



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

7:00 pm

Cupertino Community Hall

10350 Torre Avenue

Cupertino, CA

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Abe-Koga called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View
Vice Chair Howard Miller, City of Saratoga
Director Carmen Montano, City of Milpitas
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno
Director Marico Sayoc, Town of Los Gatos
Director Nancy Smith, City of Sunnyvale
Director Rod Sinks, City of Cupertino
Director Courtenay Corrigan, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Alternate Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos

Absent:

Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill
Director Fred Tovar, City of Gilroy
Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Consent Calendar

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment for those wishing to pull an item from the consent calendar.
No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment for those wishing to pull an item from the consent calendar.

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

The motion carried unanimously with Directors Ellenberg, Martinez Beltran and Tovar absent.

1a) Approve Minutes of the September 11, 2019, Board of Directors Special Meeting

1b) Approve Minutes of the September 11, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting

1c) Receive August 2019 Treasurer Report

1d) Approve Scholarship Funds for 2020 Bike to the Future Competition

1e) Receive Q3 Update of the Decarbonization Strategy and Programs Roadmap

- 1f) Receive Innovation Programs Update and Approve Cash Prizes for 2020 Hackathon
- 1g) Adopt Resolution Approving Addition of New SVCE Rate Schedules and Rates, to Correspond with New PG&E Commercial and Industrial “B” Rates
- 1h) Adopt Resolution Certifying Representatives on River City Bank Loans
- 1i) Audit Committee Report
- 1j) Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report
- 1k) Executive Committee Report
- 1l) Finance and Administration Committee Report

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a CEO report noting the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee would be discussing SVCE’s legislative platform at their meeting on October 22, 2019. CEO Balachandran introduced Communications Specialist Michaela Pippin who provided brief comments, and noted Director of Power Resources Monica Padilla would be providing updates on contract negotiations in the coming months.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

3) SVCE Workshop – Outlining Policy Options and Providing Background Related to Carbon-free Power and SVCE Integrated Resource Plan Debrief (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran introduced the item and thanked the board for their feedback at the workshop.

Following were the staff requests as part of the October 9, 2019 workshop:

- Direct staff to evaluate alternative portfolios to achieve carbon-free between 2020-2030 and assume 50% renewable portfolio standard (RPS) through 2025 subsequently increasing to 60% in 2030;
- Direct staff to include baseload geothermal renewable resources and options for neutralizing emissions to meet RPS and in integrated resource plan (IRP) modeling; and,
- Direct staff to evaluate optional portfolios as part of IRP modeling which include free allocations from carbon-free resources including from short-term nuclear energy.

MOTION: Vice Chair Miller moved and Director Smith seconded the motion for the following:

- Accept the staff recommendation on RPS,
- Accept the staff recommendation regarding geothermal, with direction to move forward with the binary geothermal project which the Board would like to see potentially in December. Regarding geothermal in general, the Board would like it to be part of the plan that staff models including offsets, and
- The board would like all of the shopping carts (portfolio of resources) presented by staff modeled, and would also like to include free hydro in Cart 1, and in Cart 2. The Board would like nuclear modeled with the option of selling nuclear so it would be out of SVCE’s portfolio, and add BioX (biogas and biomass) as appropriate to model.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

Director Sinks clarified with the maker of the motion that the motion would be to study nuclear as either putting it on our power content label (PCL) or selling it; Vice Chair Miller confirmed it would be both.

Director Corrigan commented the Board would also like to see the net effects of removing nuclear from the PG&E PCL and what affect it will have on SVCE's PCL and PG&E's PCL.

Vice Chair Miller added the Board would like to see the approximation of what SVCE thinks their PCL will look like, in addition to the prices, for all of the shopping carts.

The motion carried unanimously with Directors Ellenberg, Martinez Beltran and Tovar absent.

Board Member Announcements and Direction on Future Agenda Items

Director Ellahie commended SVCE staff on their presentation at the Los Gatos Rotary Club on October 2, 2019, and noted as a result there seems to be interest from people to consider reach codes.

Director Corrigan commended John Supp on his presentation at the Town of Los Altos Hills which had their meeting on reach codes, and commented they are moving forward.

Director Montano requested SVCE present to the Kiwanis Club.

Director Gibbons thanked staff on the Reach Code panel event last week, and noted there were phenomenal guest speakers, excellent discussions, and it was very informative; Director Gibbons noted she appreciated the effort and energy it took to put the event together and it spoke very well of our staff to have the connections to get the kind of people who attended.

Vice Chair Miller thanked staff for all presentations, including school events, city events, and meetings with staff, and thanked staff in advance for the reach code discussion at the City of Saratoga.

Director Sinks requested staff consider cooking demonstrations with induction stovetops; CEO Balachandran noted SVCE is cosponsoring the Bay Area Home Electrification Expo at the San Jose Tech Interactive on Saturday, October 12, and October 10 in Palo Alto where there will be cooking demos. Director Sinks suggested anything that SVCE can put out on social media helps the conversation.

Director Sinks announced he attended a class taught by Professor Severin Borenstein of the Haas School of Business and Economics and Professor James Bushnell of UC Davis titled 'Economics of Energy and the Environment' and commended the class to anyone who is interested in how SVCE is viewed and how the energy markets are playing out in California. Director Sinks announced another class would occur January 8 and 9, 2020, and recommended the class to the Board. Vice Chair Miller requested staff send the information to the Board Directors, Alternate Directors, and city staff members.

CEO Balachandran confirmed staff would send the information to Board members once released.

Chair Abe-Koga announced the City of Mountain View would be deciding on reach codes October 22, and would be considering mandating all-electric building with the exception of single-family homes. Chair Abe-Koga thanked staff for the workshop earlier in the afternoon on the IRP and noted she is looking forward to SVCE's initiatives.

Director Sayoc requested Board members share when they have been successful in reach code adoption to begin compiling the information to show at other member agency meetings; CEO Balachandran noted SVCE staff can send updates to the Board as the codes are adopted.

Adjourn

Chair Abe-Koga adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:



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