



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on **March 21, 2024**, at Southern California Public Power Authority, 1160 Nicole Court, Glendora, CA 91740. The meeting was called to order at **10:00 AM** by the First Vice President.

Ms. Salpi Ortiz took roll.

The following Board Members (B) or Alternates (A) were present:

**Anaheim:** Dukku Lee (B)  
**Azusa:**  
**Banning:** Jim Steffens (B)  
**Burbank:** Joseph Lillio (B)  
**Cerritos:** Mike O' Grady (A)  
**Colton:** Charles Berry (B)  
**Glendale:** Mark Young (B)  
**IID:**  
**LADWP:** Ashkan Nassiri (A)  
**Pasadena:** Lynne Chaimowitz (A)  
**Riverside:** Todd Corbin (B)  
**Vernon:** Todd Dusenberry (B)

1. **NOTICE/AGENDA AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**  
Todd Dusenberry, First Vice President, went through the in-person and web conference protocol. He noted that SCPPA staff has confirmed that the meeting was noticed and posted as required under the Brown Act. Michael Webster, Executive Director, went through the emergency safety protocols for the in-person meeting participants. Mr. Dusenberry invited comments from the public. There were no public comments.
2. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - A. **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**
    - Special Meeting Minutes: January 31, 2024
    - Special Meeting Minutes (Morning): February 15, 2024
    - Regular Meeting Minutes: February 15, 2024
    - Special Meeting Minutes (Afternoon): February 15, 2024
    - Special Meeting Minutes: March 5, 2024
  - B. **Receive and File:**
    1. CY 2023 Q4 Renewables Operating Report
    2. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2024
    3. Monthly Investment Report: January 2024

4. SCPPA A&G Budget Comparison Report: January 2024
5. Palo Verde Report: February 2024
6. Magnolia Power Project Operations Report: February 2024
7. Federal Legislative Report: February 2024

**Moved by:** Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*  
**Seconded:** Charles Berry, *Colton Electric Utility*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call vote:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Present, Not Voting</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Anaheim</b>	X			
<b>Azusa</b>				X
<b>Banning</b>	X			
<b>Burbank</b>				X
<b>Cerritos</b>	X			
<b>Colton</b>	X			
<b>Glendale</b>	X			
<b>IID</b>				X
<b>LADWP</b>	X			
<b>Pasadena</b>	X			
<b>Riverside</b>				X
<b>Vernon</b>	X			

### 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

#### A. Working Group Update

Mr. Webster updated the Board on SCPPA's status with the Hoover Lower Colorado River Multispecies Conservation Program (LCR MSCP). As SCPPA is no longer a contractor for Hoover energy, SCPPA will be working with the Members that currently participate through SCPPA to transition the LCR MSCP agreements and permits to the Members directly.

Mr. Webster shared that SCPPA has received a restitution check in the approximate amount of \$350,000 related to a criminal matter arising out of collusion between an auditor and a former U.S. Bureau of Reclamation employee pertaining to the Hoover project. Mr. Webster stated that SCPPA finance team will distribute the funds appropriately amongst the affected SCPPA members and other Hoover participants.

Mr. Webster announced an April 2, 2024, virtual training for Members regarding the Solicitation and Contract Management Procedure.

Mr. Webster noted that this would be his last Board meeting before retirement and thanked the Board for the opportunity to lead SCPPA and for having had the opportunity to work with the Board members and Member utilities over the course of his career. The Board Members thanked Mr. Webster for his service.

**4. CHIEF FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

**A. Cost of Living Adjustment**

Ms. Aileen Ma, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, presented to the Board the cost of living adjustment (COLA) setting process from the FY 2023-24 budget, as well as the COLA information collected thus far from the SCPPA Members for the proposed FY 2024-25 budget.

Mr. Dukku Lee, Anaheim Public Utilities, suggested that COLA be determined as discussed a couple of years ago. Members have the option to provide their utility COLA data within a specified deadline, without it being mandatory. He further proposed that SCPPA not re-adjust COLAs in future years based on corrections or adjustments to COLA data previously submitted.

After Board discussion, Mr. Lee moved to calculate SCPPA’s COLA based upon the average of the COLAs submitted by those SCPPA Members that responded by a specified deadline. Each Board member has the option to either provide COLA data, or if COLA data is unavailable, to provide SCPPA with a zero COLA, or to choose not to disclose COLA. Ms. Ma stated that she had initially given the Board a deadline of February 12, 2024 to provide COLA data. Mr. Lee also moved to extend the initial deadline for submitting COLA data to SCPPA from February 12, 2024, to March 27, 2024 for the upcoming budget.

**Moved by:** Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*  
**Seconded:** Todd Corbin, *Riverside Public Utilities*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call vote:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Present, Not Voting</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Anaheim</b>	X			
<b>Azusa</b>				X
<b>Banning</b>	X			
<b>Burbank</b>	X			
<b>Cerritos</b>	X			

<b>Colton</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Glendale</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>IID</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>LADWP</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Pasadena</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vernon</b>	<b>X</b>			

**B. Resolution 2024-011**

Approve Apex Power Project Bond Refunding – Initial Authorizing Resolution

Ms. Ma presented Resolution 2024-011 to the Board for consideration and approval.

**Moved by:** Ashkan Nassiri, *LADWP*

**Seconded:** Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call vote:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Present, Not Voting</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Anaheim</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Azusa</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Banning</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Burbank</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Cerritos</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Colton</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Glendale</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>IID</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>LADWP</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Pasadena</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Riverside</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Vernon</b>	<b>X</b>			

## **5. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. State Regulatory Update**

Mr. Mario De Bernardo, Government Affairs Director presented a state regulatory update, including regarding a March 19th meeting between Publicly-Owned Utilities and the California Energy Commission.

### **B. Federal Issues Update**

Mr. De Bernardo presented a federal update including a recap on the APPA Rally/SCPPA Fly-In, Direct Pay Regulations, Transformer Supply Chain Issues. Mr. Chris Kearney, SCPPA consultant presented an update on federal issues.

### **C. State Legislative Update**

Mr. De Bernardo presented a state legislative update, including Net Energy Metering (AB 2619, Connolly), pole attachments, and other recently-introduced bills. Mr. De Bernardo concluded his presentation by announcing the SCPPA Policy Staff Tour will be held on July 10-12, 2024, and the theme will be on Transmission, with two days in Southern California and one day in Nevada.

## **6. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered Closed Session at 10:51 am and resumed back into the main session at 11:32 am.

### **A. Public Employment – Executive Director**

**B. Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency Representative: Tikan Singh, President. Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director**

### **C. Public Employee Appointment – Interim Executive Director**

**D. Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency Representative: Tikan Singh, President. Unrepresented Employee: Interim Executive Director**

## **7. REPORT OUT RE: CLOSED SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Report out of Closed Session**

Regarding Agenda Items 6(A) and 6(B), Ms. Godinez reported that the Board has identified a top candidate for the Executive Director position at SCPPA and has provided direction to SCPPA's President and Vice President on the negotiation of employment contract terms. Ms. Godinez stated that the Board anticipates that it will consider the appointment and consider an Employment Agreement at the Regular Board of Directors meeting scheduled for April 18, 2024.

### **B. Oral recommendation re proposed changes to salary and/or fringe benefits of Interim Executive Director**

Related to Items 6(C) and 6(D), Ms. Godinez presented an oral recommendation regarding the appointment of an Interim Executive Director, and an oral summary of proposed changes to the salary and/or fringe benefits of the Interim Executive Director. Ms. Godinez stated that the Board has proposed selection of Randolph Krager to be Interim Executive

Director until May 1, 2024, such position to be held concurrently with his existing position as SCPPA Project Development Manager. Ms. Godinez stated that the Board will consider and vote on a proposed 10% increase in Mr. Krager's current salary during the time served as Interim Executive Director.

**C. Discussion and possible approval of changes to salary and/or fringe benefits of Interim Executive Director**

Ms. Godinez presented the above oral summary of the proposed appointment of Interim Executive Director, and the proposed salary and/or fringe benefits of the Interim Executive Director, to the Board for consideration and approval. Mr. Dusenberry asked for any public comments; no public comments were made.

**Moved by:** Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*  
**Seconded:** Mark Young, *Glendale Water & Power*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call vote:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Present, Not Voting</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Anaheim</b>	X			
<b>Azusa</b>				X
<b>Banning</b>	X			
<b>Burbank</b>	X			
<b>Cerritos</b>	x			
<b>Colton</b>	X			
<b>Glendale</b>	X			
<b>IID</b>				X
<b>LADWP</b>	X			
<b>Pasadena</b>				X
<b>Riverside</b>	X			
<b>Vernon</b>	X			

**8. BOARD OFFICER APPOINTMENTS**

**A. Appointment of Officers – Assistant Secretary and Treasurer/Auditor of the Authority.**

The Board nominated Mr. Randy Krager to serve as SCPA Treasurer/Auditor, and to serve as an Assistant Secretary of SCPA (along with Assistant Secretary Peter Huynh), both offices to be held during the time period April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024.

**Moved by:** Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*  
**Seconded:** Ashkan Nassiri, *Los Angeles Department of Water and Power*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call vote:

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Present, Not Voting</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Anaheim</b>	X			
<b>Azusa</b>				X
<b>Banning</b>	X			
<b>Burbank</b>	X			
<b>Cerritos</b>	x			
<b>Colton</b>	X			
<b>Glendale</b>	X			
<b>IID</b>				X
<b>LADWP</b>	X			
<b>Pasadena</b>				X
<b>Riverside</b>	X			
<b>Vernon</b>	X			

**9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**A. Opportunity for Board Members to bring up informational items or request that an item be added to a future Board Agenda.**

Mr. Dusenberry invited Board members to bring up informational items or request that items be added to a future Board Agenda. There were no comments made nor requests to add items.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dusenberry adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Randolph Krager  
Interim Executive Director