



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

7:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

10350 Torre Avenue

Cupertino, CA

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Rennie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos
Director Courtenay C. Corrigan, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Steve Tate, City of Morgan Hill
Director Jim Griffith, City of Sunnyvale
Director Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View
Director Howard Miller, City of Saratoga
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino
Alternate Director Peter Leroe-Muñoz, City of Gilroy
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Dave Cortese, County of Santa Clara
Director Burton Craig, City of Monte Sereno

Absent:

Director Jeannie Bruins, City of Los Altos

Chair Rennie announced a request from Board members to make board meetings more concise and noted he will set targets going forward on the length of future meetings based on the agenda; he noted a target of an hour and a half for the current meeting. Chair Rennie commented future agenda items can be arranged at Director Cortese's request prior to his departure for a standing meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Director Miller moved and Director Sinks seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Director Miller commented on Item 1c) Approve Smartphone Stipend, and requested the CEO consider a mobile phone application that will allow staff to host dual phone numbers on cell phones to help individuals have a personal and professional presence on the same device; staff noted the request.

The motion carried 10-0-1 (Alternate Director Leroe-Muñoz abstained) with Director Bruins absent.

1a) Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting

1b) Approve Agreement with Pacific Energy Advisors for Technical Consulting Services, April 2017-September 2018

1c) Approve Smartphone Stipend for SVCE Employees

1d) Treasurer Report

Regular Calendar

2) Executive Committee Report

Chair Rennie stated the Executive Committee met on March 28 and selected a Chair and Vice Chair for the Executive Committee (Chair Rennie and Vice Chair Harney), approved the cancellation of the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings for November and December 2017, and rescheduled a meeting date of December 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the SVCE office in Sunnyvale. Discussion items included an alternative to Type 2 renewable energy, and the development of an SVCE Renewables Bill Credit Transfer Tariff.

Chair Rennie opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Rennie closed public comment.

3) CEO Report

CEO Tom Habashi presented the CEO report which included a new hire and staff update, California Independent System Operator (CAISO) registration update, a report on the Energy Risk Oversight Committee, the scheduling of a Sustainability Managers Roundtable meeting, and a marketing update. CEO Habashi responded to Board questions. Hilary Staver, Regulatory/Legislative Analyst, provided a regulatory/legislative update and responded to Board questions. CEO Habashi provided additional information.

Board members requested all Directors be contacted regarding urgent legislative matters as opposed to only those in specific districts.

Chair Rennie opened public comment.

Bruce Karney, resident of Mountain View, spoke regarding a joint California Public Utilities Commission and California Energy Commission en banc hearing scheduled for May 19, PG&E's greenhouse gas and renewable energy figures for 2016, his opinion on the alternative to Type 2 options, and the formation of an SVCE community advisory committee.

Chair Rennie closed public comment.

4) Alternative to Type 2 Renewable Energy (Action)

CEO Habashi presented the staff report and responded to Board questions.

Board members discussed the proposed alternatives to the resource mix previously approved by the Board, and the financial impact associated with these alternatives.

In response to comments from the Board, CEO Habashi requested that deviation from existing policy apply only to CYs 2017 and 2018, allowing staff time to formulate an appropriate new strategy to be brought to the Board, along with a different approach to market renewable sources.

Director Cortese left the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Chair Rennie opened public comment.

David Urhausen, South Bay Labor Council, spoke of his concern about renewable energy certificates (RECs) and the purchase of dirty energy, and the importance of buying energy in-state that will provide good quality jobs.

James Tuleya, resident of Sunnyvale, provided his opinion of Option 4, the idea of a 12.5% maximum for bucket 3, and noted the state renewable portfolio standard (RPS) requirements of a 25% maximum of bucket 3 for the first compliance period.

Chair Rennie closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Miller moved and Director Corrigan seconded the motion to allow staff to procure up to 9% of Type 3 with the remainder being filled with Type 1 and Type 2 for 2017 and 2018, with a direction to staff to bring back a more comprehensive plan later this year for beyond 2018.

Director Miller clarified his motion for the Board.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Director Griffith offered a friendly amendment to allow staff to procure up to 12.5% of Type 3 resources.

Following discussion, Director Miller and Director Corrigan accepted the friendly amendment.

RESTATED MOTION: Director Miller moved and Director Corrigan seconded the motion to allow staff to procure up to 12.5% of Type 3 with the remainder being filled with Type 1 and Type 2 for 2017 and 2018, with a direction to staff to bring back a more comprehensive plan later this year for beyond 2018.

The motion carried unanimously with Directors Bruins and Cortese absent.

Board Member Announcements and Direction on Future Agenda Items

Chair Rennie announced a closed session item planned for the May 10 Board meeting; General Counsel Greg Stepanicich noted the current meeting could be adjourned to closed session at 6:00 p.m. on May 10 with the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. There were no objections from the Board.

Director Miller announced an SVCE presentation at the Saratoga Library at 11:00 a.m. on Earth Day, April 22.

Director Sinks announced the City of Cupertino's Earth Day at Cupertino Community Hall on April 22, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Director Gibbons reported feedback she received from community meetings on SVCE notifications and complimented staff on providing different forms of advertising. Director Gibbons provided feedback she received on the SVCE website regarding the table that compares PG&E with SVCE programs and noted residents would like to see a bill-to-bill comparison.

Director Griffith noted that community members have inquired about the types of power that SVCE is using and suggested that staff add the general energy mix information, including percentages, to the website that will explain the mix of power that SVCE is providing.

Director Sinks spoke in support of Director Griffith's comment on including energy mix information on the website, and thanked the marketing department for the print ads that were included in the Board packet.

Adjourn

Chair Rennie adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. to the May 10, 2017 meeting at 6:00 p.m. for closed session.