



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 **April 18, 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 President.*

Tikan Singh, Board President, went through the in-person and web conference protocol. Randolph Krager, Interim Executive Director, went through the emergency safety protocols for the in-person meeting participants. Ms. Salpi Ortiz took roll.

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

Anaheim: Dukku Lee (B)
Azusa: Tikan Singh (B)
Banning: Jim Steffens (B)
Burbank: Joseph Lillio (B)
Cerritos:
Colton: Charles Berry (B)
Glendale: Mark Young (B)
IID: Sabrina Barber (A)
LADWP: Ashkan Nassiri (A)
Pasadena: Lynne Chaimowitz (A)
Riverside: Scott Lesch (B)
Vernon: Todd Dusenberry (B)

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

Mr. Singh noted that the meeting was noticed and posted as required under the Brown Act. Mr. Singh invited comments from the public. There were no public comments.

2. CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered Closed Session at 10:03 a.m. and resumed into the main session at 10:13 a.m.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Initiation of Litigation; Govt. Code §54956.9(d)(4): One case**
- B. Public Employment – Executive Director**
- C. Conference with Labor Negotiator. Agency Representative: Tikan Singh, President. Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director**

3. LEGAL

A. Report out of Closed Session

Ms. Christine Godinez, General Counsel, stated that Item 2A from Closed Session was trailed to a later point of the meeting and will provide any report out then.

B. Oral recommendation re salary and/or fringe benefits of Executive Director

Ms. Godinez provided a summary of the proposed salary and fringe benefits for proposed Executive Director Daniel E. Garcia. Ms. Godinez asked if there were any public comments; there were no public comments made.

C. Consideration of: Appointment of Daniel E. Garcia as Executive Director and Approval of Executive Director Employment Agreement

Resolution No. 2024-013

Appointing Daniel E. Garcia as Executive Director of the Authority, effective May 1, 2024, approving and authorizing execution and delivery of an Employment Agreement, and authorizing other actions related thereto

Moved by: Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*

Seconded: Mark Young, *Glendale Water & Power*

Ms. Ortiz 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			

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

- Special Meeting Minutes: March 14, 2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2024

B. Receive and File:

1. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes: March 4, 2024
2. Monthly Investment Report: February 2024
3. FY 23-24 Second Quarter Financial Report
4. SCPPA A&G Budget Comparison Report: January 2024
5. FY 23-24 Q2 Budget-to-Actual Variance Report
6. Strategic Priorities Report
7. Palo Verde Report: February 2024
8. Magnolia Power Project Operations Report: March 2024
9. Federal Legislative Report: March 2024

C. Resolution 2024-012

Correction of Administrative Error in Resolution No. 2024-001 regarding SCPPA's Employee Benefits Policy

Moved by: Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*

Seconded: Todd Dusenberry, *Vernon Public Utilities*

Ms. Ortiz 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			

5. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Appointment of Treasurer/ Auditor and Assistant Secretary of the Authority for the period commencing May 1, 2024

Ms. Godinez presented a recommendation to the Board to appoint Daniel E Garcia, incoming Executive Director, to serve as an Assistant Secretary of SCPPA (along with Assistant Secretary Peter Huynh), with Mr. Garcia to hold both offices commencing on May 1, 2024.

Moved by: Todd Dusenberry, *Vernon Public Utilities*

Seconded: Tikan Singh, *Azusa Light & Water*

Ms. Ortiz 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			

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Working Group Update

Mr. Krager thanked the Board for allowing him to serve as Acting Executive Director and Interim Executive Director throughout April 2024. He mentioned that prior to retirement, Mr. Michael Wester had sent an email to the Board regarding member engagement in the Westside Governance Pathways Initiative, seeking input for future Board involvement. Three alternatives were proposed: SCPPA offering upfront funding and billing interested members, Resolution Billing being open to funding, and debt funding. Based on comments from several Board Members, Mr. Krager stated that SCPPA will continue to monitor the Pathways Initiative for the time being.

Mr. Krager thanked SCPPA staff for kicking off the Distributed Energy Resources Demand Response working group. He also highlighted the success of SCPPA’s April 2, 2024 Solicitation and Contract Management Procedure training, which drew over 80 participants and was led by Ms. Nicole Solano, Principal Utility Analyst. Lastly, Mr. Krager announced a virtual SCPPA seminar on the Inflation Reduction Act Part II, scheduled for April 30, 2024.

7. CHIEF FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

A. Southern Transmission System Renewal Project, Revenue Bonds 2024-1 Resolution 2024-014

Authorizing: the issuance Southern Transmission System Renewal Project, Revenue Bonds, 2024-1, the Execution and Delivery of a Third Supplemental Indenture of Trust and a Purchase Contract, the delivery of a preliminary Official Statement, and the execution and delivery of an Official Statement, and certain related actions

Resolution No. 2024-015

Resolution as to the Provision of certain continuing disclosure information with respect to the Southern Transmission System Renewal Project, Revenue Bonds, 2024-1

Ms. Aileen Ma, Chief Financial & Administrative officer presented Resolution 2024-014 and Resolution 2024-015 to the Board for consideration and approval.

Moved by: Ashkan Nassiri, *LADWP*

Seconded: Sabrina Barber, *Imperial Irrigation District*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call (Southern Transmission System Renewal Project 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			

**B. Apex Power Project, Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2024 Series A
Resolution 2024-016**

Authorizing: the issuance of Refunding Bonds for the Apex Power Project, the execution and delivery of: a Third Supplemental Indenture of Trust, Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2024 Series A, and a Purchase Contract, the delivery of a Preliminary Official Statement, the execution and delivery of an Official Statement, and certain related actions.

Resolution No. 2024-017

Resolution as to the Provision of certain continuing disclosure information with respect to Apex Power Project, Refunding Revenue Bonds, 2024 Series A

Ms. Ma presented Resolution 2024-016 and Resolution 2024-017 to the Board for consideration and approval.

Moved by: Ashkan Nassiri, *LADWP*

Seconded: Dukku Lee, *Anaheim Public Utilities*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call (Apex Power Project 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			

8. ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT**A. FY 23-24 Q2 Budget-to-Actual Variance Report**

Mr. Charles Guss, Senior Asset Manager, presented the FY 2023-24 Budget-to-actual variance report for SCPPA projects.

B. Resolution 2024-018

Approval of Revision 1 to the Ameresco Chiquita Landfill Gas Project FY 23/24 Budget

Mr. Guss presented Resolution 2024-018 to the Board for consideration and approval.

Moved by: Joseph Lillio, *Burbank Water & Power*

Seconded: Lynne Chaimowitz, *Pasadena Water & Power*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call (Chiquita Canyon Landfill Gas Project 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			

C. Resolution 2024- 019

Approval of Revision 1 to the Heber 1 Geothermal Project FY 23/24 Budget

Mr. Guss presented Resolution 2024-019 to the Board for consideration and approval.

Moved by: Ashkan Nassiri, *LADWP*

Seconded: Sabrina Barber, *Imperial Irrigation District*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call (Heber 1 Geothermal Project 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			

D. Resolution 2024-020

Approval of Eland Solar and Storage Center, Phase 1 Project FY 23/24 Budget

Mr. Guss presented Resolution 2024-020 to the Board for consideration and approval.

Moved by: Ashkan Nassiri, *LADWP*

Seconded: Mark Young, *Glendale Water & Power*

Ms. Ortiz took a Roll Call (Eland Solar Project 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. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

A. State Regulatory Update

Ms. Elisabeth de Jong, Government Affairs Manager, presented a State Regulatory Update, including regarding the California Air Resources Board (CARB): Cap and Trade, and Joint Utility Group & CARB meetings.

B. State Legislative Update, including Energy Bills and Policy Committee Action

Mr. Mario De Bernardo, Government Affairs Director, presented a state legislative update, including Energy Bills and Policy Committee Action.

C. Federal Issues Update

Mr. De Bernardo presented a federal update, including regarding transformers, Inflation Reduction Act Regulations, and US EPA's Pre-Rulemaking Actions on Emission Regulations for Natural Gas Plants. Mr. Chris Kearney, SCPPA consultant, provided additional background information to the US EPA's Pre-Rulemaking: existing combustion turbines.

10. 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. Singh invited Board members to bring up informational items or request that items be added to a future Board Agenda. Mr. Todd Dusenberry, Board Vice President provided information regarding the California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) and encouraged SCPPA Member utility involvement in CUEA and attendance at the CUEA conference to be held on May 10, 2024 in Palm Springs.

The Board took a 20-minute recess from 11:30am to 11:40 a.m.

2. CLOSED SESSION (CONTINUED)

The Board returned into Closed Session at 11:40 a.m. to discuss **Item 2A.Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Initiation of Litigation; Govt. Code §54956.9(d)(4): One case.**

The Board returned to Open Session at 11.50 a.m. Mr. Armando Arballo, Assistant General Counsel, reported out that the Board voted to approve SCPPA's execution of letter agreements with Star Peak Geothermal LLC and Whitegrass No. 1, LLC pertaining to the Star Peak Geothermal Project and the Whitegrass Geothermal Projects. Mr. Arballo noted these letter agreements amend prior agreements that were approved by the Board of Directors in October of 2023, but were never executed by the parties. Mr. Arballo reported that all Board Members present voted in favor of the matter other than Pasadena, who abstained from voting. Mr. Arballo noted that both letter agreements are public records available for public review upon request.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Singh adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Tikan Singh

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Daniel E Garcia

Executive Director