# 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* ***July 17, 2025,*** *at Southern California Public Power Authority*, 1160 Nicole Court, Glendora, CA 91740.

The meeting was called to order at **10:00 AM** by the Board President, Todd Dusenberry. Daniel Garcia, Executive Director, went through the emergency safety protocols for the in-person meeting participants. Mr. Dusenberry went through the web conference protocol. Elizabeth Naranjo, Admin III, took attendance.

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

**Anaheim:** Dukku Lee (B)
**Azusa:** Tikan Singh (B)
**Banning:** Fred Lyn (B)
**Burbank:** Joseph Lillio (A)
**Cerritos:** Sergio Huizar (A)
**Colton:** Charles Berry (B)
**Glendale:** Scott Mellon (B)
**IID:** Sabrina Barber (A)
**LADWP:** Ashkan Nassiri (A)
**Pasadena:** David Reyes (B) Kelly Nguyen (A)
**Riverside:** Tracy Sato (A)
**Vernon:** Todd Dusenberry (B)

## 1. NOTICE/AGENDA AND OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Dusenberry noted that the meeting was noticed and posted as required under the Brown Act. Mr. Dusenberry invited comments from the public. Corey Ramsel of Ubicquia, Inc. provided information regarding his company.

## 2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

### A. Working Group Update

Mr. Garcia provided a recap of the American Public Power Association (APPA) Annual Conference held in New Orleans in June, which he attended along with certain SCPPA staff members and several Board members. Mr. Garcia congratulated Scott Mellon of Glendale Water & Power on his recent appointment as General Manager, as well as David Reyes, General Manager of Pasadena Water and Power, and welcomed both as a new Board members.

### B. SCPPA Strategic Plan

Mr. Garcia expressed his appreciation to the Board for their participation in strategic planning discussions with Girish Balachandran, Consultant, and invited Mr. Balachandran to present an update on the development of the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Garcia proposed a Motion to approve proposed strategic plan initiatives and establish an *ad hoc* committee of the Board of Directors to recommend a final strategic plan for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. The Board discussed the strategic plan and requested the addition of wording in the proposed motion to direct the Executive Director to engage with both the Executive Working Group and the Board of Directors throughout the development process. The motion, as revised with Board member input, is as follows:

Motion (1) approving in concept the strategic initiatives presented on Slide 8 (“Clean Power Procurement Comments”) and Slide 9 (“Member Input – Focus On & Flesh Out these Initiatives”) of the July 17, 2025 PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Directors; (2) directing the Executive Director to further develop these initiatives by assessing at a high-level: (a) feasibility and viability; (b) project phasing and implementation structure; (c) cost allocation methodologies; and (d) preliminary budget scenarios; (3) directing the Executive Director to engage the Executive Working Group and the SCPPA Board of Directors as a sounding board throughout the assessment process; and (4) requesting that the Executive Director to present refined options to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

**Moved by**: Scott Mellon, *Glendale Water & Power*
**Seconded**: Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*

Ms. Naranjo took a Roll Call vote:

| | *Yes* | *No* | *Present, Not Voting* | *Absent* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Anaheim*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Azusa*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Banning*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Burbank*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Cerritos*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Colton*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Glendale*** | *X* | | | |
| ***IID*** | *X* | | | |
| ***LADWP*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Pasadena*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Riverside*** | *X* | | | |
| ***Vernon*** | *X* | | | |

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**
   - Regular Meeting Minutes: May 15, 2025

B. **Receive and File:**
   1. FY 24-25 Q3 Budget-to-Actual Variance Report
   2. CY 2025 Q1 Renewables Operating Report
   3. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: May 5, 2025
   4. Monthly Investment Report: April 2025
   5. Monthly Investment Report: May 2025
   6. SCPPA A&G Budget Comparison Report: April 2025
   7. SCPPA A&G Budget Comparison Report: May 2025
   8. FY 24-25 Third Quarter Financial Report
   9. Palo Verde Nuclear Generation Station Report: May 2025
   10. Palo Verde Nuclear Generation Station Report: June 2025
   11. Magnolia Power Project Operations Report: May 2025
   12. Magnolia Power Project Operations Report: June 2025
   13. Federal Legislative Report: May through June 2025

C. **Resolution 2025-076**
Authorizing Payment of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Dues to the American Public Power Association: Providing for an Additional Contribution to the Authority's Revolving General Fund and Taking Certain Related Actions (Restructuring)

D. **Resolution 2025-077**
Arizona Nuclear Power Project (ANPP): Granting and Authorizing Execution of Easements in favor of Arizona Public Service Company at the Hassayampa Switchyard and Finding such Action Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act

E. **Resolution 2025-078**
Authorizing Amendment No. 3 to Master Professional Services Agreement with Clean Power Research, L.L.C. to increase the not-to-exceed amount from $500,000 to $685,000 for continued Distributed Energy Resources Demand Management Systems-Related Services

F. **Resolution 2025-079**
Authorizing Amendment No. 2 to Master Professional Services Agreement with EnergyX Solutions Inc.") for Web-Based Residential Energy Efficiency Customer Engagement Platform and Marketplace Services to extend the Agreement Term for Six Months

**Moved by**: Charles Berry, *Colton Electric Utility*
**Seconded**: Sabrina Barber, *Imperial Irrigation District*

Ms. Naranjo took a Roll Call vote:

| | ***Yes*** | ***No*** | ***Present, Not Voting*** | ***Absent*** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Anaheim*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Azusa*** | ***X*** | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| ***Banning*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Burbank*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Cerritos*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Colton*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Glendale*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***IID*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***LADWP*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Pasadena*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Riverside*** | ***X*** | | | |
| ***Vernon*** | ***X*** | | | |

**4. CHIEF FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**A. Update Regarding Southern Transmission System Renewal Project, Revenue Bonds, 2025-1 and 2025-2**

Aileen Ma, Chief Financial & Administrative Officer, presented an update regarding the successful pricing of the Southern Transmission System Renewal Project, Revenue Bonds, 2025-1 and 2025-2. Ms. Ma and Mr. Garcia thanked LADWP, the Cities of Glendale and Burbank, SCPPA bond counsel, tax counsel, and underwriters, for their assistance and support for the transaction.

**5. ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**A. FY 24-25 Q3 Budget-to-Actual Variance Report**

Charles Guss, Senior Asset Manager, presented the FY 24-25 Q3 Budget-to-Actual Variance Report.

**6. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT**

**A. Federal Issues Update, Including Federal Tax Bill**

Mario De Bernardo, Governmental Affairs Director, provided a federal issues update. He noted that since the Board had not met in June, several developments have occurred following the signing of the "Big Beautiful Bill" by President Trump on July 4th. Mr. De Bernardo reviewed the previous Investment Tax Credit (ITC) legislation and discussed what Publicly Owned Utilities can expect moving forward. He also reported that on July 7th, President Trump signed an executive order directing strict enforcement of the termination of the solar and wind ITC and PTC programs.

**B. SCPPA June Capitol Day in Sacramento**

Mr. De Bernardo provided a recap of the third annual SCPPA Capitol Day held in June in Sacramento. This event is significant because all the bills are now in the second house, giving SCPPA the opportunity to lobby legislators and engage with regulatory agencies.

During this session, senior staff from the California Energy Commission (CEC), who are working on the SB 100 Report, shared key takeaways—specifically noting that the "Big Beautiful Bill" is not being included in their current modeling for the report.

**C. State Regulatory Update, including Advanced Clean Fleets and California Energy Commission POU Quarterly Meeting**

Elisabeth de Jong, Government Affairs Manager, presented a state regulatory update including Advanced Clean Fleets and reported on the California Commission Publicly Owned Utility (POU) Quarterly meeting.

**D. State Legislative Update, Including Cap and Trade, Pathways Initiative, Affordability Legislation, and Wildfire Bills**

Natalie Seitzman, Government Affairs Manager, along with Mr. De Bernardo, provided a state legislative update, which included Cap and Trade, Pathways Initiative, Affordability Legislation (SB 254, Becker), and Wildfire bills.

**E. SCPPA's 2025 Policy Tour (July 23-25)**

Mr. De Bernardo announced that the SCPPA 2025 Policy Tour is scheduled for July 23–25. He shared that this year's theme is "Public Power, Public Service," and expressed his enthusiasm for a successful tour that will support SCPPA member advocacy by helping to educate the participating legislative staffers.

The Board took a recess at 11:55 am and resumed at 12:15 pm.

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered closed session at 12:15 pm.[1]

**A. Public Employment – Attorneys**
**B. Performance Evaluation – Executive Director**
**C. Performance Evaluation – General Counsel**
**D. Conference with Labor Negotiators; Govt. Code §54957.6: Agency Designated Representative: Todd Dusenberry. Unrepresented employee positions: Executive Director and General Counsel**

The Board resumed Open Session at 12:26 p.m.

**8. <u>NEW BUSINESS & REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION</u>**

**A. Report out of Closed Session**

Regarding Closed Session Agenda Item 8A, Ms. Godinez reported out that the Board of Directors authorized a Legal Services Agreement with the Polsinelli Law Firm for a term of three years with a two-year option to extend.

**B. Oral Recommendation regarding Salary and Fringe Benefits of Executive Director and/or General Counsel**

[1] Mr. David Reyes, Pasadena Water & Power, and Mr. Charles Berry, Colton, left the meeting prior to Closed Session. Kelly Nguyen, Assistant Board Member, voted on behalf of Pasadena for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Dusenberry provided an oral summary of a proposed change in compensation for the Executive Director and General Counsel. With regard to the Executive Director, the Board proposed a 3% merit increase, in addition to the 3.22% cost of living increase (COLA) previously approved per Board Resolution No. 2025-025. With regard to the General Counsel, the Board proposed a 5% merit increase, in addition to the 3.22% COLA per Board Resolution No. 2025-025.

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

Mr. Dusenberry requested public comment regarding Agenda Items 8A and 8B. No public comments were made.

**Moved by**: Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*
**Seconded**: Tikan Singh, *Azusa Light & Water*

Ms. Naranjo took a Roll Call vote:

| | *Yes* | *No* | *Present, Not Voting* | *Absent* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Anaheim* | X | | | |
| *Azusa* | X | | | |
| *Banning* | X | | | |
| *Burbank* | X | | | |
| *Cerritos* | X | | | |
| *Colton* | | | | X |
| *Glendale* | X | | | |
| *IID* | X | | | |
| *LADWP* | X | | | |
| *Pasadena* | X | | | |
| *Riverside* | X | | | |
| *Vernon* | 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.**

There were no informational items raised, nor items suggested to be added to a future Board Agenda.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dusenberry adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed by:

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Daniel E Garcia

Executive Director