



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

7:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

10350 Torre Avenue

Cupertino, CA

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chair Abe-Koga called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Chair Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View

Vice Chair Howard Miller, City of Saratoga

Director Carmen Montano, City of Milpitas

Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno

Director Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos

Director Nancy Smith, City of Sunnyvale

Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino

Alternate Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills

Director Courtenay Corrigan, Town of Los Altos Hills (arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell

Alternate Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos

Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara

Alternate Director Anthony Eulo, City of Morgan Hill

Director Fred Tovar, City of Gilroy (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)

**Absent:**

None.

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

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

Director Sinks requested to pull Item 1f and Director Miller requested to pull Item 1g from the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Director Sinks moved and Director Gibbons seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 1f and 1g.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

The motion carried unanimously with Director Tovar absent.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the December 11, 2019, Board of Directors Meeting
- 1b) Appoint SVCE Treasurer/Auditor and Board Secretary for 2020
- 1c) Approve Benefits Package Enhancements for Implementation Beginning February 1, 2020
- 1d) Approve and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute an Agreement with Center for Sustainable Energy for Program Administration Services for the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project Not-to-Exceed \$420,000 through December 31, 2023
- 1e) Approve and Authorize Chief Executive Officer to Execute Agreement an Amended and Restated Engagement Letter with Hall Energy Law PC for Legal Services Related to SVCE's Energy and Capacity Transaction Needs and Long-term Power Purchase Agreements Not-to-Exceed \$300,000 for a Three-Year Term
- 1h) Executive Committee Report
- 1i) Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report
- 1j) Finance and Administration Committee Report
- 1k) Audit Committee Report

**1f) Receive Q4 2019 Decarbonization Programs Update**

Director Sinks commented on the experience of an esteemed member of the public who had to replace a water heater, and the preparation work for panel infrastructure needed to convert to an electric heat pump water heater; Director Sinks requested staff and the Board consider a change to the SVCE Heat Pump Water Heater program that would enable an electric heat pump water heater conversion.

Vice Chair Miller requested to address Item 1g with a similar comment to Director Sinks; there were no objections from the Board.

**1g) Adopt Resolution to Approve Allocation of Additional \$500,000 for FY2020 and Approve Associated Program Brief to Extend the FutureFit Heat Pump Water Heater Program with Modifications**

Vice Chair Miller commented on the grant allocation reimbursement amount, and noted he agreed with Director Sinks' fundamental premise of the importance of laying the groundwork for people to put themselves in a path of decarbonizing their homes.

Director Corrigan arrived at 7:06 p.m. and Alternate Director Tyson left the meeting.

Manager of Account Services John Supp responded to questions from the Board regarding the reimbursement incentive and emergency water heater replacements.

Directors discussed the maturation of the heat pump water heater program. Director Gibbons suggested being flexible with grants for special circumstances, and Director Ellahie suggested including a hotline number on the newly installed heat pump water heaters.

MOTION: Director Smith moved and Director Sinks seconded the motion to approve Item 1f) *Receive Q4 2019 Decarbonization Programs Update* and Item 1g) *Adopt Resolution to Approve Allocation of Additional \$500,000 for FY2020 and Approve Associated Program Brief to Extend the FutureFit Heat Pump Water Heater Program with Modifications*.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Regular Calendar**

**2) Receive Lobbyist Update (Discussion)**

Steve Baker of Aaron Read & Associates, LLC provided an overview of 2019 lobbying efforts and a look-ahead on upcoming 2020 regulatory and legislative matters; Baker responded to Board member questions.

CEO Girish Balachandran responded to a question regarding suggestions for legislation for 2020.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

### **3) Climate Youth Ambassador Program Recap (Discussion)**

CEO Balachandran introduced and recognized Kaushik Tota of Climate Youth Ambassadors with who presented a PowerPoint presentation; Tota responded to questions from the Board.

Directors commended Tota on his work on the Climate Youth Ambassadors program and provided suggestions including visiting south county students, developing metrics for success, working with Directors within their respective city/county roles and leverage their contacts at local school districts, leveraging SVCE programs, using creative ways to reach the youth, and getting involved and affecting policy change.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

### **4) CEO Report (Discussion)**

CEO Balachandran provided a CEO report which included an introduction of new staff members Zoe Elizabeth, Senior Energy Consultant, Kevin Armstrong, Administrative Services Manager, and Freya Chay, Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Analyst Intern, who provided brief comments.

CEO Balachandran recognized Chair Abe-Koga for her service as Chair of the SVCE Board in 2019 and presented her with a plaque; the Board shared their appreciation for Chair Abe-Koga and gathered for a group photo. Chair Abe-Koga thanked the Board and staff.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

### **5) Elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the SVCE Board of Directors for 2020 (Action)**

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano introduced the item.

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Rennie seconded the motion to nominate Director Howard Miller for Chair of the SVCE 2020 Board of Directors.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

Following the selection of Chair, the newly appointed Chair Miller presided over the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION: Director Corrigan moved and Director Rennie seconded the motion to nominate Director Nancy Smith for Vice Chair of the SVCE 2020 Board of Directors.

The motion carried unanimously.

Newly appointed Vice Chair Smith provided brief comments.

#### **6) Appoint Directors to the SVCE Executive Committee for 2020 (Action)**

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano introduced the item.

MOTION: Director Corrigan moved and Director Ellahie seconded the motion to appoint Chair Howard Miller, Vice Chair Nancy Smith, Director Abe-Koga, Director Gibbons, and Director Sinks to the 2020 SVCE Executive Committee.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **7) Approve Formation of Ad Hoc Committee of the Board for 2020 to Address Legislative and Regulatory Responses to Industry Transition (Action)**

CEO Balachandran introduced the item.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Sinks moved and Director Tovar seconded the motion to approve the formation of an Ad Hoc Board Committee on Legislative and Regulatory Responses to Industry Transition to address the following priorities through the end of the 2020 legislative session (September 30, 2020):

- PG&E Restructuring and Reform
- Public Safety Power Shutoffs & Wildfire Prevention and Cost Recovery
- Centralization of Resource Procurement
- Expansion of Direct Access
- Transparency and Accountability in Ratemaking

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **8) Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Renewable Power Supply Power Purchase Agreements with ORNI 50 LLC, and Any Necessary Ancillary Agreements and Documents (Action)**

Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla introduced the item and a presentation; Director of Power Resources Padilla responded to Board member questions.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Abe-Koga moved and Director Tovar seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-02 authorizing the CEO to execute in substantial form the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with

ORNI 50, LLC., (“Ormat”) for geothermal renewable supply from its Mammoth Casa Diablo IV Project and any necessary ancillary documents. Power delivery term: December 31, 2021 to December 30, 2031, in an amount not to exceed \$42,500,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

Vice Chair Smith announced Sunnyvale’s City Manager included the 2019 Community Benefits Summary in the December City Manager’s biweekly report, *Update Sunnyvale*.

Director Gibbons announced the American Institute of Architects (AIA) adopted a decarbonization policy and the Santa Clara Valley AIA would be holding a meeting next Wednesday night to discuss reach codes and how local architects would be implementing them.

Director Sinks announced the City of Cupertino passed the first reading of their reach codes, which are similar to Menlo Park and Mountain View’s first readings.

Director Corrigan announced the meeting would be her last and thanked the Board and staff for being a pleasure to work with. Director Corrigan announced George Tyson would be representing the City of Los Altos Hills at next month’s Board of Directors meeting.

**Adjourn**

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



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