



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

7:00 pm

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in recognition of equality and justice and in honor of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and all those who have lost their lives and suffered due to racism.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Chair Howard Miller, City of Saratoga  
Vice Chair Nancy Smith, City of Sunnyvale  
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell  
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino  
Director Fred M. Tovar, City of Gilroy  
Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos  
Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills  
Director Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos  
Director Carmen Montano, City of Milpitas  
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno  
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill  
Director Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View  
Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara

**Absent:**

None.

All Board members participated via teleconference.

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

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

MOTION: Director Ellenberg moved and Director Abe-Koga seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano announced written public comment was received for Item 1c) *Adopt Resolution to Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Master Agreements with Mariposa Energy, LLC and BP Energy Company* from Kira Barsten; the comment was read into the record (Attached).

Chair Miller closed public comment.

CEO Girish Balachandran responded to the public comment and noted staff would respond to Ms. Barsten via email.

Vice Chair Smith noted she had a small change to Item 1a) *Approve Minutes of the May 13, 2020, Board of Directors Special Meeting* which were revised to clarify she advised as opposed to provided a recommendation to the board on a matter, and clarified that the Board would be approving the revised minutes.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the May 13, 2020, Board of Directors Special Meeting**
- 1b) Receive March 2020 Treasurer Report**
- 1c) Adopt Resolution to Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Master Agreements with Mariposa Energy, LLC and BP Energy Company**
- 1d) Approve One-Time Exceptions to SVCE Net Energy Metering Cash-Out Policy**
- 1e) Adopt Resolution Amending SVCE Conflict of Interest Code to Add Position of Principal Power Analyst to the List of Designated Positions for Filing**
- 1f) Adopt Resolution Extending the Authorization to the Chief Executive Officer to Grant 20 Days of Paid-Time-Off to Employees Affected by COVID-19 through December 31, 2020**
- 1g) Executive Committee Report**
- 1h) Finance and Administration Committee Report**
- 1i) Audit Committee Report**
- 1j) Legislative and Regulatory Responses to Industry Transition Ad Hoc Committee Report**

### **Regular Calendar**

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

CEO Balachandran introduced Jessamyn Allen, Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Data Analyst Intern, who provided brief comments. CEO Balachandran provided an update on SVCE's customer relief programs, an update on SVCE's employees and work during shelter in place orders, and announced Director of Finance and Administration Don Eckert would be leaving SVCE for the role of CEO at another CCA.

Director of Finance and Administration thanked the Board of Directors and noted it was an honor working for SVCE. Directors shared their congratulations and thanks to Director of Finance and Administration Eckert for his service.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Bruce Karney thanked Director of Finance and Administration Eckert for his service and responsiveness to community concerns from renewable energy advocates.

James Tuleya thanked Director of Finance and Administration Eckert for his service and noted he would be missed.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

#### **3) Strategic Plan Update (Discussion)**

CEO Balachandran presented a PowerPoint presentation on an update to SVCE's Strategic Plan.

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

#### **4) Integrated Resource Planning Update (Discussion)**

CEO Balachandran and Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla presented a PowerPoint presentation on SVCE's Integrated Resource Plan; staff responded to board member questions.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Bruce Karney thanked staff for taking a clear-eyed look at what the state is trying to accomplish and how SVCE can lead the way to accomplishing that, and commented he would like SVCE to do whatever it takes to succeed. Karney noted he is aware of the mismatch between time-of-use energy electricity prices now and what they need to be. Karney encouraged staff to be bold and look at the most challenging goals.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Director Gibbons thanked staff for the presentation and suggested including it as an appendix in future presentations on the topic.

#### **5) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a 20-Year Power Purchase Agreement with 91 MC 8ME, LLC for Renewable Solar PV Supply (PCC1) and Energy Storage in Substantial Form and Including Any Necessary Ancillary Agreements and Documents (Action)**

Director of Power Resources Padilla presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to board member questions.

Director Ellahie requested to view a chart comparing costs of the different resources SVCE is considering in PPA negotiations; Director of Power Resources Padilla noted information related to price is retained as confidential and cannot be shared publicly, but Board Clerk Pizano could share with Directors. Staff confirmed they would check with General Counsel on what could be provided.

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

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Vice Chair Smith seconded the motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with 91 MC 8ME, LLC ("Aratina") in substantial form and any necessary ancillary agreements and documents as follows:

- 1.8Minute Solar Energy's 91 MC 8ME, LLC – Aratina Solar Center 1B ("Aratina"):
- 80 MW of Solar photovoltaic (PV) supply with 20 MW (three-hour duration) of energy storage qualifying as Portfolio Category Content One (PCC1) renewable resource;
  - 20-Year term power expected delivery from June 30, 2023 to June 29, 2043; and
  - Total amount not-to-exceed \$174,000,000.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Director Sinks noted he is looking for diversity in wind in a future contract.

**6) Adopt Resolution Delegating Authority to the Executive Committee to Review, Approve and Authorize the Execution of Contracts with Sunrun Inc. and Enel X North America Inc. for Resource Adequacy from Customer-Sited Storage Systems that Also Provide Community Resilience (Action)**

Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Aimee Bailey presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Bruce Karney requested Dir. of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Bailey explain the steps which staff and the vendors would be taking in July, following approval, to communicate the potential program to customers who might want to engage.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Bailey responded to Mr. Karney's inquiry.

MOTION: Vice Chair Smith moved and Director Gibbons seconded the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-19 delegating authority to the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCE) Executive Committee of the Board to review, approve and authorize the execution of contracts with Sunrun Inc. (Sunrun) and Enel X North America Inc. (Enel X) for resource adequacy (RA) from customer-sited storage systems that also provide community resilience.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

**7) SVCE Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Update (Discussion)**

Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Bailey presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to board member questions.

Director Sinks encouraged staff to look into demand-side management programs with a vendor agnostic solution.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Bruce Naegel thanked staff for their work and commented on the importance of the educational components in programs for contractors, and electric vehicle chargers in multifamily buildings.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Director Gibbons recommended staff view the presentation from the Berkeley Haas 2020 Power Conference on equity analysis, and noted she would share a link to the social equity maps produced by the housing department of California for comparison purposes on SVCE's assumptions.

Director Martinez Beltran suggested SVCE consider working from home longer term in an effort to lead by example in reducing carbon emissions emitted by transportation.

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

Director Gibbons reported she took Berkeley Haas 2020 Power Conference courses and found it very interesting to understand how the energy market and theoreticians view energy should be handled and produced. Director Gibbons announced she sent information on the Boston Society for Architects course on decarbonization of building materials to CEO Balachandran and encouraged everyone to view the presentation.

**Public Comment on Closed Session**

No speakers.

Chair Miller announced the board would convene to a virtual Closed Session and requested all viewers depart from the meeting; Chair Miller announced an estimate return time of 10:30 p.m.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:10 p.m.

**Convene to Closed Session**

Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Representative: Howard Miller, Chair, Board of Directors

Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:30 p.m.

**Report from Closed Session**

Chair Miller reported there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

**Adjourn**

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

**Attachment**

1. Public Comment Received, Kira Barsten

ATTEST:



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