



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, June 26, 2020
8:30 am

Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

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 8:31 a.m.

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 Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View

Absent:

None.

All committee members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Bruce Karney commented customers on Sonoma Clean Power's premium product are receiving renewable energy 24 hours a day, seven days a week due to having geothermal energy in their mix; Karney suggested SVCE may want to offer that kind of product as its premium product.

Karney commented on joining together with other CCAs and cities to fund PG&E's ability to charge a higher gas tax than electricity tax, and would like to make it clear that it is a good idea to increase demand for electricity, suppress demand for gas, and also for the cities that do not have a natural gas or electricity utility user tax, give them a new way to raise revenue that is climate friendly at the same time as being budget friendly.

Chair Miller inquired if PG&E has the system to charge two different taxes; Karney responded that they do not currently have the system and the point of the appeal to CCAs and cities was to pledge funds for that particular upgrade to the system.

Director Gibbons responded to Karney's comment and provided an example of her experience in discussions regarding a UUT tax in her member agency. Director Gibbons suggested the dialogue and education of council and staff needs to be paid attention to.



Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Director Sinks moved and Director Gibbons seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

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

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

1) Approve Minutes of the May 22, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Regular Calendar

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

2) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a verbal Strategic Plan update and responded to Mr. Karney that his gas tax idea is on staff's list of topics to look into. CEO Balachandran provided an update on long-duration storage, and noted eight CCAs are looking into forming an organization that can transact for large resources. CEO Balachandran provided an update on PG&E's bankruptcy and SB350.

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

CEO Balachandran introduced Don Rhoads, who would be serving as Interim Director of Finance and Administration upon Director of Finance and Administration Don Eckert's departure, who provided brief introductory comments.

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Tony Eulo inquired about CEO Balachandran's comment on PG&E's bankruptcy and SB350 with the possibility that a group, "Golden State Energy", could be put in place if PG&E goes bankrupt again, and questioned if the group would be an adversary to CCAs.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

CEO Balachandran responded to Eulo's inquiry.

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Without objection, Chair Miller announced Item 4) *Building Decarbonization Joint Action Plan*, would be heard before Item 3) *SVCE Messaging and eHub Update*.

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

4) Building Decarbonization Joint Action Plan (Discussion)

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

Director Gibbons requested staff engage a broad range of people including architects, general contractors, specification writers, etc. and mentioned she shared a link with staff on the Boston Society of Architect's program on decarbonization of buildings.

svcleanenergy.org

Vice Chair Smith requested the link sent by Director Gibbons be distributed to the board.

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Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

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

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

3) SVCE Messaging and eHub Update (Discussion)

Following Item 4, the committee heard Item 3.

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray, Communications Manager Pamela Leonard, and Communications Consultant Beth Trenchard presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new SVCE Customer Resource Center, "eHub"; staff responded to committee member questions.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Bruce Karney commented he liked the visual identity SVCE established, and encouraged the committee think about: 1) success metrics other than click-throughs, 2) if SVCE really wants homeowners installing more solar, and 3) his opinion the site is single family home owner centric and encouraged staff to think about a segmentation where staff identifies whether the person on the site is a homeowner, renter, or landlord, and if they're living in a single family home or multi-family building.

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Director Sinks requested staff look into vehicle-to-grid solutions (V2G); Director of Account Services and Community Relations Bray responded that staff has looked into V2G.

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

5) Budget Framework and Timeline (Discussion)

Following Item 3, the committee heard Item 5.

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Director of Finance and Administration Don Eckert presented a PowerPoint presentation on the framework and timeline for the SVCE FY20-21 budget, and responded to committee member questions.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Bruce Karney commented on direct access customers and the power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) across rate classes.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

Chair Miller thanked Director of Finance and Administration Eckert for his work at SVCE.

Committee/Staff Remarks

Vice Chair Smith reported Kaushik Tota was recognized and received an award for his project with SVCE, and advised staff and the Executive Committee to support Kaushik and the Climate Youth Ambassador Program by visiting the award's page. Vice Chair Smith noted she would provide the link to staff for distribution.



Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

Director Abe-Koga reported the City of Mountain View approved their first all-electric residential development, and an all-electric Google project under the city's new reach codes.

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

Chair Miller reminded committee members of the timeline for CEO Balachandran's review.

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Director Gibbons welcomed Communications Manager Pamela Leonard back to SVCE from maternity leave.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrea Pa", is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY

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