



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy  
Executive Committee Meeting**  
Friday, January 27, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

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

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

Chair Tyson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:**

Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills  
Director Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos  
Director Bryan Mekechuk, City of Monte Sereno  
Director Tina Walia, City of Saratoga

**Absent:**

Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill

All present committee members participated via teleconference.

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

No speakers.

**Consent Calendar**

Director Mekechuk noted that although he did not attend the last meeting, he would make the motion to approve the consent calendar consisting of the minutes from the November 14, 2022 Executive Committee meeting.

**MOTION: Director Mekechuk moved and Director Rennie seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.**

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

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

**1) Approve Minutes of the November 14, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting**



## Regular Calendar

### **2) CEO Update (Discussion)**

CEO Girish Balachandran spoke to two items: 1) challenges on reliability, noting a presentation would be provided at the Board of Directors meeting in February, and penalties that SVCE will be facing for resource adequacy capacity for 2023, and 2) review of SVCE's five Strategic Focus areas, noting each focus area is still valid and multiple years long to get something tangible going, and more information would be forthcoming in the March and April timeframe.

CEO Balachandran responded to committee member questions regarding reliability challenges and penalties.

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

Bruce Karney inquired three questions: 1) do all load serving entities suffer to the same degree when there is a shortage of generating capacity, 2) are the current mandates for the amount of RA reasonable in staff's opinion, and 3) a question regarding an article outlining potential outcomes to continue to keep a nuclear plant in Southern California online and if it factors into the discussion.

CEO Balachandran responded affirmatively to the first question, noted staff would get into the response to the second question in more detail at the presentation at the Board meeting, and responded to the third question that in reading on the Southern California nuclear plant, it was too early to call nuclear being out of the portfolio for the short or longer term.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

### **3) Elect Chair and Vice Chair of the 2023 SVCE Executive Committee (Action)**

Chair Tyson introduced the item, and nominated Director Walia as Chair of the Executive Committee; there were no objections.

**MOTION: Director Tyson moved and Director Rennie seconded the motion to appoint Director Tina Walia as Chair of the 2023 SVCE Executive Committee.**

Chair Tyson opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Tyson closed public comment.

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

Newly appointed Chair Walia thanked the group and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**MOTION: Director Rennie moved and Director Tyson seconded the motion to appoint Director Bryan Mekechuk as Vice Chair of the 2023 SVCE Executive Committee.**

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

Newly appointed Vice Chair Mekechuk provided brief comments.

Chair Walia opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Walia closed public comment.



**4) Select a Regular Meeting Schedule for 2023 Executive Committee Meetings (Action)**

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano introduced the item with a proposed regular meeting schedule of the fourth Fridays of the month with a time to be determined. Committee members discussed future meetings and the ability to attend from a location other than the SVCE office if noticed on the agenda in advance, and potential meeting start times.

Vice Chair Mekechuk noted he planned to participate in future meetings beginning in March at Monte Sereno City Hall, and offered the location to others as well.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Mekechuk moved and Director Tyson seconded the motion to approve the 2023 Executive Committee Meeting regular schedule of the fourth Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m.**

Chair Walia opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Walia closed public comment.

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

Board Clerk Pizano noted the November and December meeting dates would be rescheduled due to holidays.

**5) 2023 Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedule – Recommendation of Summer Recess (Action)**

Board Clerk Pizano introduced the item.

Chair Walia opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Walia closed public comment.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Mekechuk moved and Director Tyson seconded the motion to approve a one-month summer hiatus in July for the SVCE Executive Committee meeting, and recommend the Board approve a July hiatus for the Board of Directors meeting.**

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

**6) Program Snapshot: Electric Showcase Award (Presentation – Information Only)**

CEO Balachandran introduced the item and the program snapshot concept; Director of Decarbonization Programs and Policy Justin Zagunis introduced Michaela Pippin, Principal Communications Specialist, who presented a PowerPoint on SVCE's Electric Showcase Awards.

Staff responded to committee member questions and comments on frequency of the awards, electrification assessment processes and next steps for securing contractors, and encouraging award recipients to consider opening their homes for tours.

Chair Walia opened public comment.

Bruce Karney commented that while working at Solar City, they relied on referrals from early customers and offered a program that allowed Solar City customers to refer new customers and be compensated financially if



their referral purchased a system from Solar City. Karney commented events were coordinated that allowed potential customers to visit a Solar City customer's home to talk about their systems.

Chair Walia closed public comment.

**Committee/Staff Remarks**

No comments.

**Adjournment**

Chair Walia adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

**ATTEST:**

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*Andrea Pizano*

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Andrea Pizano, Board Secretary