



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 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 7:03 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
Alternate Director George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Courtenay Corrigan, Town of Los Altos Hills (arrived at 7:07 p.m.)
Director Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Director Jeannie Bruins, City of Los Altos
Director Susan Ellenberg, County of Santa Clara
Director Yvonne Martinez Beltran, City of Morgan Hill (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)
Director Fred Tovar, City of Gilroy

Absent:

Director Fred Tovar, City of Gilroy

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

James Tuleya, resident of Sunnyvale, commented on an article titled "World Scientists' Warning of a Climate Emergency" published November 5, 2019 in the Journal of BioScience; Tuleya noted he would send a link to the Board via Board Clerk Andrea Pizano.

Director Gibbons commented on an article in the Wall Street journal regarding climate change.

Director Corrigan arrived at 7:07 p.m. and Alternate Director Tyson left the meeting.

Consent Calendar

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Bruins seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1a through 1i.

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

1a) Approve Minutes of the October 9, 2019, Board of Directors Special Meeting

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- 1b) Approve Minutes of the October 9, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting
- 1c) Receive SVCE Rates Corresponding with PG&E's New Commercial 'B' Rate Schedules, Effective November 1, 2019
- 1d) Review Proposed Amendments to SVCE Operating Rules and Regulations
- 1e) Adopt Reaffirmation Resolution Certifying Representatives on River City Bank Loans
- 1f) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with Aaron Read & Associates, LLC for Lobbyist Services
- 1g) Adopt Resolution Amending the Authority's Conflict of Interest Code to Add Rates Manager and Senior Rates Analyst Positions to the List of Designated Positions for Filing
- 1h) Finance and Administration Committee Report
- 1i) Audit Committee Report

Chair Abe-Koga announced a request to move Item 8) *Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report* following Item 4) *Utility Restructuring in Northern California – Discussion and Direction*; there were no objections from the Board.

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a CEO report which included describing a project Bruce Karney would be working on for SVCE to study ways in which SVCE could work with local high schools to provide training on civic engagement; Directors Ellenberg, Sinks, and Smith offered their assistance to Bruce and Directors shared their support for the project.

CEO Balachandran called attention to the community benefits summaries at Director's seats and noted they would be sent to all city managers and city council members.

Manager of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Hilary Staver provided a regulatory and legislative report which included information on the integrated resource planning (IRP) proceeding, and responded to Board member questions.

Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Aimee Bailey provided an update on the request for proposals (RFP) for resiliency in response to the public safety power shutoffs (PSPS); Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Bailey responded to Board member questions.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

Bruce Karney commented on the work he will be doing for SVCE; Director Smith recommended the LRNG platform for the project.

James Tuleya applauded the effort of SVCE and partners for the resiliency RFP, commented on some of the public responses to reach codes and their push to keep fossil fuel natural gas, and noted the most resilient solution is all-electric solar and storage.

Director Martinez Beltran supported a previous comment by Director Ellenberg regarding including low income households and how it is incorporated in reach codes for new development.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

3) SVCE Information Related to 2020 SVCE Board Elections (Discussion)

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano introduced the item. Chair Abe-Koga requested a future discussion item on SVCE board term length and board succession planning.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.
Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

4) Utility Restructuring in Northern California – Discussion and Direction (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran introduced the item and responded to Board member questions.

Board members provided comments on PG&E and the idea of restructuring the utility, and the letter sent to the California Public Utilities Commission from San Jose Mayor Liccardo on November 4, 2019.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

James Tuleya commented he favors the ongoing approach of uninterrupted PG&E customer programs, such as energy efficiency, demand response, and low-income programs, and commented generally all of PG&E's portfolio of energy efficiency programs are cost effective. Tuleya requested Directors keep in mind to keep these programs in place.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

CEO Balachandran confirmed with Chair Abe-Koga he would be providing updates to the Board in various ways.

Director Corrigan requested a follow-up letter to the CPUC be distributed to the board as quickly as possible to address with their councils.

8) Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report (Discussion)

Following Item 4, the Board heard Item 8.

Director Sinks reported the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee met October 22nd, reviewed the 2019 session, and began preparations for the 2020 session. Director Sinks noted the Aaron Read & Associates, LLC contract was approved earlier on the consent calendar, and commented it has been helpful to have their direct and immediate engagement in Sacramento. Director Sinks reported the committee also reviewed updates to SVCE's legislative platform and provided feedback, and Steve Baker of Aaron Read & Associates, LLC would be present at the January Board of Directors meeting to provide an outlook for 2020.

5) Approve Update to SVCE's Legislative Platform (Action)

Following Item 8, the Board considered Item 5.

Manager of Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Staver introduced the item and responded to board member questions.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

MOTION: Director Bruins moved and Director Sinks seconded the motion to approve the updated version of SVCE's legislative platform.

Vice Chair Miller suggested the legislative platform be brought back to the board biannually; once in the fall for updates, and once in the spring for new directors.

The motion carried unanimously with Director Tovar absent.

6) Customer Resource Center Program Update (Discussion)

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

Directors provided comments and feedback on the customer resource center.

Director Sinks commented on an editorial in the San Jose Mercury News, and asked SVCE staff to address the critiques.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

James Tuleya commented on the PG&E Marketplace, found at marketplace.pge.com, which can be used as an example for the "Appliances" column of the proposed SVCE Customer Resource Center, and applauded SVCE's effort with the Customer Resource Center. Tuleya provided information on the Home Intel program and noted he is hopeful SVCE's tool will help point people to existing programs, like the Home Intel and BayRen's Home Plus programs, which are already paid for by ratepayers.

Bruce Naegel commented on the City of Mountain View Sustainability Plan, SVCE's assistance with a database, and questioned if there is a way to customize the Customer Resource Center by city.

Bruce Karney commented the level of investment that homeowners and businesses are going to need to make in replacing natural gas and gasoline powered equipment with electrically powered equipment is an important problem to solve and shared his past experience in working at Solar City as the Director of Community Programs. Karney commented he doesn't feel the Customer Resource Center is ready to be something to get customers to act, but is hopeful.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

7) Executive Committee Report (Discussion)

Chair Abe-Koga reported the Executive Committee met October 25th and discussed the Customer Resource Center and Virtual Power Plant Programs, and received information on member agency results communication and the 2020 SVCE Board elections timeline. The group also approved to recommend the amendments to SVCE's Operating Rules and Regulations on consent.

Chair Abe-Koga reported the next committee meeting is scheduled for November 22nd, 9:00 a.m., at the SVCE Office.

Chair Abe-Koga opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Abe-Koga closed public comment.

Board Member Announcements and Direction on Future Agenda Items

Director Martinez Beltran announced she attended the CalCCA meeting on November 6, 2019, provided a synopsis, and noted she came away feeling encouraged about the efforts SVCE is making. Director Martinez Beltran reported Morgan Hill passed their reach code to ban natural gas in all new construction and shared her experience of the process.

Director Ellenberg thanked Director Martinez Beltran for raising equity and cultural responsive issues during the meeting, and noted those lenses are critically important and without them we are risking losing the attention of big chunks of the population. Director Ellenberg noted we don't want electrification to be seen as a luxury item, and as we go forward with SVCE's communication plan, she would like to see that SVCE has an equity lens as well as culturally specific. Director Ellenberg commented a referral has been submitted to Santa Clara County administration to come back to the Board of Supervisors with a suggestion on reach codes.

Director Bruins announced reach codes would be considered next Tuesday at the City of Los Altos council meeting.

Director Gibbons reported she also attended the CalCCA meeting on November 6, 2019, and noted Campbell would be addressing reach codes at their city council meeting on Tuesday.

Vice Chair Miller announced the City of Saratoga gave direction to city staff on reach codes to ban gas for space and water heating, but not cooking and drying, and require two electric vehicle (EV) hook ups per house: one pre-wired, and one can be conduit only, but one has to be inside and one has to be outside.

Director Corrigan announced she is hopeful reach codes will pass in Los Altos Hills in some variation at their meeting next week.

Director Sinks thanked Chair Abe-Koga and Mountain View's leadership on reach codes and announced his council's study session meeting next Tuesday. Director Sinks requested a current website update after every council action regarding reach codes.

Director Smith reported she attended the League of California Cities event and noted she spent some time with CalCCA President Beth Vaughn. Director Smith also reported Sunnyvale's Sustainability Commission hosted an event Saturday, November 9, 2019, called "Electric Cars Demystified" with EVucation which had an opportunity for people to showcase their electric vehicles, and learn about cost effective options. Director Smith reported Sunnyvale had a study session on reach codes where Sunnyvale staff presented a concept that Sunnyvale has been having a broader form of reach codes since 2006 with their Green Building Program.

Director Sayoc announced the Los Gatos City Council meeting to discuss reach codes would occur December 17, 2019 and noted the town manager will be reaching out to see what each city has done.

Director Ellahie announced there were approximately 16 letters opposing reach codes at Monte Sereno; Director Ellahie noted Monte Sereno is looking at adopting all-electric and storage options, which will be addressed at next Tuesday's Monte Sereno council meeting.

Director Montano announced the City of Milpitas decided not to adopt reach codes at this time due to cost, and noted they prefer the change to be gradual.

Chair Abe-Koga provided comments on the City of Mountain View's reach code adoption experience, thanked SVCE staff for their support on reach codes as well as City of Mountain View staff, and commented that passing the reach codes is a huge accomplishment.

Chair Abe-Koga reminded directors that reach codes can still be passed after January 1, 2020.

Director Ellahie commented a lot of ridesharing drivers are switching to electric vehicles and noted the importance of having EV chargers available.

Director Martinez Beltran thanked Account Services Manager John Supp and Tony Eulo for their work in getting reach codes passed in Morgan Hill, and commented on feedback received regarding gas cooktops.

Chair Abe-Koga thanked Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray for attending council meetings, and thanked community members Bruce Karney, Bruce Naegel, James Tuleya, and Carbon Free Silicon Valley for their support.

Public Comment on Closed Session

No speakers.

Director Ellenberg left the meeting prior to convening in closed session.

The Board convened to closed session in the Community Hall Kitchen at 9:51 p.m.

Convene to Closed Session (Community Hall Kitchen)

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 Board returned from Closed Session at 10:06 p.m. with Directors Ellenberg and Tovar absent.

Report from Closed Session

Chair Abe-Koga announced there was no report from closed session.

Adjourn

Chair Abe-Koga adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

ATTEST:



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