



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy  
Executive Committee Special Meeting**

Friday, March 25, 2022  
9:00 am

Liz Gibbons, Chair  
City of Campbell

George Tyson, Vice Chair  
Town of Los Altos Hills

Jon Willey  
City of Cupertino

Zach Hilton  
City of Gilroy

Neysa Fligor  
City of Los Altos

Rob Rennie  
Town of Los Gatos

Evelyn Chua  
City of Milpitas

Javed Ellahie  
City of Monte Sereno

Yvonne Martinez Beltran  
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City of Saratoga

Larry Klein  
City of Sunnyvale

Otto Lee  
County of Santa Clara

Teleconference Meeting  
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Please note this Special Meeting will take the place of the regularly scheduled Regular Meeting due to the early start time of 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), in consideration of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). All members of the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Executive Committee and staff will participate in this meeting by teleconference.

Members of the public may observe this meeting electronically by accessing the meeting via instructions above. Public Comments can be sent in advance of the meeting via email up to three hours before the meeting begins to Board Clerk Andrea Pizano at [Andrea.Pizano@svcleanenergy.org](mailto:Andrea.Pizano@svcleanenergy.org) and will be distributed to the Executive Committee. The public will also have an opportunity to provide comments during the meeting. Members of the public using Zoom may comment during public comment or the applicable agenda item by using the Raise Hand feature and you will be recognized by the Chair. Those using the telephone (audio only) feature should press star 9 on your phones to initiate the "Raise Hand" function in Zoom. You will then be announced, unmuted, and your time to speak will begin.

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

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Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

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Consent Calendar (Action)

- 1) Approve Minutes of the February 25, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting

Regular Calendar

- 2) CEO Report (Discussion)
- 3) Update on Potential Plans for Return to In-Person Board/Committee Meetings (Discussion)
- 4) Member Agency Energy Resilience Grant Update (Discussion)

Committee/Staff Remarks

Adjourn

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**Silicon Valley Clean Energy  
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Friday, February 25, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

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

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chair Tyson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Chair George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills  
Vice Chair Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos  
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell  
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno  
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill (arrived at 10:06 a.m.)

**Absent:**

None.

All present committee members participated via teleconference.

**Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda**

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

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

**The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote with Director Martinez Beltran absent.**

**1) Approve Minutes of the January 28, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting**



## **Regular Calendar**

### **2) CEO Report (Discussion)**

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a report which included an announcement that the CC Power Board of Directors approved the second long-duration storage contract, and noted the agreement would be brought to the SVCE Board of Directors for their consideration at the SVCE March Board of Directors meeting. CEO Balachandran noted an extension to the existing contract with ZGlobal would also be brought to the Board of Directors at the March SVCE Board of Directors meeting on the Consent Calendar.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

### **3) “Doubling Down” on Decarbonization Programs (Discussion)**

Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Justin Zagunis presented a PowerPoint presentation on initial program allocations and details on the “Double Down” on Decarbonization Programs for the \$17 million approved by the SVCE Board of Directors in January 2022. Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Zagunis reviewed the five proposed programs:

- Multifamily EV Charging Assistance and Funding
- Whole-building Electrification Emphasis and Funding
- Local Policy Support
- Permitting Simplification
- Accessible Financing

Staff responded to Executive Committee member questions.

Director Gibbons provided comments on the programs presented, offered suggested changes to the presentation being developed for the Board of Directors, and encouraged staff to include metric data.

Director Martinez Beltran emphasized the importance of outreach and consideration of renters of single-family homes.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

### **4) Update on New Construction Reach Codes and Existing Building Electrification Policies (Discussion)**

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray introduced the item and a PowerPoint presentation; Manager of Energy Services Zoe Elizabeth continued the presentation to review the new construction reach code update process and key milestones, describe SVCE-provided resources for new construction reach codes, and to outline next steps.

Staff responded to Executive Committee member questions.

Director Gibbons requested staff copy Board members of each member agency when sending letters of interest to City Managers for signature, and suggested creating a way for cities to communicate and join together on codes and staffing.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.



Bruce Karney commented concern on the timeline of the key reach code tasks and milestones presented and suggested pulling two months from the “Write Code Language” and “Conduct Outreach” block to move other tasks up. Karney suggested it would be useful to compare the current member agency council members to the membership of the councils who adopted reach codes in 2019 and 2020, and see how many new council members there are in addition to sustainability staff.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

**5) Request Recommendation to the SVCE Board of Directors on How to Allocate \$3 million in Customer Relief (Action)**

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray introduced the item and provided a PowerPoint presentation with three options to provide CARE/FERA rate relief as requested by the Board of Directors at the January Board of Directors meeting:

- 1) One-Time Direct Bill Credit
- 2) Multiple Direct Bill Credits
- 3) Discounted Rate for CARE/FERA

Of the options presented, staff recommended Option 2 – Multiple Bill Credits as the best approach for implementing rate relief.

The Executive Committee discussed the duration of the bill credit in Option 2.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

Executive Committee members discussed addressing the item at the March SVCE Board of Directors meeting Consent Calendar versus Regular Calendar.

Staff confirmed the Executive Committee’s support of staff’s recommendation for multiple bill credits in the amount of \$12.50 for 8 months as recommended, and including the item on the Consent Calendar for the Board of Directors meeting.

Chair Tyson announced his departure from the meeting and virtually handed the gavel over to Vice Chair Fligor to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

**MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Ellahie seconded the motion to recommend Option 2: Multiple Bill Credits, 8 months for \$12.50 per month, for CARE/FERA rate relief for SVCE Board of Directors consideration at the March Board of Directors meeting.**

**The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote with Chair Tyson absent.**

**6) Recommend the SVCE Board of Directors Delegate Authority to the Chief Executive Officer to Amend Existing Renewable Resources Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and Energy Storage Service Agreements (ESSAs) As Exigent Circumstances Arise Consistent with Policies and Financial Parameters Initially Established in the Approval of the PPAs and ESSAs (Action)**

Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla introduced the item and presented a PowerPoint presentation with a request for the Executive Committee to recommend the SVCE Board of Directors approve to delegate additional authority to the CEO to amend existing Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and Energy Storage Service Agreements (ESSAs).



Staff responded to Executive Committee member questions.

Vice Chair Fligor opened public comment.

No speakers.

Vice Chair Fligor closed public comment.

**MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Ellahie seconded the motion to accept staff's recommendation to recommend the SVCE Board of Directors delegate additional authority to the CEO to amend existing PPAs/ESSAs within the guidelines outlined in staff's presentation.**

**The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote with Chair Tyson absent.**

**Committee/Staff Remarks**

CEO Balachandran noted staff is working with general counsel, and the City of Cupertino, to bring options regarding in-person meetings for Board and Committee meetings based on the County of Santa Clara Health Order.

**Adjournment**

Vice Chair Fligor adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.



**Staff Report – Item 2**

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**Item 2: CEO Update**

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 3/25/2022

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



**Staff Report – Item 3**

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**Item 3: Update on Potential Plans for Return to In-Person Board/Committee Meetings**

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 3/25/2022

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This item will be addressed in the form of a presentation to the Executive Committee with an update and discussion on the return to in-person SVCE Board/Committee meetings.

**ATTACHMENT**

The presentation for this item is posted to the SVCE website.





**Staff Report – Item 4**

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**Item 4: Member Agency Energy Resilience Grant Update**

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 3/25/2022

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This item will be addressed in the form of a presentation to the Executive Committee on an update of SVCE’s Community Resilience Program.

**ATTACHMENT**

The presentation for this item is posted to the SVCE website.