Board Strategic Development Committee Meeting and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Time: Scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting, Online
AGENDA
BOARD STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
AND SPECIAL SMUD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar Link: Join Board Strategic Development Committee Meeting Here
Webinar/Meeting ID: 160 988 1149
Passcode: 979660
Phone Dial-in Number: 1-669-254-5252 or 1-833-568-8864 (Toll Free)

Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(e) and the Emergency Board Meeting Procedures adopted by the SMUD Board of Directors, the regular Board meeting and other public meetings are currently conducted solely via virtual (online/teleconference) meeting to align with state, local, and federal guidelines for the containment of the coronavirus.

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Members of the public may provide written public comments on a specific agenda item or on items not on the agenda (general public comment) by submitting comments via e-mail. Comments may be submitted to PublicComment@smud.org and will be placed into the record of the meeting.

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This Committee meeting is noticed as a joint meeting with the Board of Directors for the purpose of compliance with the Brown Act. In order to preserve the function of the Committee as advisory to the Board, members of the Board may attend and participate in the discussions, but no Board action will be taken. The Strategic Development Committee will review, discuss and provide the Committee's recommendation on the following:
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Bryan Swann
   Provide the Board with external presentations followed by a panel discussion with Q&A on Fusion Technology.

   **Presenters and Panel Participants:**
   Dr. Scott Hsu, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Science and Innovation and Lead Fusion Coordinator, US DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)

   Steven Cowley, Professor of Astrophysical Sciences, Laboratory Director, PRINCETON PLASMA PHYSICS LABORATORY, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

   Doug Larson, Director of the National Ignition Facility (NIF) and Principal Deputy Principal Associate Director for the NIF & Photon Science Directorate, LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY

   Presentation: 30 minutes
   Discussion: 15 minutes

2. Public Comment

3. Nancy Bui-Thompson
   Summary of Committee Direction.
   Discussion: 1 minute

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20-06-08 adopted on June 18, 2020, Emergency Board Meeting Procedures are in effect:

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ADA Accessibility Procedures: Upon request, SMUD will generally provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in this virtual meeting. If you need a reasonable auxiliary aid or service for effective communication to participate, please email Toni.Stelling@smud.org, or contact by phone at (916) 732-7143, no later than 48 hours before this virtual meeting.
TO: Bryan Swann, Scott Martin, Frankie McDermott, Farres Everly, Legal, Bryan Swann, CEO & General Manager

FROM (IPR): Bryan Swann

DEPARTMENT: Resource Strategy

MAIL STOP: B205
EXT: 5534
DATE SENT: 09/16/2022

NARRATIVE:

Requested Action: Provide the Board with external presentations followed by a panel discussion with Q&A on Fusion Energy.

Summary: Fusion Energy experts from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Innovation, the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory National Ignition Facility will be presenting a panel discussion on October 11, 2022 regarding fusion energy. Panelists will present the history of fusion energy, basic information about the technology, recent advancements, programs and funding focused on advancing the technology, and future expectations for fusion energy.

Board Policy: SD-9 Resource Planning; SD-10 Innovation

Benefits: Increase the Board’s knowledge of Fusion Energy including current technology status and efforts to advance it, and future possibilities for this technology to help SMUD achieve its clean energy goals.

Cost/Budgeted: This informational item has no direct budgetary impact.

Alternatives: Do not hold the panel discussion.


Coordination: Resource Strategy

Presenter: Bryan Swann, Director, Resource Strategy
Dr. Scott Hsu, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Science and Innovation and Lead Fusion Coordinator, US Department of Energy (DOE)
Steven Cowley, Professor of Astrophysical Sciences, Laboratory Director, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Princeton University
Doug Larson, Director of the National Ignition Facility (NIF) and Principal Deputy Principal Associate Director for the NIF & Photon Science Directorate, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Additional Links:
Dr. Scott Hsu
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Science and Innovation and Lead Fusion Coordinator

Scott C. Hsu is a Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Science and Innovation at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Lead Fusion Coordinator for DOE’s efforts to accelerate fusion energy research, development, demonstration, and commercialization in partnership with the private sector. Before this, Scott was a Program Director at DOE’s Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E), where he led and managed its fusion-energy R&D portfolio. And before that, Scott was a plasma and fusion research scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Scott has authored or co-authored more than 80 peer-reviewed publications, is a Fellow of the American Physical Society (APS), and a co-recipient of the 2002 APS Award for Excellence in Plasma Physics Research. Scott earned a Ph.D. in Astrophysical Sciences (Program in Plasma Physics) from Princeton University and a B.S summa cum laude in Electrical Engineering from UCLA.
Professor Steven Cowley, a theoretical physicist and international authority on fusion energy, became the seventh Director of the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory in 2018, and a Princeton professor of astrophysical sciences. He was president of Corpus Christi College and professor of physics at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom from 2016 to 2018. Cowley was chief executive officer of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) and head of the Culham Centre for Fusion Energy from 2008 to 2016. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 2018 “for services to science and the development of nuclear fusion.” Steve earned his doctorate in astrophysical sciences at Princeton University and was a staff scientist at PPPL from 1987 to 1993. He is a member of the Royal Society and of the Royal Academy of Engineering. He won a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in physics in 1981. He went on to study plasma physics at Princeton University as a Harkness Fellow and graduated with a Ph.D. in 1985.
Doug Larson
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)
Director of the National Ignition Facility (NIF) and principal deputy principal associate director for the NIF & Photon Science Directorate

Doug Larson is the Director of the National Ignition Facility (NIF) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). Doug works closely with NIF’s users at LLNL, partner Laboratories, and the Department of Energy’s National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to execute a mission-impactful experimental program on the NIF including the pursuit of fusion ignition and gain.

Doug has nearly 40 years of experience working on laser and fusion research and development. He is an experienced pulsed power engineer and project manager with experience in LLNL’s magnetic and inertial fusion programs, many roles in the construction and operation of the NIF. Doug has a degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico.
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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

STAFFING SUMMARY SHEET

Committee Meeting & Date
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Consent Calendar | Yes | x | No (If no, schedule a dry run presentation.) | Budgeted | Yes | No (If no, explain in Cost/Budgeted section.) |
FROM (IPR) Nancy Bui-Thompson / Donna Lofton | DEPARTMENT | Budgeted | EXT. | DATE SENT |
Board Office | B307 | 5079 | 12/21/2021 |

NARRATIVE:

Requested Action: A summary of directives provided to staff during the committee meeting.

Summary: The Board requested an on-going opportunity to do a wrap up period at the end of each committee meeting to summarize various Board member suggestions and requests that were made at the meeting in an effort to make clear the will of the Board. The Policy Committee Chair will summarize Board member requests that come out of the committee presentations for this meeting.

Board Policy: GP-4 Agenda Planning states the Board will focus on the results the Board wants the organization to achieve.

Benefits: Having an agendized opportunity to summarize the Board’s requests and suggestions that arise during the committee meeting will help clarify what the will of the Board.

Cost/Budgeted: N/A

Alternatives: Not summarize the Board’s requests at this meeting.

Affected Parties: Board of Directors and Executive Staff

Coordination: Donna Lofton, Special Assistant to the Board

Presenter: Nancy Bui-Thompson, Strategic Development Committee Chair

Additional Links:

ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER DEADLINE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MEETING.