



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, October 22, 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
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Pursuant to State of California Gov't Code Section 54953 (e) the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Gibbons called the meeting to order at 2:45 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

Absent/ Delayed:

It was noted that Director Abe-Koga was absent during Roll Call but would join the meeting in progress shortly.

All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

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

Consent Calendar

1) Approve Minutes of the August 27, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting Regular Calendar

There were no comments from the public or the Committee members concerning the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Director Tyson moved and Director Fligor 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) Recommend the Board Approve the Amended Energy Risk Management Policy

Chair Gibbons clarified that the Executive Committee action was not to approve the item but rather to consider recommending the revised policy for full Board consideration.

Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla stated she would introduce the item in the absence of CFO and Director of Administrative Services Amrit Singh who had worked with consultants on the amended policy. She explained that every two years the Risk Management Policy must be reviewed; this year SVCE contracted with Ascend Analytics to assist in that effort. She introduced Ascend Analytics representatives Scott Wrigglesworth, Managing Director, Operations & Strategy, and Carlos Blanco, Managing Director, Analytic Solutions.

Mr. Blanco reviewed the suggested Policy changes in detail. Discussion ensued concerning justification of the changes, how “at-risk” metrics and stress tests were formulated, reliability factors, Energy Hedging and new directives on employee conflicts-of-interest.

- **Note: Director Abe-Koga joined the meeting at 3:13 p.m.**

Chair Gibbons called for Public Comment, none were provided.

MOTION: Director Ellahie moved, seconded by Director Tyson, to recommend the SVCE Board approve the Amended Energy Risk Management Policy.

The motion carried unanimously by a verbal roll call vote.

3) CEO Update

a. Upcoming Executive Committee and Board items

CEO Balachandran updated the Committee on current and future consultant contracts, and provided an overview of upcoming Board items.

- **Note: Director Fligor left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.**

b. Update on California electricity system policy and operations

CEO Balachandran provided a presentation on the high cost of prices in the power markets. He stressed that the cost and reliability of hydro power coupled with the issues concerning natural gas have driven prices up, which requires the staff and Board to have critical discussions regarding what SVCE’s “Clean Energy” future will look like.

There were no further questions from the Board.

Chair Gibbons called for Public Comment. No comments were provided.



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4) “Doubling Down” on Decarbonization

Justin Zagunis, Manager of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs, provided a presentation to identify efforts to prioritize or de-prioritize programs. He stated that SVCE can “double down” on key programs with additional funding and a focus on multifamily tenant EV access and natural gas phase-out. He reviewed the opportunities and challenges and detailed key programs to expand.

Brief Committee discussion ensued; Chair Gibbons noted a recent challenge concerning a residential connection in the City of Campbell due to a misreading of their Code; Director Tyson noted that the Town of Los Altos Hills recently adopted an incentive-based natural gas phase out in collaboration with SVCE.

Mr. Zagunis then reviewed potential future steps to achieve the goals articulated in the presentation, such as maintaining momentum on the Reach Codes, simplifying permitting, accessible financing, Multifamily EV Charging Assistance and Grants/Incentives, and experimental policy support. He emphasized there are still opportunities to review and discuss further, such as budget, staffing program specifics and deprioritizing certain programs.

Director questions and responses ensued regarding challenges and opportunities.

CEO Balachandran stated staff was seeking direction as to a consensus with regard to taking the item to the SVCE Board for discussion and consideration.

Chair Gibbons stated she felt the item needed more depth and specificity; Director Abe-Koga stated it would be helpful to provide more information as to a menu of options specifically for local jurisdictions to consider. Director Tyson stated he felt the item was ready for Board consideration. Director Ellahie suggested more detailed information such as the benefit of the Reach Codes, how many houses have been upgraded, the number of contractors that can provide installation of heat pumps; and whether there are opportunities for more contractor training.

CEO Balachandran stated that members had provided enough information for staff to come back to the Committee for further discussion.

Note: due to the hour, Item 5 was taken after Item 6.

6) Recommend the Board Delegate Authority to the CEO to enter into a Coordinated Operating Agreement with Central Coast Community Energy for the Coordination of Operations of Power Purchase

Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla stated that PPAs jointly procured with 3CE require a Coordinated Operations Agreement (COA). She reviewed the PPAs in detail along with the expected on-line dates over the upcoming nine quarters. She explained Buyers-Share versus Non-Buyers Share PPAs and detailed the benefits of sharing the projects, cost and risks, costs and alternatives. She stated the item would come to the full Board on November 10, 2021.



Margaret Abe-Koga, Chair
City of Mountain View

Motion: Director Tyson moved, seconded by Director Abe-Koga, to recommend the Board delegate authority to the CEO to enter into a Coordinated Operating Agreement with Central Coast Community Energy for the coordination of operations of Power Purchase Agreements

Liz Gibbons, Vice Chair
City of Campbell

The motion carried unanimously by a verbal roll call vote.

Jon Robert Willey
City of Cupertino

5) Program Proposal for \$600k in 2020 Savings from PG&E Carbon Free Attributes.

Zach Hilton
City of Gilroy

Brief discussion ensued. Chair Gibbons called for public comment; none were provided.

Motion: Director Abe-Koga moved, seconded by Director Tyson to recommend to the Board approval of the Program Proposal of \$600,000 in 2020 savings from PG&E Carbon Free Attributes.

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

Motion carried unanimously.

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Adjourn

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Submitted by,

Evelyn Chua
City of Milpitas

Dorothy Roberts,
Interim Board Clerk

Javed Ellahie
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