



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, January 28, 2022
12:00 pm

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City of Campbell

George Tyson, Vice Chair
Town of Los Altos Hills

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The public may provide comments on any matter listed on the Agenda. Speakers are customarily limited to 3 minutes each, however, the Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker based on the number of speakers, the length of the agenda and the complexity of the subject matter. Speaking time will not be decreased to less than one minute.

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AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

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Consent Calendar (Action)

- 1) Approve Minutes of the November 17, 2021, Executive Committee Meeting

Regular Calendar

- 2) CEO Report (Discussion)
- 3) Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the 2022 SVCE Executive Committee (Action)
- 4) Select a Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022 Executive Committee Meetings (Action)
- 5) 2022 Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedule – Recommendation of Summer Recess (Action)

Committee/Staff Remarks

Adjourn

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**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**
Wednesday November 17, 2022
2:00 p.m.

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 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Vice Chair George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno

Absent:

Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos
Director Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View

All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Chair Gibbons opened public comment. There were no requests to speak.
Chair Gibbons closed public comment.

Consent Calendar

1) Approve Minutes of the October 22, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

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

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

The motion carried unanimously by a verbal roll call vote.

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report

CEO Balachandran stated in anticipation of SVCE's five-year anniversary in April of 2022, staff recommended discussions regarding a strategic "refresh" to assure that SVCE has the optimal investment in place to achieve its decarbonization mission. Staff

Margaret Abe-Koga, Chair
City of Mountain View

anticipates this discussion would occur in the first quarter of next year, and would include discussions on evolving Power Supply, Risk Management, Programs, and Policy.

Liz Gibbons, Vice Chair
City of Campbell

3) SVCE Information Update on 2022 SVCE Board Elections

CEO Balachandran detailed the timeline for the election of the 2022 SVCE Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee assignments. The Board would receive written instructions in December and appointments would be made in January/February 2022.

Jon Robert Willey
City of Cupertino

Chair Gibbons recognized a request to speak by a member of the public.

Zach Hilton
City of Gilroy

Mr. Bruce Karney stated he recently reviewed the Joint Rate mailers for all Northern California CCAs and found that SVCE and Peninsula Clean Energy have very low emission levels; however, approximately half of the CCAs in Northern California emitted more greenhouse gas this year than PG&E. He expressed concern that objectives by CCAs were becoming more challenging and urged that a focus on programs not impact the objective of carbon free electricity.

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

4) Recommend that the Board of Directors Direct the CEO to Approve the California Community Power and LS Power Tumbleweed Energy Storage Service Agreement and Ancillary Agreements for Long Duration Energy Storage

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Monica Padilla, Director of Power Resources, reviewed the background of the Agreement, the goals of Long Duration Storage procurement, the approval process and execution, and next steps. She explained the LS Power Tumbleweed scored highest among staff's evaluation, including emerging technology projects. She reviewed the terms of the Agreement and stated seven of the CCAs that were involved in the solicitation effort have decided to move forward with this project.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Questions and responses followed.

Evelyn Chua
City of Milpitas

Chair Gibbons opened Public Comment. Bruce Karney was recognized.

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Mr. Karney asked for examples of similar installations that the proposed vendor had completed and the potential risks involved. Ms. Padilla responded.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

There were no further public comments.

Tina Walia
City of Saratoga

Executive Committee members provided detailed comments and suggestions to condense and simplify the presentation to prepare for the full SVCE Board review.

Gustav Larsson
City of Sunnyvale

MOTION: Vice Chair Tyson moved, seconded by Director Ellahie to recommend that the Board of Directors Direct the CEO to Approve the California Community Power and LS Power Tumbleweed Energy Storage Service Agreement and Ancillary Agreements for Long Duration Energy Storage.

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

The motion carried unanimously by a verbal roll call vote.



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5) PCIA, PG&E Gen Rate, and Corresponding SVCE Margin Update

Amrit Singh, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administrative Services, stated this item was an update on the extent that SVCE's margin had improved and a recommendation on setting the Discount Rate, the allocation of funds to programs, and enhancing reserves. Staff would like to present the item to the full board in December with Committee recommendation.

Mr. Singh detailed the estimated positive impact on the budget. He stated utilizing the revised preliminary calculations, staff recommended the Committee consider spending an amount not-to-exceed \$32 million and to consider no more than \$20 million from FY 22.

Discussion ensued. Vice Chair Tyson stated he supported the 2% discount and \$15.5 million allocation to programs. Director Ellahie stated he felt the Discount Rate was less important to customers and suggested instead that the funds be used for decarbonization.

Chair Gibbons called for Public Comments. There were no requests to speak.

Chair Gibbons provided suggestions to the presentation. She stated she felt comfortable with the 3% rate; SVCE could start at 2% and then consider moving to 3%. She stated she liked the Double Down strategy and was comfortable with the allocation of \$15.5 million or \$11 million.

The consensus from the Executive Committee was to move forward with a 2% or 3% Discount Rate and allocation of funds to programs to augment the "Double Down" strategy.

In response to a question, Don Bray, Director of Account Services, stated the average customer pays about \$158.00 monthly for electricity, and added PGE's rates are anticipated to increase in January.

Director Ellahie stated he supported spending more money on programs for decarbonization rather than increasing the Discount Rate for customers.

Vice Chair Tyson suggested the Executive Committee provide to the Board a consensus of a \$20 million dollar recommendation of the use of funds.

CEO Balachandran stated the Finance and Administration Committee would also hear the presentation so that when it comes to the full Board, two committees will have discussed the item.

There were no further comments.

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dorothy Roberts,
Interim Board Clerk



Staff Report – Item 2

Item 2: CEO Update

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 1/28/2022

This item will be addressed in the form of an oral report to the Executive Committee from CEO Girish Balachandran.

Items to be addressed include upcoming agenda items for the Board of Director meetings, such as SVCE 2022 electric rates, mid-year budget, CC Power long-duration storage contract with Rev Renewables, and new employees.



Staff Report – Item 3

Item 3: Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the 2022 SVCE Executive Committee

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 1/28/2022

RECOMMENDATION

Elect a Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee to preside over committee meetings.

BACKGROUND

As an appointed ongoing committee of the SVCE Board of Directors, Executive Committee meetings are public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

With Executive Committee appointments made at the January 12, 2022 Board meeting, staff recommends the Committee appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to preside over its meetings for 2022. Any member of the Committee may serve as Chair or Vice Chair, and there are no term limits.

The 2021 positions were held by Director Liz Gibbons as Chair, and Director George Tyson as Vice Chair.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVE

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact as a result of selecting a Chair and Vice Chair of the committee.



Staff Report – Item 4

Item 4: Select a Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022 Executive Committee Meetings

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 1/28/2022

RECOMMENDATION

Approve an ongoing meeting date and time for 2022 Executive Committee meetings.

BACKGROUND

In June 2016, the SVCEA Board approved the formation of the Executive Committee with the role of advising the CEO and Board on matters pertaining to the operations of SVCE. The approved role of the Executive Committee is advisory to the Board unless the Board directs or delegates specific decision-making authority to the Committee, such as delegating final approval of a professional services agreement to the Committee.

At the February 2021 Executive Committee meeting, members approved to hold meetings every fourth Friday of every month, 2:30 p.m.; this start time was later changed to 2:45 p.m. Staff would like to revisit this schedule for 2022, as new members of the 2022 Executive Committee were selected at the January 12, 2022 Board of Directors meeting.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano has reached out to committee members to gather general availability. Based on this feedback, staff will present potential options at the Executive Committee meeting for members to discuss.

All meetings would be held virtually on Zoom until further notice.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVE

This item is for discussion; staff is open to suggestions from the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact as a result of selecting a regular meeting schedule.



Staff Report – Item 5

Item 5: 2022 Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedules – Recommendation of Summer Recess

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 1/28/2022

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Executive Committee:

- 1) Approve a one-month summer hiatus in July for the SVCE Executive Committee meeting, and
- 2) Recommend the Board approve a July hiatus for the Board of Directors meeting.

BACKGROUND

Since 2018, the Board of Directors approved a one-month summer hiatus from meetings; in 2018 it was August, and, based on feedback from the Board that a July recess would be preferable, it was July in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

Given the positive feedback received for a summer recess, staff would like to propose this be continued. Staff suggests July be selected for the summer hiatus, as this has worked well in the past. If the need for Board action or an Executive Committee meeting arises in the off month, a special meeting will be called.

If the Executive Committee votes to recommend a July hiatus to the Board of Directors, the item will be placed on the Consent Calendar for approval at the February Board meeting.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact as a result of providing feedback on the meeting schedule.