



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, August 27, 2021
2:45 p.m.

Margaret Abe-Koga, Chair
City of Mountain View

Liz Gibbons, Vice Chair
City of Campbell

Jon Robert Willey
City of Cupertino

Zach Hilton
City of Gilroy

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

George Tyson
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Evelyn Chua
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City of Sunnyvale

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 Gibbons called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Vice Chair George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno
Director Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View

Absent:

None.

All present committee members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar

1) Approve Minutes of the June 25, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

There were no comments concerning the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Vice Chair Tyson moved and Director Ellahie seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously by a verbal roll call vote.



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Regular Calendar

2) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a CEO Update which included:

- Announcement of the approval by the California Community Choice Financing Authority of the \$1.25 billion bond issuance for EBCE and SVCE; marketing will be based on timing, which could be as soon as next week. Final documents will come before the Finance Committee in December per their request.
- Staffing update: two employment offers in the Power Supply Group were accepted, both individuals start in September. A third offer in the same group is anticipated to be going out next week; if accepted, the individual has asked to begin in December. An offer has also been made to a person in Don Bray's group (Account Services and Community Relations).
- An announcement that SVCE would be following the county's vaccination policy; next week information regarding the requirements will be sent to all employees.
- An update by Bena Chang, Senior Government Affairs Manager, on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Program and corresponding Reconciliation Package. Director comments ensued regarding the potential need for staffing specific to the Program or federal lobbying resources. Ms. Chang stated the Program is set and will not be changed; however, the focus should now be on the Reconciliation Package. Earlier this year, SVCE sent a letter to the Congressional delegation concerning the Board's priorities, some of which have already been incorporated. She ended her presentation by providing an update on the Brown Act bill, which will extend the timeline for public meeting teleconferencing.
- Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Melicia Charles provided an update on regulatory issues. In response to the Governor's proclamation calling for increased capacity for grid reliability, the CPUC issued a Concept Paper that has proposals to meet that requirement. Comments on the Paper would be due next week.

3) Strategic Focus Areas and Strategic Plan Update (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran provided a presentation Update for the Strategic Plan. He stated the past year has brought significant changes on the national and local level regarding GHG and carbon emissions, and that the aggressive state goals are now supported on the federal level. He reviewed the five focus areas of the Plan, the additional Board input that was to be incorporated within the Plan, and the next steps.

Vice Chair Tyson asked about some of the newer technologies such as carbon capture that he had been reading about recently. CEO Balachandran responded that many of newer technologies the Director referred to were either too large or vague for SVCE to evaluate. He stressed that the issues that local jurisdictions should focus on were policy issues and the adoption of local ordinances. Director Fligor stated she supported practical solutions for local jurisdictions.



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City of Mountain View

Chair Gibbons called for public comment.

Liz Gibbons, Vice Chair
City of Campbell

Bruce Karney was recognized and stressed that practical solutions are neither easy nor cheap, and the targets will require local agencies allocate sufficient funds in their budgets. He encouraged members to stress to their colleagues the "Code Red" nature of the climate emergency.

Jon Robert Willey
City of Cupertino

CEO Balachandran stated he was hearing that "Implementation" should be added to the Strategic Focus areas, changing the number of Focus Areas from five to six. If agreed, he would add that to the budget item that would be heard by the full Board on September 8th. There was no objection.

Zach Hilton
City of Gilroy

4) Equity Framework Update (Discussion)

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Melicia Charles updated the Board on the Equity Policy strategy, which focuses on Programs, Supplier Diversity, and Staffing. She detailed the framework for each and its corresponding schedule.

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

There were no questions.

Committee/Staff Remarks

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Director Abe Koga congratulated Don Bray for his recent presentation in the webinar sponsored by the Silicon Valley Business Journal entitled "Climate Change in Business". She stated he did a great job representing SVCE.

Evelyn Chua
City of Milpitas

No further comments.

Adjournment

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

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