



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority
Board of Directors Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

7:00 pm

Pursuant to State of California Government Code 54953 (e) the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

Call to Order:

All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Call to Order:

Chair Abe-Koga called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Margaret Abe-Koga (Chair), Mountain View

Liz Gibbons (Vice Chair), Campbell

Jon Robert Willey, Cupertino

Zach Hilton, City of Gilroy

George Tyson, Los Altos Hills

Rob Rennie, Los Gatos

Evelyn Chua, Milpitas

Javed Ellahie, Monte Sereno

Tina Walia, Saratoga

Gustav Larsson, City of Sunnyvale

Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara

Absent/Delayed:

Neysa Fligor, Los Altos

Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill

Directors Fligor and Martinez Beltran joined the meeting shortly after Roll Call.

All Present Board Members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Consent Calendar (Action)

There were no requests from the public to speak on Consent items.

Under discussion, Director Willie asked for an update on Item 1g).

Note: Director Martinez Beltran arrived during this discussion.

CEO Balachandran reported that last year the Board approved the acceptance of carbon free attributes from the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant and the Hydro and PGE Hydroelectric facilities. Over \$600,000 has been allocated; more would be forthcoming as allocations occur. He explained the Executive Board previously approved the use of \$400,000 for multi-unit charging stations and this action would use the remaining \$200,000 for a program to provide 50 free portable batteries to qualified customers.

Director Willie commented on the need to increase renewable energy in the portfolio.

CEO Balachandran stated staff is exploring the investment in other emerging technologies.

Vice Chair Gibbons stated Item 3 on the Agenda would provide more information on evolving opportunities to consider.

MOTION: Director Rennie moved; Director Chua seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously by a verbal Roll Call vote with Director Fligor absent.

- 1a) Approve Minutes of the October 13, 2021, Board of Directors
- 1b) Receive September 2021 Treasurer Report
- 1c) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute Agreement with Ascend Analytics for Consulting around Portfolio Management and terminate the existing Master Consulting Agreement with Ascend Analytics
- 1d) Adopt Resolution 2021-24, Moving Reinstatement of SVCE's Delinquent Payment Policy to March 2022
- 1e) Adopt Resolution 2021-25 Amending the Authority's Energy Risk Management Policy
- 1f) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Coordinated Operations Agreement Between Central Coast Community Energy and Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority to Provide for the Scheduling and Operational Coordination for the Jointly Procured Renewable Resources, in Substantial Form and Any Necessary Ancillary Agreements and Documents
- 1g) Approve Program Funding Recommendations from 2020 PG&E Carbon- Free Allocation Savings
- 1h) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Extend the Contract Terms and Spending Under Innovation Onramp Participant Agreement with UtilityAPI, Inc. for Data Hive
- 1i) Adopt Resolution 2021-26 Authorizing Public Meetings to Continue to Be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making Findings
- 1j) Approve Scholarship Funds for 2022 Empower SV Short-Film Competition
- 1k) Executive Committee Report
- 1l) Finance and Administration Committee Report
- 1m) Audit Committee Report
- 1n) California Community Power Report

Regular Calendar

Note: Director Fligor arrived at 7:15 p.m.

2) CEO Report

New employees were introduced to the Board: Hannah Gustafson, Senior Energy Services Specialist, and Matt Lundy, Community Outreach Fellow through the Climate Corps.

CEO Balachandran stated SVCE would also be hiring a Senior Risk Manager, Senior Financial Analyst and an HR Generalist. He then briefed the Board on California Community Power recommendations and future items for Board consideration.

Chair Abe-Koga thanked CEO Balachandran and welcomed new team members.

There were no further comments on the CEO Report or questions from the public.

3) “Doubling Down” on Decarbonization Programs

Justin Zagunis, Manager of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs, stated staff needed Board input on future SVCE program approaches in order to “double-down” on specific programs. He explained that staff has identified multi-family tenant EV access and natural gas phase-out as the two focus areas. He illustrated the order of magnitude to reach desired targets, and detailed five focus areas that could be used as strategies to target the focus areas.

Chair Abe-Koga called for public comment.

Mr. Bruce Karney spoke regarding permitting simplification. He suggested a focus on newer buildings.

There were no further public comments.

Board Member comments ensued. Director Rennie suggested an emphasis on replacing new equipment rather than changing out the old at this time. Vice Chair Gibbons stated the importance of focusing strategies that would be effective immediately and added that Reach Codes could be a long-term benefit to jurisdictions. She stressed the importance of educating the local Councils and communities and utilizing common ordinances and approval processes. Director Larsson stated it would be helpful for customers to get the best use from existing appliances, then change out as the appliances are no longer operative. Director Martinez-Beltran stated jurisdictions were now updating their Housing Elements, and EV charging access should be a part of that discussion. She suggested a phone number could be provided to residents to call when an appliance needs to be replaced. She emphasized the importance of continued advocacy for Caltrain electrification, multi-family EV access and financing. Director Ellahie stated it was vital to continue to work with cities in order to educate residents. Director Chua stated it was vital to help decision-makers understand the issues and noted need for grants and events to educate residents.

Director Tyson stated he endorsed the direction and strategy, and any information from other organizations’ learning would be beneficial. Director Rennie also commented on the benefit of electrifying Caltrain. He mentioned electric self-driving cars that were also an interesting concept, and it would be beneficial for cities explore those options. Director Fligor stated many cities were updating their Climate Action Plans and suggested SVCE put together a tool-kit to help cities reduce emissions.

Chair Abe-Koga thanked staff for the information and stated some local jurisdictions had had minimal resources and staffing to focus on clean energy, and it would be helpful for SVCE to have an overall view of where each jurisdiction stands in order to be supportive and assure a collective effort. She commented on opportunities and challenges regarding on Fleet electrification and questioned if that could be an issue SVCE could assist with in the future.

Further discussion ensued.

CEO Balachandran thanked members for their input and stated that staff would be back with a report next year.

Board Member Announcements and Direction on Future Agenda Items

No Board Member announcements or comments

Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Roberts, Interim Board Clerk