



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall  
10350 Torre Avenue  
Cupertino, CA

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Vice Chair Howard Miller, City of Saratoga  
Alternate Director Liz Lawler, City of Monte Sereno  
Director Bob Nuñez, City of Milpitas  
Director Marico Sayoc, Town of Los Gatos  
Alternate Director Gustav Larsson, City of Sunnyvale  
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino  
Director Courtenay Corrigan, Town of Los Altos Hills  
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell  
Alternate Director Anthony Eulo, City of Morgan Hill  
Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara  
Director Fred Tovar, City of Gilroy

**Absent:**

Chair Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View  
Director Jeannie Bruins, City of Los Altos

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

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

General Counsel Greg Stepanicich announced a correction to Item 1g) *Authorize CEO to Execute Agreement with EV Alliance for Developing a Joint Action Plan for Silicon Valley Clean Energy and its Member Communities to Pursue Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Programs and Strategies*, and addressed the revised staff report at the dais. Stepanicich noted the agreement would be between the party 'E-Mobility Group' and SVCE; the previously listed business, 'EV Alliance', operates under the same personnel but under a non-profit format, while 'E-Mobility Group' is a for-profit business. Stepanicich added the change in business name in the staff report would not alter the contract or nature of business, services or rates proposed.

Vice Chair Miller opened public comment.  
No speakers.  
Vice Chair Miller closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Ellenberg seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment noted by General Counsel on Item 1g) *Authorize CEO to Execute Agreement with EV Alliance for Developing a Joint Action Plan for Silicon Valley Clean Energy and its Member Communities to Pursue Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Programs and Strategies.*

Vice Chair Miller reported he would be recusing from Item 1f) *Adopt Resolution to Delegate Authority to Chief Executive Officer to Enter Into Certain Transactions Under Approved Master Agreements Pursuant to the Energy Risk Management Policy and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Master Agreement with NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC*, due to his investment in stock with NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC.

The motion carried unanimously with an abstention by Vice Chair Miller on Item 1f, and Chair Abe-Koga and Director Bruins absent.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the February 13, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting**
- 1b) Approve Minutes of the February 23, 2019, Board of Directors Special Meeting**
- 1c) Receive December 2018 Treasurer Report**
- 1d) Receive January 2019 Treasurer Report**
- 1e) Approve Appointment of Maria Öberg, County Treasury Administrator, to Serve on the SVCE Finance and Administration Committee**
- 1f) Adopt Resolution to Delegate Authority to Chief Executive Officer to Enter Into Certain Transactions Under Approved Master Agreements Pursuant to the Energy Risk Management Policy and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Master Agreement with NextEra Energy Marketing, LLC**
- 1g) Authorize CEO to Execute Agreement with EV Alliance for Developing a Joint Action Plan for Silicon Valley Clean Energy and its Member Communities to Pursue Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Programs and Strategies**
- 1h) Authorize CEO to Execute Amendment to the Current Agreement with Richards, Watson and Gershon in an Amount Not to Exceed \$185,000 for Legal Services**
- 1i) Approve Amended Title for Energy Associate, Job Description Updates for Associate Energy Consultant and Energy Consultant Positions, Amendment to Salary Ranges for Senior Analyst and Senior Energy Consultant, and Adopt Resolution Renaming the Organization Chart as the Positions Chart and Amending the Approved Positions Chart, Job Classifications, and Salary Schedule**

## Regular Calendar

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

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a CEO report which included an introduction of new employee Lisa Lai, Administrative Assistant, and information on a request for proposals (RFP) being issued by five bay area CCAs to develop a consolidated buyer for resource adequacy (RA).

Manager of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Hilary Staver provided a regulatory and legislative update on RA, the next steps from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as a result of the SB237 decision, and the order instituting investigation into PG&E's safety culture. Manager of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Staver responded to Board member questions.

Vice Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Vice Chair Miller closed public comment.

### **3) Approve the FY 2018-19 SVCE Mid-Year Budget (Action)**

Director of Finance and Administration introduced the item, presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Board questions. Staff provided additional information regarding rate projections and PG&E rate changes and responded to Board member questions.

The Board and staff discussed potential SVCE rates and its impact on reserves; Board members provided feedback on the interim rate change option to bring back to the Board for approval in April.

Vice Chair Miller summarized the Board's direction to staff to bring back a rate option in April tracking PG&E's rate change.

Vice Chair Miller opened public comment.

Bruce Karney, Chair of Carbon Free Mountain View and board member of Carbon Free Silicon Valley, summarized his interpretation of previous discussion points on rate policies; Karney commented he is a fan of getting SVCE's reserves to the target level rapidly but once that happens, he is a fan of deploying a lot of money toward carbon reduction programs. Karney noted he would love to see an option in April that shrinks the gap between PG&E's and SVCE's prices.

Vice Chair Miller closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Alternate Director Eulo seconded the motion to accept the FY 2018-19 Mid-Year Operating Budget as presented by staff.

The motion carried unanimously with Chair Abe-Koga and Director Bruins absent.

#### **4) Executive Committee Report (Discussion)**

Vice Chair Miller reported there was no report as the Executive Committee had not met.

#### **5) Finance and Administration Committee Report (Discussion)**

Vice Chair Miller reported there was no report as the Finance and Administration Committee had not met, and the next meeting would occur in spring.

#### **6) Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report (Discussion)**

Director Sinks reported the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee met the previous week and appointed him as Chair and Director Nancy Smith as Vice Chair. The Ad Hoc committee reviewed the role of the committee and SVCE's legislative resources and advocacy history, analyzed the 2019 legislative session, and SVCE lobbyist Steve Baker provided an overview of the legislative landscape by phone. The committee discussed emerging major themes in energy legislation, specific bills of interest, and the relationship between activity at the legislature and the ongoing proceedings at the CPUC. The committee planned for upcoming advocacy opportunities including participation in CalCCA's lobby day in Sacramento on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Alternate Director Eulo requested staff look into the need for a standing committee to discuss legislative issues.

#### **7) Audit Committee Report (Discussion)**

Director Corrigan reported there was no report as the Audit Committee had not met and noted the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

Director Gibbons reported she attended The American Institute of Architects (AIA) Conference, Architectural Intelligence 2019, and reported she was in Washington D.C. for her role on the AIA Strategic

Council to lobby for legislation. Director Gibbons noted one of the lobbying efforts was relevant to SVCE regarding an expired IRS rule that allows businesses to build new buildings to get a tax credit for energy efficient components in their buildings. Director Gibbons commented her group was lobbying legislators to renew the expired rule, but also make it applicable to existing buildings; Dir. Gibbons stated the types of topics that are considered eligible for the IRS credits would be relevant as SVCE looks at programs going forward.

Director Gibbons introduced staff to the commercial building energy index (CBX), which is a platform that tracks buildings designed by architects and indicates how energy is used as well as predicted energy use. Director Gibbons commented they are looking for best practices on how to save energy in the design of buildings, and noted this could be something SVCE can take advantage of and compare notes.

Director Sinks reported the presenter at the AIA Architectural Intelligence Conference on decarbonization strategies, Panama Bartholomy, gave a compelling presentation about the amount of leakage we have through our natural gas distribution system. Director Sinks reported he met with the chief executive of Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) about SVCE and the presentation by Panama Bartholomy, and noted the chief executive will work on BAAQMD providing supplemental incentives to electrify new construction.

CEO Balachandran commented SVCE would hold a special meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. on April 10, 2019 with special speaker Panama Bartholomy, Director of the Building Decarbonization Coalition.

Vice Chair Miller announced England is proposing a measure to ban gas for home heating in all new construction starting in 2025.

Alternate Director Larsson announced the City of Sunnyvale's draft Climate Action Playbook is released for public review and comment at [bit.ly/sunnyvaleplaybook](http://bit.ly/sunnyvaleplaybook), and comments will be accepted through April 26. Public hearings will occur in March and April, there is an online survey at [www.opentownhall.com](http://www.opentownhall.com), and the main community meeting will be held at the Murphy Park building in Sunnyvale on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Alternate Director Larsson noted questions can be answered by emailing [green@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:green@sunnyvale.ca.gov), or by calling (408) 730-7717.

Vice Chair Miller opened public comment.

Bruce Karney announced the SPUR organization's luncheon on March 22, 2019 at the Computer History Museum which will be honoring SVCE's Implementation Team.

### **Adjourn**

Vice Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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