



## **Silicon Valley Clean Energy Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, January 27, 2023  
10:00 am

George Tyson, Chair  
Town of Los Altos Hills

Tina Wallia, Vice Chair  
City of Saratoga

Elliot Scozzola  
City of Campbell

Sheila Mohan  
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The public may provide comments on any matter listed on the Agenda. Speakers are customarily limited to 3 minutes each, however, the Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker based on the number of speakers, the length of the agenda and the complexity of the subject matter. Speaking time will not be decreased to less than one minute.

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### **AGENDA**

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

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#### Consent Calendar (Action)

- 1) Approve Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting

#### Regular Calendar

- 2) CEO Update (Discussion)
- 3) Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the 2023 SVCE Executive Committee (Action)
- 4) Select a Regular Meeting Schedule for 2023 Executive Committee Meetings (Action)
- 5) 2023 Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedule – Recommendation of Summer Recess (Action)
- 6) Programs Snapshot: Electric Showcase Award (Presentation – Information Only)

#### Committee/Staff Remarks

#### Adjourn

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**Silicon Valley Clean Energy  
Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, November 14, 2022  
1:00 p.m.

Pursuant to State of California Gov't Code Section 54953 (e) the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chair Tyson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Chair George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills  
Vice Chair Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos  
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell  
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno (arrived at 1:06 p.m.)  
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill

**Absent:**

None.

All present committee members participated via teleconference.

**Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda**

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

**MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Martinez Beltran seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.**

Chair Tyson opened public comment.  
No speakers.  
Chair Tyson closed public comment.

**The motion carried unanimously with Director Ellahie absent by verbal roll call vote.**

**1) Approve Minutes of the August 26, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting**

**Regular Calendar**

**2) CEO Update (Discussion)**



CEO Girish Balachandran spoke to two items: 1) resource adequacy compliance for the year 2023, and 2) NEM 3.0 proposed decision.

CEO Balachandran commented SVCE was unable to purchase sufficient capacity for 2023 and would be subject to penalties. CEO Balachandran noted staff would continue to close the compliance gap, and responded to committee member questions on the penalty and if there had been any discussion on if there would be any extensions or fee waivers.

CEO Balachandran provided information on the NEM 3.0 proposed decision, noting this second version of NEM 3.0 aligns with SVCE's position, and responded to committee member questions on the specifics of the proposed decision and background of the previous proposal. Don Bray, Director of Strategic Development, provided brief information on the new electrification rate in comparison to the standard time of use rates.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

### **3) Update on Hybrid Meetings Following Termination of Emergency Order (Discussion)**

Kevin Armstrong, Deputy Director of Administrative Services, presented information on hybrid meeting requirements following termination of Governor Newsom's emergency order, and information on AB 2449 which allows for the continuation of relaxed noticing requirements for remote locations if specific requirements are met. Staff presented a recommendation to utilize Cupertino Community Hall as the primary physical meeting location for Board of Director meetings and the SVCE office as the primary physical location for Brown Act committee meetings, and with advance notice, assisting board members in setting up alternative public meeting locations to participate remotely if desired.

Deputy Director of Administrative Services Armstrong and Bena Chang, Senior Government Affairs Manager, responded to committee member questions regarding specifics of the requirements for use of AB 2449.

The committee discussed the differences between traditional Brown Act rules and AB 2449.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

### **4) SVCE Information Update on 2023 SVCE Board Elections (Discussion)**

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano presented information on the appointment process for Chair, Vice Chair, and committees for 2023 and responded to committee member questions.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

### **5) Establishing an Electrification Discount Rate (Discussion)**

Don Bray, Director of Strategic Development, Peter Mustacich, Energy Services Lead, and Adam Selvin, Director of Energy Services and Community Relations, presented information on 2023 rate setting and a potential electrification discount. The presentation included a budget update, timeline for setting 2023 rates and discounts, 2023 discount options, information on the electrification discount, information on the multifamily direct-install program, and various scenarios for how the staff recommendation to increase SVCE's overall discount rate for 2023 and provide a new 'electrification discount' and expand the multifamily direct-install program would be funded.



Staff recommended a hybrid approach for 2023 rate setting and discounts to include:

- 1) increase SVCE's general 2023 discount to 4% (\$11M);
- 2a) allocate \$9.5M to fund an ongoing electrification discount of ~10+% for the 'Electric Home' rate, beginning in early 2023, and
- 2b) add \$9.5M to the Multifamily Direct-Install program budget, enabling further electrification and energy efficiency in lower-income communities.

The committee reviewed and discussed the various discount scenario alternatives and staff responded to questions.

CEO Balachandran summarized committee member comments:

- There was support for the staff recommendation of alternative three, with a second choice of alternative two;
- There was desire for flexibility in funding; and
- Learning would be a big part of the program, as this is the first time it will be done, and staff would come back with changes as needed. For example, if there is more money in reserves, staff can come back for approval to expand funding for the electrification rate or multifamily direct-install program.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

Bryan Mekechuk made the following comments: 1) when looking at the average monthly bill comparison, consider how it will change with more people having electric vehicles and the rates they will pay for the electricity for those electric vehicles, and 2) if you are dealing with a multiyear program, think about the next series of reach codes and what is going to happen as electrification increases.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

## **6) Program Snapshot: GridShift: FutureFit Homes (Presentation)**

Justin Zagunis, Director of Decarbonization Programs and Policy, and Jessamyn Allen, Program Manager, provided a presentation on the FutureFit Homes Program, which expands SVCE's residential building electrification incentives by providing up to \$8,000 in rebates for HPWH, HP HVAC, panel upgrades, pre-wiring for future electric appliances, and removal of the gas meter.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

### **Committee/Staff Remarks**

CEO Balachandran invited committee members to attend a reception recognizing outgoing board members December 15, 2022 at 5:30pm at Cupertino Community Hall.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Tyson adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

**Staff Report – Item 2**

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**Item 2:        CEO Update**

From:            Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by:    Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date:            1/27/2023

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This item will be addressed in the form of an oral report to the Executive Committee from CEO Girish Balachandran.

**Staff Report – Item 3**

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**Item 3: Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the 2023 SVCE Executive Committee**

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 1/27/2023

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee to preside over committee meetings.

**BACKGROUND**

As an appointed ongoing committee of the SVCE Board of Directors, Executive Committee meetings are public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Since inception the Chair of the Executive Committee has been the Chair or Vice Chair of the SVCE Board.

**ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION**

With Executive Committee appointments made at the January 11, 2023 Board meeting, staff recommends the Committee appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to preside over its meetings for 2023. Any member of the Committee may serve as Chair or Vice Chair, and there are no term limits.

The 2022 positions were held by Director George Tyson as Chair, and Director Neysa Fligor as Vice Chair; Director Fligor is no longer on the SVCE Board of Directors.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVE**

Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact as a result of selecting a Chair and Vice Chair of the committee.

**Staff Report – Item 4**

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**Item 4:       Select a Regular Meeting Schedule for 2023 Executive Committee Meetings**

From:           Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by:   Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date:           1/27/2023

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve an ongoing meeting date and time for 2023 Executive Committee meetings.

**BACKGROUND**

In June 2016, the SVCE Board approved the formation of the Executive Committee with the role of advising the CEO and Board on matters pertaining to the operations of SVCE. The approved role of the Executive Committee is advisory to the Board unless the Board directs or delegates specific decision-making authority to the Committee, such as delegating final approval of a professional services agreement to the Committee.

The 2022 Executive Committee members approved to hold meetings every fourth Friday of the month at 10:00am, with April and October's meetings beginning at 11:30 a.m.

**ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION**

Regular Board meetings are held during the second Wednesday of each month. Since inception, the Executive Committee has met on the fourth Friday of the month, with meetings starting in the morning, except for one year when meetings started on Friday afternoon. New members of the 2023 Executive Committee were selected at the January 11, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. The dates and times for the Executive Committee meetings need to be agreed to and approved.

All meetings will be held virtually on Zoom until the termination of the governor's emergency order; following that termination, meetings will be hybrid with the option for committee members to participate in person at the SVCE office or remotely from a noticed location. Members of the public will be able to attend in person or remotely.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

Not applicable.

**ALTERNATIVE**

This item is for discussion; staff is open to suggestions from the committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact as a result of selecting a regular meeting schedule.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Draft Proposed 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule





## **Proposed 2023 Executive Committee Meeting Schedule**

The following dates are the fourth Fridays of the month, time to be determined based on committee member availability.

January 27, 2023

February 24, 2023

March 24, 2023

April 28, 2023

May 26, 2023

June 23, 2023

July 28, 2023

August 25, 2023

September 22, 2023

October 27, 2023

November 17 OR December 1 for a combined November/December meeting due to holidays



### Staff Report – Item 5

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**Item 5: 2023 Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedules – Recommendation of Summer Recess**

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 1/27/2023

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Executive Committee:

- 1) Approve a one-month summer hiatus in July for the SVCE Executive Committee meeting, and
- 2) Recommend the Board approve a July hiatus for the Board of Directors meeting.

**BACKGROUND**

Since 2018, the Board of Directors approved a one-month summer hiatus from meetings; in 2018 it was August, and, based on feedback from the Board that a July recess would be preferable, a summer recess was taken in July in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

**ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION**

Given the positive feedback received for a summer recess, staff would like to propose this be continued. Staff suggests July be selected for the summer hiatus, as this has worked well in the past. If the need for Board action or an Executive Committee meeting arises in the off month, a special meeting will be called.

If the Executive Committee votes to recommend a July hiatus to the Board of Directors, the item will be placed on the Consent Calendar for approval at the February Board meeting.

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact as a result of providing feedback on the meeting schedule.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Proposed SVCE Board of Directors 2023 Meeting Schedule



## **2023 Board Meeting Schedule**

All Board of Directors meetings occur at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Cupertino Community Hall, located at 10350 Torre Avenue in Cupertino, CA, with an option to participate virtually unless noted otherwise on the SVCE website

January 11, 2023

February 8, 2023

March 8, 2023

April 12, 2023

May 10, 2023

June 14, 2023

~~July 12, 2023~~

August 9, 2023

September 13, 2023

October 11, 2023

November 8, 2023

December 13, 2023

**Staff Report – Item 6**

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**Item 6:           Program Snapshot: Electric Showcase Award**

From:           Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by:   Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date:           1/27/2023

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This item will be addressed in the form of a presentation to the Executive Committee providing a snapshot overview of SVCE's Electric Showcase Award.

**ATTACHMENT**

The presentation for this item is posted to SVCE's website.