



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, August 25, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Office
333 W El Camino Real, Suite 330
Sunnyvale, CA

Morgan Hill City Hall
17575 Peak Ave.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Tina Walia, City of Saratoga
Vice Chair Bryan Mekechuk, City of Monte Sereno (arrived at 10:04 a.m.)
Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos (participated remotely)
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill (participated remotely)
Director Larry Klein, City of Sunnyvale

Absent:

None.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Consent Calendar

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

MOTION: Director Tyson moved and Director Klein seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.



The motion carried by verbal roll call vote with Director Mekechuk absent.

1) Approve Minutes of the June 23, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran announced his plan to retire at the end of March 2024, noting there would be a lot of communication around the transition, and announced a search committee had been formed for recruitment of a new CEO.

Director Tyson thanked CEO Balachandran for his leadership, noting he felt SVCE is in a good position of strength, and identified the three members of the CEO Search Committee: Committee Chair Tina Walia, Director Rob Rennie, and himself.

Chair Walia shared her appreciation for CEO Balachandran and confidence in SVCE; Director Mekechuk commented CEO Balachandran set a high bar and built a great team; Director Klein thanked CEO Balachandran for his contributions to the growth of the organization and his thoughtful transition plan; Director Martinez Beltran thanked CEO Balachandran for his professional and personal contributions to the Board of Directors and organization; and Director Rennie thanked CEO Balachandran for all he has done for the organization.

CEO Balachandran thanked committee members for their comments, noting the success of the organization is co-created with all involved with SVCE.

3) Strategic Focus Areas Update (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran presented the proposed five strategic focus areas, with one change to the description under the "Attract & Retain Employees" to include the hiring of a CEO.

The following focus areas were proposed:

- Expand Clean & Reliable Grid Actions
- Expand Customer Base & Interaction
- Accelerate Building & Transportation Electrification
- Implement Innovative Financing Solutions
- Attract & Retain Employees

CEO Balachandran responded to committee member questions.

Chair Walia opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Walia closed public comment.

The committee was in consensus to support the focus areas as presented, with the addition of the hiring of the CEO added to the Attract & Retain Employees section.



4) Virtual Power Plant Update and Plans for 2024 (Discussion)

Don Bray, Director of Strategic Development, presented information on VPP, which is a variety of ways customers can be incentivized to shift demand such as demand response, virtual power plant, demand-side management, and demand flexibility. Director of Strategic Development Bray's presentation included information on how customer demand could be shaped to better match low-cost supply, identifying the differences in the grid in the past versus the future, challenges related to deploying dynamic demand-side management at scale, a summary of SVCE's involvement in regulatory proceedings and participation in service and rate pilots, and an outline of SVCE's future focus on the VPP approach and priorities for 2024.

Director of Strategic Development Bray responded to committee member questions; the group discussed the information in the presentation.

Chair Walia opened public comment.

Bruce Karney spoke to the dramatic figure for load growth driven by electric vehicles on slide 4, noting it would be interesting to see a graph which shows how many hours of the year the transmission system is under loaded, middle loaded, and almost overloaded. Karney commented he suspects the graph would show the capacity factor for the transmission is low, which emphasizes why shifting time of use of electricity is so important for reliability as well as to avoid future transmission upgrades. Karney spoke to slide 2 of the presentation, noting simple communication of more dynamic pricing than we currently see to customers could lead to a substantial behavior change.

Tom Kabat commented on a passive type of approach where you restructure your incentives to promote the most power efficient devices, creating less of an impact on the customer's panel, transformers, distribution system, etc. and not having incentives for car chargers that are above a certain circuit limit.

Chair Walia closed public comment.

5) Programs Snapshot: Commercial and Industrial Program Offerings (Presentation – Information Only)

Adam Selvin, Director of Energy Services and Community Relations, provided a presentation on commercial and industrial program updates, which included small-to-medium business rebate updates, upcoming large commercial and industrial customer facility offerings, commercial and industrial program design, information on strategic energy management and decarbonization opportunities, industrial end uses, targeted customer segments, and SVCE's electrification discount rate (E-ELEC).

Director of Energy Services and Community Relations Selvin responded to committee member questions.

Chair Walia opened public comment.

Tom Kabat commented he is glad to see SVCE is looking at opportunities in commercial and industrial facilities.

Chair Walia closed public comment.

Committee/Staff Remarks

Vice Chair Mekechuk commented in Monte Sereno and Los Gatos there have been a number of power outages due to EPSS (enhanced powerline safety settings) and through SVCE he was able to meet up with Vice President of PG&E's South Bay & Central Coast Region, Teresa Alvarado, who has been wonderful in communicating with customers in Los Gatos, Saratoga, and Monte Sereno.

Vice Chair Mekechuk announced the City of Monte Sereno would be hosting a picnic on August 27, 2023.



Director Klein thanked SVCE for the collaboration with Sunnyvale School District for the electrification of Vargas Elementary and the tour of the school, and announced Sunnyvale's State of the City would be held Saturday, September 23, 2023 which would include a tour of the new Sunnyvale City Hall.

Director Rennie shared his experience in using an induction cooktop, noting he's had a positive experience with cooking with induction.

Director Martinez Beltran commented on the loaner induction cooktop program in Morgan Hill and inquired if it would be possible to offer a pot along with the loaner induction cooktop.

CEO Balachandran announced the Electric Showcase Awards, noting staff would be reaching out to all cities to make presentations at City Council meetings to recognize winners from those communities, and commented on a save-the-date for an Electric Home Tour on Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Adjournment

Chair Walia adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Andrea Pizano, Board Secretary