



**MEETING MINUTES
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
1:00 P.M.**

*****GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20*****

*****GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20*****

****RE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19****

CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20 WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, AND THE ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO SHELTER IN PLACE TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH 18, 2021, MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nicholls called the meeting to order at approximately 1:03 p.m.

Committee Members present: Chair Nicholls, Vice Chair Baldwin, and Members Chaban, Dowd, Fenichel, Morris, Sizemore, Quinlan, and Wells.

Staff present: Geof Syphers, Chief Executive Officer; Mike Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer; Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs; and Stephanie Reynolds, Director of Internal Operations.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

III. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve February 18, 2021 Draft Community Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Receive Notification of Generation Rates Change for Implementation on April 1, 2021 Consistent with Prior Board Directions
3. Recommend that the Board of Directors Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Amend the Purchase Agreement with Ibex Enterprises dba RDI, Resource Design Interiors to Provide Furniture for the SCP Headquarters Building and Increase the Total of the Purchase Order by \$44,115.91 for a Grand Total of \$312,325.73

4. Receive Notification that SCPA's Board of Directors Approved an Extension of Customer Service Policy A.6a - 2020 COVID-19 Emergency Consumer Protection Policy
5. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve Resolution 2021 - 03 Adopting Minor Changes to Policy B1 CEO Spending Authority and Policy C3 Energy Procurement Criteria, Policies and Signature Authority

Public Comment: None

Member Sizemore called attention that the name of Ukiah City Council member Juan Orozco was misspelled in the draft meeting minutes for the February 18, 2021 meeting.

Motion to Approve the March 18, 2021 Community Advisory Committee Draft Meeting Minutes as Amended by Member Dowd

Second: Member Sizemore

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

IV. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR CALENDAR

6. Receive Internal Operations and Monthly Financial Report and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

Director of Internal Operations Reynolds introduced the item by detailing the City of Petaluma's recent decision to switch all their municipal accounts to SCP's EverGreen service. Director of Planning and Analytics Rebecca Simonson then updated the Committee on the completion of a large-scale solar array in Petaluma as part of SCP's ProFIT program. Director of Public Relations & Marketing Kate Kelly detailed a partnership with Surf Market, a local market in Mendocino Co., and their adoption and advocacy of the EverGreen program. Director Reynolds provided an update on an ad hoc committee that was convened by the Board for opening up recruitment for the Community Advisory Committee. CEO Geof Syphers provided an update on CC Power, the joint procurement entity of CCAs.

Member Quinlan asked if current Committee members whose terms are ending in 2021 will be automatically extended. Director Reynolds explained that those members who wish to continue to serve on the Community Advisory Committee will be required to re-apply and go through the public process.

Member Fenichel asked if a recruitment for an intern for the Community Advisory Committee would take place at the same time as the member

recruitments; Director Reynolds replied that an intern recruitment would not occur at the same time.

Director Reynolds continued the report with an update on the construction progress at the Advanced Energy Center, which is nearing completion. Scott Salyer, Programs Manager, provided an update on the Bike Electric program to provide incentives to income-qualified customers, which launched on March 8th, 2021.

Public Comment: None

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

Neal Reardon, Director of Regulatory Affairs, began the regulatory updates by providing information on the PG&E rates increases, which also included an increase in the PCIA fee, that went into effect on March 1st. He continued with a notice about an expedited procurement order by the CPUC for this summer brought about from concerns of another summer reliability event like was seen in August 2020.

CEO Syphers began the legislative updates with information about Senate Bill 612 which is a CalCCA sponsored bill that seeks to address the IOUs' legacy power contracts. This bill, if passed, would lead to significant customer bill savings. He also commented on Assembly Bill 843 which would modify existing law to allow CCA boards to procure a portion of the investor-owned utilities' mandated bioenergy purchases. He also called attention to House Resolution 848, the GREEN Act.

Vice Chair Baldwin asked CEO Syphers to summarize the concerns expressed by some members of the public surrounding biomass projects and whether AB 843 would alleviate those concerns.

Chair Nicholls asked CEO Syphers if SB 612 has received support from local legislators; CEO Syphers replied that Senator McGuire was one of the first supporters. Chair Nicholls then posed the same question about AB 843; CEO Syphers stated he would research the bill.

Public Comment: None

8. Review Draft Local Resource Plan and Provide Feedback as Appropriate

Rebecca Simonson, Director of Planning and Analytics, presented the Draft Local Resource Plan (LRP) and gave recognition to Senior Energy Analyst, Ryan Tracey, for his contributions. She pointed the Committee to the

feedback questions contained in the packet to help shape the discussion.

Member Chaban stated appreciation for the plan, specifically with regard to its flexibility, and offered to send more detailed thoughts via email. He also spoke on the marketing strategy.

Member Quinlan suggested evaluating the LRP more dynamically instead of every two years. Director Simonson responded to Member Quinlan's comments and suggested setting a threshold to determine when to reevaluate the Plan if a more dynamic approach is taken.

Vice Chair Baldwin commended Director Simonson on the report, the draft Plan, and her presentation. She echoed the comments made by Member Chaban and Member Quinlan. She voiced support for relying on staff's expertise and decision making while still hearing public input when it comes to biomass.

Member Fenichel advised that if a dynamic approach to reevaluating the LRP is taken, to set the threshold high initially to avoid having to redo the Plan too often.

Member Wells offered his support for the Plan and commented on his expertise with regard to biomass.

Member Morris also offered her support for the Plan and asked if there will always be an EverGreen service or if it is possible that CleanStart could eventually become EverGreen. Director Simonson replied that an ideal future scenario would be for all of SCP's resources to be 100%, 24/7 renewable with a large proportion locally. The drafting of the larger Integrated Resource Plan will begin next quarter.

Chair Nicholls complimented Director Simonson and her team for the work that was put into the Plan. He asked for clarification on wind projects. CEO Syphers added that some of the feedback heard during the public workshops expressed preference to keep EverGreen truly local, meaning procured from within the service territory, however wind resources are unlikely to happen here and that raises the question if we should be open to discussing wind projects in neighboring counties.

Public Comment:

Kevin Conway, Friends of the Climate Action Plan, spoke on biomass resources.

Bob Anderson spoke on municipalities adopting EverGreen and whether the increased premium is offset by lower energy use. Director Simonson responded it is possible to analyze that. CEO Syphers provided an anecdotal answer that across the industry, rates do not change behavior significantly.

9. Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments to the Staff Recommended Adjusted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Mike Koszalka, Chief Operating Officer, began the report by noting that this budget adjustment request is later than in previous years due to waiting for PG&E rates increases that took place on March 1st.

Member Chaban asked for clarification of personnel costs which appears to be going down. COO Koszalka replied that several new positions were brought on later than originally planned.

Member Quinlan asked approximately how much City of Petaluma would add to the EverGreen revenues. Director Simonson responded that they are expected to transition to EverGreen starting July 1, 2021 which will be the next fiscal year.

Member Morris asked about legal services and whether SCP will continue to contract for legal services or bring in-house counsel. CEO Syphers replied staff is actively looking into these options.

Public Comment: None

Motion to Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve the Proposed Budget Adjustments to the Staff Recommended Adjusted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget by Member Quinlan

Second: Member Sizemore

Motion Passed by Roll Call Vote: 9-0-0

V. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Dowd asked for clarification on how to handle the Form 700 this year. Beau Anderson, Clerk of the Board, answered that Committee Members should mail an original copy with wet signature to SCP's PO Box address (PO Box 1030 Santa Rosa, CA 95402).

Vice Chair Baldwin and Chair Nicholls also asked for clarifications on the Form 700 to which Clerk Anderson responded.

Chair Nicholls gave a reminder that the Time-of-Use (TOU) rate transition that begins April 1, 2021 and asked about the messaging and marketing that has gone out to public on the topic. Erica Torgerson, Director of Customer Service, gave background on the mailers that have been distributed and clarified that electric vehicle (EV) owners should already be on the EV rates. Customers will have one year of bill protection from SCP and PG&E to ensure that they are saving, or at least breaking, even on the TOU rate plan.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beau Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Beau" and last name "Anderson" clearly distinguishable.

Beau Anderson
Clerk of the Board