



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy  
Board of Directors Special Meeting**

Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
11:30 a.m.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Office  
333 W El Camino Real, Suite 290  
Sunnyvale, CA

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chair Rennie called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Chair Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos  
Vice Chair Daniel Harney, City of Gilroy  
Alternate Director Steve Schmidt, Town of Los Altos Hills  
Director Steve Tate, City of Morgan Hill  
Director Jim Griffith, City of Sunnyvale  
Director Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View  
Director Howard Miller, City of Saratoga  
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell (arrived at 11:41 a.m.)  
Director Jeannie Bruins, City of Los Altos  
Director Burton Craig, City of Monte Sereno

**Absent:**

Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino  
Director Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara

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

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

**Regular Calendar**

**1) Authorize CEO to Approve Master Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric to Acquire Resource Adequacy Capacity for 2018 (Action)**

Interim CEO Don Eckert introduced the item on acquiring resource adequacy capacity for 2018. Power Contracts and Compliance Specialist Dennis Dyc-O'Neal presented an overview of the resource adequacy market, resource adequacy compliance requirements, and the master agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric to acquire resource adequacy capacity for

2018, and responded to Board questions. Interim CEO Eckert provided additional information.

Hilary Staver, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, discussed the regulatory and legislative framework of resource adequacy, strategies for preventing future risks, and options for securing resource adequacy short-term and long-term, and responded to Board questions.

Chair Rennie opened public comment.

Bruce Karney asked the Board what the impact is on the possible joining of Milpitas to SVCE on the amount or timing of RA that is needed to be purchased in the proposed contract or subsequent contracts.

Power Contracts and Compliance Specialist Dyc-O'Neal and Interim CEO Eckert responded to the public comment with additional information and responded to Board questions.

Chair Rennie closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Miller moved and Director Gibbons seconded the motion to authorize the CEO to approve the master agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric to acquire resource adequacy capacity for 2018.

The motion carried unanimously with Directors Sinks and Cortese absent.

Director Bruins directed staff to monitor resource adequacy for opportunities to bring back to the Board to purchase RA in excess with the opportunity to sell later if not needed, if it makes sense to do so.

## **2) Overview of GHG Accounting for Energy (Discussion)**

Interim CEO Eckert introduced the item on greenhouse gas accounting methodology as it relates to SVCE's power supply mix.

Manager of Account Services Don Bray presented the item on carbon accounting basics, carbon emissions from electricity generation, PG&E emissions reporting, preliminary SVCE emissions modeling, and carbon accounting standards, and responded to Board questions.

Interim CEO Eckert and Director of Marketing and Public Affairs Alan Suleiman provided additional information.

Directors and staff discussed carbon accounting and marketing considerations.

Chair Rennie opened public comment.

James Tuleya, resident of Sunnyvale and Chair of Carbon Free Silicon Valley (CFSV), spoke of the CFSV Board's support for continuing to stay on top of potential changes to the power content label, and for SVCE to take steps to offset the carbon content of the 2017-18 supply. Tuleya spoke of the opinion of most of the CFSV Board to shift towards using the term "carbon-neutral," and of his personal opinion that he favors the term "carbon-free."

Bruce Karney asked regarding the possibility of using unbundled RECs to make the current carbon content of the power supply mix to reduce from 14 lbs to 0 lbs for the power content labeling authority. Karney urged SVCE to continue to lower the carbon content towards 0.

Chair Rennie suggested a future agenda item on lowering carbon content for the 2017-18 power supply mix and impacts on the power content label.

Directors and staff further discussed carbon accounting, the differences between carbon-free and carbon-neutral, regulatory and legislative impacts, and marketing considerations.

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

Chair Rennie reminded the Board that the Nov. 29 meeting will be at the Mountain View Council Chambers.

Director Gibbons asked staff for clarification on the Customer Program Advisory Group application collection process. Community Outreach Manager Pamela Leonard responded with additional information.

Director Gibbons expressed support for SVCE drafting model ordinances for member cities.

Alternate Director Schmidt commented that he was on a webinar hosted by BayREN, where Sonoma Clean Power is working on codes for rebuilding 6,000 homes.

Manager of Account Services Bray responded to Board questions and confirmed that staff have been discussing drafting model ordinances with the Member Agency Working Group.

Director Gibbons expressed support for drafting model ordinances soon.

Interim CEO Eckert announced that on Nov. 7, Milpitas will be voting to pass a resolution to join SVCE, that Milpitas has been very cooperative with SVCE with sharing data, and that staff will be bringing a future agenda item to the Nov. Board meeting.

Director Miller asked if presence was needed at the Nov. 7 meeting. Interim CEO Eckert welcomed Director Miller to attend.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Rennie adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.