

# WORKING PARTNERSHIPS USA

January 12, 2026

Chair Tyson and Honorable Directors  
Silicon Valley Clean Energy  
333 W. El Camino Real, Ste 330  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

**Re: ITEM 4: Support for Willow Rock Long Duration Energy Storage Project**

Dear Chair Tyson and Honorable Directors,

On behalf of Working Partnerships USA, I write in strong support of the Willow Rock Long Duration Energy Storage project, and urge you to approve the staff-recommended actions at your January 14, 2026 board meeting.

SVCE operates in an increasingly complex procurement environment, balancing affordability, reliability, regulatory obligations, and public confidence while navigating heightened scrutiny of energy costs and infrastructure decisions. We appreciate the Board's adoption of the Power Purchase Agreement Project Selection Policy (April 2025) and the clarity it provides regarding how SVCE evaluates new energy and storage projects.

Approval of the Willow Rock project would be consistent with the Board-approved Project Selection Policy, which establishes clear criteria for evaluating projects based on portfolio fit, workforce standards, environmental stewardship, community engagement, and long-term reliability.

As described in Board materials, the Willow Rock project will be constructed under a project labor agreement, assuring payment of prevailing wages and use of apprenticeship programs. The staff report further notes that the project meets many of the Board-adopted Project Selection Policy criteria, including environmental stewardship, community engagement, and technology diversification.

We fully support this project and urge the Board to move it forward.

Thank you for your leadership and for your service to the communities Silicon Valley Clean Energy represents.

Sincerely,



Louise Auerhahn  
Director of Economic and Workforce Policy