



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

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
11:30 am

Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority Office
Conference Room
333 W El Camino Real, Suite 290
Sunnyvale, CA

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MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Rennie called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Rob Rennie, Town of Los Gatos
Director Howard Miller, City of Saratoga
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino
Director Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View

Absent:

Vice Chair Daniel Harney, City of Gilroy

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Consent Calendar

1a) Approve Minutes of the April 25, 2017, Executive Committee Meeting

MOTION: Director Miller moved and Director Gibbons seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting as submitted.

The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Harney absent.

Regular Calendar

2) SVCE Policy Shift

CEO Tom Habashi introduced the item and addressed each topic individually.

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Rate design for 2019 and beyond

CEO Habashi discussed the rate design initially adopted by the Board of Directors, and presented three options for changes to the rate policy: offer a 1-3% discount from PG&E and a dividend at the end of the year to customers, design rates that are responsive to various special interest groups, and offer the same rates as PG&E with a dividend.

CEO Habashi responded to Executive Committee questions regarding the options presented.

Chair Rennie opened public comment.

James Tuleya, Sunnyvale resident, spoke regarding PG&E's rate design and his support for the first option. Tuleya spoke of PG&E's plan for default time-of-use (TOU) rates for all residential customers in 2019 and recommended SVCE work closely with PG&E for an easier transition for customers. Tuleya provided additional information on rates and responded to Executive Committee questions.

Bruce Karney, Mountain View resident, spoke of his experience with dividends and his opinion on the rate options provided. Karney noted that he would like to see the remaining money go back to the community for climate change related activities. Karney noted that rate setting should be done thoughtfully, but shouldn't be formulaic. Karney suggested that SVCE could use price signals to create customer preference for SVCE.

Chair Rennie suggested an option for commercial customers to donate the dividends to green programs; Executive Committee members expressed support for this idea.

Bruce Karney commented on his experience at a past employer regarding taxable and non-taxable programs and dividends.

Director Abe-Koga left the meeting at 12:40pm.

Director Miller requested staff provide a graph of E-1 residential rate changes throughout the year for PG&E, so that SVCE can see how their rates compare to PG&E rates.

Power Supply Mix

CEO Habashi presented staff recommendations for revising the power supply mix.

Director Gibbons requested staff and the SVCE Board ensure good communication with, and maintain support from, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Chair Rennie opened public comment.

Bruce Karney commented on the proposal to reduce the percentage of SVCE's eligible renewables. Karney noted that he would prefer the money allocated for dividends be used toward maintaining a power supply mix with a high renewable percentage. Karney commented on his belief that 30 percent renewable is not enough.

James Tuleya commented on his difficulty of defining renewables at community events and his support of staff's recommendation to focus on being carbon free.

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Town of Los Gatos

Chair Rennie closed public comment.

Product Offerings

Daniel Harney, Vice Chair
City of Gilroy

CEO Habashi responded to questions from the Executive Committee regarding the proposed product offerings, particularly the option to shift from the current GreenPrime product to a 100 percent California carbon free product.

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Executive Committee members and CEO Habashi discussed the usage of the term “renewable” and how it relates to public perception.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

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

Jeannie Bruins
City of Los Altos

Reserve Policy

Courtenay C. Corrigan
Town of Los Altos Hills

CEO Habashi discussed initial plans by the Board for a reserve policy, presented staff recommendations for revisions to the reserve policy, and responded to Executive Committee questions.

Burton Craig
City of Monte Sereno

Don Eckert, Director of Administrative and Finance, provided additional information and responded to Executive Committee questions.

Steve Tate
City of Morgan Hill

Executive Committee members and CEO Habashi discussed the reserves in relation to dividends and the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA).

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

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

Dave Cortese
County of Santa Clara

Committee/Staff Remarks

Chair Rennie suggested a future agenda item to send a recommendation to ask City councils to change time of charging for City-owned charging stations.

Howard Miller
City of Saratoga

Director Gibbons noted that a majority of Campbell’s charging stations are privately owned.

Jim Griffith
City of Sunnyvale

Executive Committee members were in consensus that a discussion on charging stations should be brought to the Board.

Alan Suleiman, Director of Marketing & Public Affairs, provided additional information on charging stations and responded to Executive Committee questions.

Adjournment

Chair Rennie adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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