Call to Order
Chair Abe-Koga called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:
Chair Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino

Absent:
Vice Chair Howard Miller, City of Saratoga
Director Nancy Smith, City of Sunnyvale

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda
Bruce Karney, resident of Mountain View, commented the Santa Clara County Chapter of The Climate Reality Project and Carbon Free Silicon Valley organizations recognize the leadership SVCE is showing in reach codes and annual greenhouse gas assessments. Karney commended the City of Cupertino for considering annual greenhouse gas emissions assessments, and the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto, and Town of Los Altos Hills for committing to measuring GHG emissions annually. Karney offered the support of Carbon Free Silicon Valley to assist with reach code implementation.

Karney responded to committee questions regarding SVCE’s GHG emissions inventory and its comparison to inventory done by cities. Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray provided additional information; Director Sinks requested a future agenda item regarding SVCE’s GHG emissions inventory.

Consent Calendar

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

The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Howard Miller and Director Smith absent.
1a) Approve Minutes of the December 4, 2018, Executive Committee Meeting
1b) Approve Minutes of the December 4, 2018, Executive Committee Special Meeting

Regular Calendar

2) Elect Chair/Vice Chair of the Executive Committee (Action)

MOTION: Director Sinks moved and Director Gibbons seconded the nomination of Margaret Abe-Koga to serve as Chair and Howard Miller to serve as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee.

The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Miller and Director Smith absent.

3) Select a Regular Meeting Schedule for 2019 Executive Committee Meetings (Action)

Chair Abe-Koga introduced the item; Board Clerk Andrea Pizano provided availability for Vice Chair Miller and Director Smith.

Director Sinks noted potential conflicting regular meeting dates could be changed based on a poll of committee member availability.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.
No speakers.
Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Sinks seconded the motion to approve the Executive Committee Regular schedule as the fourth Friday of every month, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the SVCE Office.

The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Miller and Director Smith absent.

4) 2020 Time-of-Use Rate Transition for Residential Customers (Discussion)

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Bray presented the item and a PowerPoint presentation; Community Outreach Manager Pamela Leonard provided additional information on the messaging and joint communications with PG&E and Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) regarding the Time-of-Use rate plan. Staff responded to committee questions.

Committee members suggested separating a similar presentation to the Board in two parts: 1) the big picture transition to time-of-use rates, and 2) rate details.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

James Tuleya, resident of Sunnyvale and former PG&E employee, commented on the Time-of-Use rate change and considering the regulatory and legislative risk of SVCE not participating in the rate change. Tuleya recommended SVCE not underestimate the
amount of questions and concerns customers will have on the rate change, and noted
time-of-use rates can be helpful in program design to encourage fuel switching.

Bruce Karney provided comments on the duck curve graph and noted two additional
similar graphs: 1) a graph which shows carbon content of the electricity that is produced
during the span of the day, and 2) the price of the electricity. Karney noted his opinion
that changing customer’s usage patterns to reduce the carbon content of the electricity
that people use is important, and getting the peak position correct is the right thing to do.
Karney commented solar customers will be affected by the time-of-use rate change, but
have the option not to switch.

Peter Evans, Los Altos Hills resident, provided three thoughts: 1) encourage solar
customers to get storage, 2) offer a voluntary real-time rate now, and 3) the peak
describes SVCE’s resource adequacy obligation.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

The group discussed recent building codes and its impact on solar; Director of Power
Resources Monica Padilla responded to committee questions regarding the duck curve in
the summer season.

Chair Abe-Koga announced the group would break for a brief lunch recess at 12:15 p.m.

5) Code of Ethics Policy (Discussion)

The committee reconvened at 12:25 p.m. with Vice Chair Miller and Director Smith
absent.

Director of Finance and Administration Don Eckert introduce the item and responded to
committee questions; CEO Balachandran responded to additional committee questions.

The committee requested staff follow up on the process of termination of a Board
member who violates the Code of Ethics, as well as a suggestion to contact the Fair
Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on how to handle materiality, or mention the code
be in compliance with FPPC rules.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.
No speakers.
Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

6) Future Stakeholder and Customer Input Processes (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran introduced the item; Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation
Programs Aimee Bailey presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to
committee questions.

Director Gibbons requested staff add professional organizations in stakeholder input
including the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Construction Specifications Institute
CSI), the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Association of Engineers, etc. to build a
list of groups that SVCE can learn from.
Committee members provided feedback which included the need for a discussion at the board level between customer input versus technical expertise, and support for the proposal to use existing and planned stakeholder engagement mechanisms for 2019 including customer focus groups, sector-specific working groups, etc.

CEO Balachandran clarified SVCE would be getting residential customer input through various ways rather than solely through a standing customer group.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

James Tuleya, Chair of Carbon Free Silicon Valley, noted he agrees in the major shift of needs between last year to this year, particularly around programs. Tuleya suggested breaking up the previous Customer Program Advisory Group (CPAG), which consisted of both general public customers and those with technical expertise, into different parts. Tuleya commented the need for the community to have an opportunity for meaningful engagement with SVCE, and provided an example of Peninsula Clean Energy’s (PCE) citizens advisory committee.

Bruce Karney suggested forming a group “the friends of SVCE”, which could be a list of people throughout Santa Clara County who can meet virtually and are given the opportunity to weigh in on SVCE ideas. Karney noted the Member Agency Working Group (MAWG) is an essential group, commented he was disappointed many CPAG members did not attend Board meetings, and noted CPAG has served its purpose and it is time to try something more virtual.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

CEO Balachandran noted staff will look into meaningful opportunities to gather input and engage the community.

The committee expressed the importance of engaging the community.

7) Board Agenda Packet Size Reduction by Replacing Power Contracts Executed by the CEO as Attachments with a Summary Table (Discussion)

The committee discussed options for including the power contracts in agenda packets and making them accessible to the public. Board Clerk Pizano responded to questions regarding agenda management software.

Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend power contracts executed by the CEO be included at the end of board meeting packets as a separate appendix.

8) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran provided an update to the committee regarding electric vehicle infrastructure grant money which would be brought to the Board at the February Board meeting, distributed a CalCCA press release regarding the news of the PG&E bankruptcy and provided brief comments, and announced that on February 23rd SVCE would host a workshop for new and existing board members.
Director Gibbons requested a terms glossary, SVCE’s organization chart, and SVCE’s Program Roadmap be distributed in advance of the meeting.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

James Tuleya commented customer programs would not be interrupted by the bankruptcy. Tuleya commented Leif Christiansen, who formerly worked on programs at PG&E, is now working with a local government commission and is available to help community choice energy groups and member agencies.

Bruce Karney noted there has been a lot of buzz amongst CCE advocate news groups regarding renewable energy contracts with PG&E and if PG&E were to walk away from those high-priced renewable contracts, it would make the PCIA go down. Karney noted it would be great to have clarity as soon as possible.

CEO Balachandran suggested that discussion be reserved for closed session.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

Committee/Staff Remarks
No speakers.

Adjournment
Chair Abe-Koga adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.