Call to Order

Chair Abe-Koga called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:
Chair Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View
Vice Chair Howard Miller, City of Saratoga
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino
Director Nancy Smith, City of Sunnyvale

Absent:
None.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Vice Chair Miller moved and Director Gibbons seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously.

1a) Approve Minutes of the August 27, 2019, Executive Committee Meeting
1b) Recommend Board Approval of Operating Rules and Regulations Amendments

Regular Calendar

2) Customer Resource Center Update (Discussion)

Communications Manager Pamela Leonard and Director of Account Services and
Community Relations Don Bray presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to committee member questions.

Committee members provided feedback and suggestions on the presentation and resource center including:
- A suggestion to include contractors as a target audience for the customer resource center and include a matrix which shows requirements to build in each agency jurisdiction,
- The need for a large marketing campaign on the benefits of going electric,
- A suggestion to include an education component for students in the resource center,
- A suggestion to simplify the concepts listed on the CRC – Likely Multiple Contracts slide and focus on the customer market segmentation by providing examples of the experience for some of the personas, and
- Keeping the content, including qualified contractors, updated on a regular basis

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

Bruce Karney, resident of Mountain View, commented on former group buy programs and provided his opinion that starting next year when every new home has to have solar, the solar industry will double. Karney expressed concern that the quality of work will diminish, and suggested staff focus on understanding whether the vendors that get recommended have a quality standard that SVCE is willing to stand by.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

3) Member Agency Results Communication (Discussion)

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Bray distributed a sample 2019 Community Benefits Summary and requested feedback.

Vice Chair Miller requested an additional level of communication to all member agency council members more frequently than annually on facts included on the community benefits summary.

Director Sinks requested context for the metrics provided on the summary sheet, and committee members were in consensus that they would like to see percentages of greenhouse gas (GHG) savings (electricity only) for each city.

The committee discussed SVCE’s data on GHG inventory and how it is shared with staff from member agencies.

Director Gibbons requested board members be copied on GHG inventory communications with SVCE staff and their respective city staff.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

Bruce Karney commented his belief it is critical that cities know where they stand with greenhouse gas emissions on a per capita basis, and addressed a comment made by Chair Abe-Koga at the Mountain View City Council meeting that if you were to allow single-family homes to cook with gas but not multi-family homes, you’re essentially giving the wealthy who can buy a new single-family home a license to pollute. Karney commented on SVCE’s GHG inventory data.
Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

CEO Balachandran commented staff would bring back ideas of how SVCE can provide regionwide information.

Chair Abe-Koga noted she would request Mountain View City staff send the Mountain View reach code information brought to council to SVCE to become a clearinghouse for the reach code data from each member agency.

4) Virtual Power Plant (VPP) Program Update (Discussion)

Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Aimee Bailey presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to committee member questions.

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

5) SVCE Information Update Related to 2020 SVCE Board Elections (Discussion)

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano provided information on the process and timing for the 2020 Board selections for Chair, Vice Chair, and SVCE committees.

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

6) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran reported there was no report.

Public Comment on Closed Session
No speakers.

The Executive Committee convened to closed session at 10:41 a.m.

Convene to Closed Session

The group convened to closed session at 10:41 a.m.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Property: 333 W. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA
910 Hamilton Avenue, Campbell, CA
1919 Bascom Avenue, Campbell, CA
2105 South Bascom Avenue, Campbell, CA
100 Mathilda Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA

Agency Negotiator: Girish Balachandran, CEO
Negotiating Parties: Newmark Knight Frank
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The group returned from closed session at 11:02 a.m.
Report from Closed Session
Chair Abe-Koga reported there was nothing to report.

Committee/Staff Remarks
CEO Balachandran announced a luncheon for electeds on November 6, 2019 at the CalCCA Annual Meeting and encouraged members to attend.

Adjournment
Chair Abe-Koga adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.