



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

7:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall  
10350 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, CA

Administrative Conference Room, Gilroy City Hall  
7351 Rosanna St.  
Gilroy, CA 95020

1101 Sunset Dr.  
Broomfield, CO 80020

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order:**

Chair Walia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Tina Walia (Chair), Saratoga  
George Tyson (Vice Chair), Los Altos Hills (participated remotely)  
Elliot Scozzola, Campbell  
Sheila Mohan, Cupertino  
Zach Hilton, Gilroy (participated remotely)  
Sally Meadows, Los Altos  
Rob Rennie, Los Gatos  
Bryan Mekechuk, Monte Sereno  
Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill  
Pat Showalter, Mountain View  
Murali Srinivasan, Sunnyvale

**Absent:**

Evelyn Chua, Milpitas  
Otto Lee, Santa Clara County

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

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

There were no questions or comments from the Board; there were no requests from the public to speak on any matter on the Consent Calendar.

1a) Approve Minutes of the March 13, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting

- 1b) Receive February 2024 Treasurer Report
- 1c) Adopt Resolution Approving Amended Conflict of Interest Code to Amend Two Position Titles and Add Position of Director of Regulatory, Policy and Planning
- 1d) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Three-Year Agreement with Bellawatt for the SVCE eHub, Online Customer Resource Center for a Total Not-to-Exceed \$667,500
- 1e) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Agreement Amendment with ev.energy for GridShift: EV Charging Program to Add \$250,000 For an Additional One-Year Term
- 1f) Approve Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Master Agreement with Dynasty Power Inc. to Enable the Execution of Energy Transactions
- 1g) Receive Update on the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project 1.0 (CALeVIP) Program Budget Reallocation
- 1h) Receive Updates to Street Light (SL) and Traffic Control (TC) Rate Components
- 1i) California Community Power Report
- 1j) Additional Committee Reports

**MOTION: Director Mohan moved and Director Martinez Beltran seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1a through 1j.**

**The motion carried unanimously with Directors Chua and Lee absent.**

### **Regular Calendar**

#### **2) CEO Report (Discussion)**

Chair Walia introduced SVCE's new CEO, Monica Padilla, who reported the following:

- 1) Introduction to SVCE's newest team members: 1) Oswaldo Martinez, Senior Programs Specialist, and 2) Michael Callahan, General Counsel; both provided brief comments;
- 2) Recognition of Trisha Ortiz, General Counsel, for her service to SVCE, as she would no longer be attending meetings;
- 3) Announcement of the promotion of Raul Hernandez from Senior Marketing Specialist to Marketing Lead, and Maren Wenzel, promoted from Senior Manager of Policy and Regulatory Analysis to Director of Regulatory, Policy and Planning;
- 4) Announcement of the Victory Pass project achieving Commercial Operation for Delivery (COD) March 29, 2024,
- 5) Pamela Leonard, Deputy Director of Marketing and Communications, provided an update on Earth Month activities; and
- 6) Addressed the new format for future agenda items included in the written CEO report of the agenda packet.

#### **3) Study Session: Decarbonization Programs and Policy Overview of Residential Electric Vehicles and Charging (Discussion)**

Justin Zagunis, Director of Decarbonization Programs and Policy, and Hannah Gustafson, Senior Programs Specialist, presented information on residential electric vehicles and charging. Contents of the presentation included SVCE emission statistics, residential vehicle and EV charging trends, and program highlights.

Board members and staff engaged in discussion on EV charger maintenance, charger time limits, data used to identify where to invest in additional chargers, residential vs. commercial charging, SVCE's FutureFit Assist program, SVCE staff connecting with member agency Community Development Departments, emissions reductions, early EV adopters, SVCE's Gridshift app, and EV charger reliability.

Chair Walia opened Public Comment.

Bruce Karney thanked Staff for their presentation and commented on the following: if we want to increase the number of charging stations, then charging needs to be an attractive business to be in, price sensitive customers who are interested in knowing the cost of charging in various locations, and where fast chargers should be located.

Chair Walia closed Public Comment.

#### **4) Study Session: Update on Load Forecasting Efforts (Discussion)**

Maren Wenzel, Director of Regulatory, Policy and Planning and Jessica Feng, Power Resources Planner, presented information on load forecasting efforts which included key terms, why we forecast, how we forecast, current forecast results and planned next steps.

Board members and staff engaged in discussion on artificial intelligence (AI), checking accuracy of prior forecast assumptions, photovoltaics (PV) forecasting numbers, information sharing on growth within member agencies, and microgrid forecasting.

Chair Walia opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Walia closed Public Comment.

#### **5) Building Electrification Policy Update (Informational)**

Zoe Elizabeth, Deputy Director of Decarbonization Programs and Policy, presented an update on permit modernization and building decarbonization including information on resources available to member agencies and a status update on member agency staff meetings and development of action plans.

Staff responded to questions and comments regarding ideas gathered from meetings with member agency staff and reach codes.

Chair Walia opened Public Comment.

No speakers.

Chair Walia closed Public Comment.

#### **Board Member Announcements and Future Agenda Items**

Director Mohan announced an Earth and Arbor Day event in Cupertino on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 11:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.

Director Scozzola announced the City of Campbell would also be hosting an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

Director Martinez Beltran announced the City of Morgan Hill's Earth Day event would occur Saturday, April 20, 2024, and would have a strong youth presence who helped organize the event in addition to AAUW.

#### **Adjourn**

Chair Walia adjourned the meeting thanking General Counsel Ortiz for her service at SVCE at 9:00 p.m.

#### **ATTEST:**

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*Andrea Pizano*

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Andrea Pizano, Board Secretary