting.

3. Appoint member to serve on the Ratepayer Advisory Committee (9:20 A.M.)  
Present: CEO Syphers, Chair Landman

Chair Landman reminded the public of the process to fill out-of-cycle openings on the Business Operations (BOC) and Ratepayer Advisory (RAC) Committees. He requested a motion to table the appointment of a new member until further outreach could be done with the intention to appoint a new member before the next RAC meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion to table item until the next meeting by Director Schwartz.

Seconded by Director King

Motion carried 9-0-0

4. Update on Customer Engagement Platform (9:32 A.M.)  
Present: CEO Syphers, Program Manager Amy Rider, BOC Chair Susan Briski

Amy Rider provided a history on research done on various types of customer engagement platforms and showed examples of tools customers can use to track power usage. Susan Briski stated that the BOC recommended further research and provided a list of questions for staff to consider at a future BOC meeting. Directors requested researching a bilingual option.

Public Comment: None.

5. Approve Service Contract with Sonoma County Water Agency (10:03 A.M.)  
Present: CEO Syphers, Counsel Steve Shupe

CEO Syphers reviewed the scope, time frame and estimated cost of services.

Public Comment: John Parry, supports contract and noted that ratepayers can be removed from legislative process and public input is valuable.

Directors thanked the current Board of Supervisors and the Water Agency for taking on the risk and investing in research and development and also for pooling resources with SCP.



Motion to approve contract for services with the Sonoma County Water Agency by Director Cox  
Seconded by Director Schwartz  
Motion carried: 9-0-0

**IV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(10:15)

Director Schwartz spoke about the Economic Development Conference and noted sustainability is a selling point for bringing businesses to Sonoma County.

Director Cook thanked staff and the Water Agency staff for work on the floating solar project.

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

(10:17 A.M.)

None

**VI. ADJOURN**

10:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Reynolds  
Executive Assistant