



Silicon Valley Clean Energy Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, August 28, 2020
8:30 am

Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Rod Sinks
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Fred M. Tovar
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AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

The public may provide comments on any matter not listed on the Agenda provided that it is within the subject matter jurisdiction of SVCE. Speakers are customarily limited to 3 minutes each, however, the Committee Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker based on the number of speakers, the length of the agenda and the complexity of the subject matter. Speaking time will not be decreased to less than one minute.



Consent Calendar (Action)

Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

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Susan Ellenberg
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- 1a) Approve Minutes of the June 26, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting
- 1b) Approve Minutes of the July 29, 2020, Executive Committee Special Meeting
- 1c) Approve Reschedule Date of the November and December Executive Committee Meetings to November 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Regular Calendar

- 2) CEO Update (Discussion)
- 3) Strategic Plan Update (Discussion)
- 4) Update on Master Service Agreements for Program Admin Support (Discussion)
- 5) Amend Resolution Authorizing the CEO to Grant Current 20 Days of Paid-Time-Off to Employees Affected by the COVID-19 Disease to Include Employee Time Off for Personal Emergency Response Related to Wildfire Events (Discussion)

Committee/Staff Remarks

Adjourn

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Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, June 26, 2020
8:30 am

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

DRAFT MINUTES

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Roll Call

Present:

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

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Absent:

None.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

All committee members participated via teleconference.

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Bruce Karney commented customers on Sonoma Clean Power's premium product are receiving renewable energy 24 hours a day, seven days a week due to having geothermal energy in their mix; Karney suggested SVCE may want to offer that kind of product as its premium product.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Karney commented on joining together with other CCAs and cities to fund PG&E's ability to charge a higher gas tax than electricity tax, and would like to make it clear that it is a good idea to increase demand for electricity, suppress demand for gas, and also for the cities that do not have a natural gas or electricity utility user tax, give them a new way to raise revenue that is climate friendly at the same time as being budget friendly.

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Chair Miller inquired if PG&E has the system to charge two different taxes; Karney responded that they do not currently have the system and the point of the appeal to CCAs and cities was to pledge funds for that particular upgrade to the system.

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

Director Gibbons responded to Karney's comment and provided an example of her experience in discussions regarding a UUT tax in her member agency. Director Gibbons suggested the dialogue and education of council and staff needs to be paid attention to.

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Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

Consent Calendar

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

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

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

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

1) Approve Minutes of the May 22, 2020, Executive Committee Meeting

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Regular Calendar

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

2) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a verbal Strategic Plan update and responded to Mr. Karney that his gas tax idea is on staff's list of topics to look into. CEO Balachandran provided an update on long-duration storage, and noted eight CCAs are looking into forming an organization that can transact for large resources. CEO Balachandran provided an update on PG&E's bankruptcy and SB350.

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

CEO Balachandran introduced Don Rhoads, who would be serving as Interim Director of Finance and Administration upon Director of Finance and Administration Don Eckert's departure, who provided brief introductory comments.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

Tony Eulo inquired about CEO Balachandran's comment on PG&E's bankruptcy and SB350 with the possibility that a group, "Golden State Energy", could be put in place if PG&E goes bankrupt again, and questioned if the group would be an adversary to CCAs.

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

CEO Balachandran responded to Eulo's inquiry.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Without objection, Chair Miller announced Item 4) *Building Decarbonization Joint Action Plan*, would be heard before Item 3) *SVCE Messaging and eHub Update*.

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

4) Building Decarbonization Joint Action Plan (Discussion)

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

Director Gibbons requested staff engage a broad range of people including architects, general contractors, specification writers, etc. and mentioned she shared a link with staff on the Boston Society of Architect's program on decarbonization of buildings.

Vice Chair Smith requested the link sent by Director Gibbons be distributed to the board.

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Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

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

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

3) SVCE Messaging and eHub Update (Discussion)

Following Item 4, the committee heard Item 3.

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Director of Account Services and Community Relations Don Bray, Communications Manager Pamela Leonard, and Communications Consultant Beth Trenchard presented a PowerPoint presentation on the new SVCE Customer Resource Center, "eHub"; staff responded to committee member questions.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Bruce Karney commented he liked the visual identity SVCE established, and encouraged the committee think about: 1) success metrics other than click-throughs, 2) if SVCE really wants homeowners installing more solar, and 3) his opinion the site is single family home owner centric and encouraged staff to think about a segmentation where staff identifies whether the person on the site is a homeowner, renter, or landlord, and if they're living in a single family home or multi-family building.

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Director Sinks requested staff look into vehicle-to-grid solutions (V2G); Director of Account Services and Community Relations Bray responded that staff has looked into V2G.

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

5) Budget Framework and Timeline (Discussion)

Following Item 3, the committee heard Item 5.

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Director of Finance and Administration Don Eckert presented a PowerPoint presentation on the framework and timeline for the SVCE FY20-21 budget, and responded to committee member questions.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Chair Miller opened public comment.

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Bruce Karney commented on direct access customers and the power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) across rate classes.

Chair Miller closed public comment.

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

Chair Miller thanked Director of Finance and Administration Eckert for his work at SVCE.

Committee/Staff Remarks

Vice Chair Smith reported Kaushik Tota was recognized and received an award for his project with SVCE, and advised staff and the Executive Committee to support Kaushik and the Climate Youth Ambassador Program by visiting the award's page. Vice Chair Smith noted she would provide the link to staff for distribution.



Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

Director Abe-Koga reported the City of Mountain View approved their first all-electric residential development, and an all-electric Google project under the city's new reach codes.

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

Chair Miller reminded committee members of the timeline for CEO Balachandran's review.

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Director Gibbons welcomed Communications Manager Pamela Leonard back to SVCE from maternity leave.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

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City of Monte Sereno

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Susan Ellenberg
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**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Special Meeting**

Wednesday, July 29, 2020
3:00 pm

Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Fred M. Tovar
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City of Mountain View

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

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

Absent:

None.

All committee members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

No speakers.

Regular Calendar

- 1) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute a Distributed Energy Storage Agreement for Resilience and Capacity with Sunrun Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$7,400,000 and for a Term from December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2032**

CEO Girish Balachandran introduced the item; Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Aimee Bailey presented a PowerPoint presentation. Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Bailey and Power Resources Planner Eric Kim responded to committee member questions.

Chair Miller opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Miller closed public comment.



Howard Miller, Chair
City of Saratoga

MOTION: Director Gibbons moved and Director Sinks seconded the motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Distributed Energy Storage Agreement for Resilience and Capacity with Sunrun Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$7,400,000, and for a capacity delivery term from December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2032.

Nancy Smith, Vice Chair
City of Sunnyvale

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

Liz Gibbons
City of Campbell

2) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran provided an update on the final analysis from Moody's on SVCE's credit rating, an update on the development of amendments to SVCE's Strategic Plan, new SVCE hire Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Melicia Charles, a customer resilience programs update, contractor training program launch timing, and a reminder for committee members to submit questionnaire responses to what has and has not worked in their learning experience on SVCE's board to be used for future board orientation planning.

Rod Sinks
City of Cupertino

Fred M. Tovar
City of Gilroy

Board Clerk Andrea Pizano noted the November and December Executive Committee meetings fall on holidays and a poll would be sent to committee members to reschedule these meetings into one. Director Sinks inquired about the 2020 CalCCA Annual meeting date in November; CEO Balachandran noted the meeting would be rescheduled.

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

George Tyson
Town of Los Altos Hills

Director Gibbons requested a copy of the letter that was distributed to small businesses as part of the customer relief program approved at the May Board of Directors meeting; CEO Balachandran confirmed staff would send a sample letter to the Board.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

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

Carmen Montano
City of Milpitas

Committee/Staff Remarks

None.

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Adjournment

Chair Miller adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Margaret Abe-Koga
City of Mountain View

Susan Ellenberg
County of Santa Clara



Staff Report – Item 1c

Item 1c: Approve Reschedule Date of the November and December Executive Committee Meetings to November 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk

Date: 8/28/2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Executive Committee approve a joint November and December Executive Committee meeting on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in place of the regularly scheduled November and December meetings.

BACKGROUND

The 2020 Executive Committee November and December regularly scheduled meetings fall on holidays: the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

Since both the November and December meetings fall on holidays, staff is proposing to combine the two meetings into one meeting. A Doodle poll was distributed July 31st, 2020 and August 13th, 2020 to Executive Committee members; a majority of the group responded that they would be available Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. to meet virtually.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact as a result of combining the November and December Executive Committee meetings.

ALTERNATIVE

Staff is open to suggestions from the committee on an alternative day/time to meet for these meetings.



Staff Report – Item 2

Item 2: CEO Update

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 8/28/2020

This item will be addressed in the form of an oral report to the Executive Committee from CEO Girish Balachandran.



Staff Report – Item 3

Item 3: Strategic Plan Update

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 8/28/2020

This item is an informational update that will be addressed in the form of a presentation to the committee. The purpose is to provide an update on SVCE’s Strategic Plan.



Staff Report – Item 4

Item 4: Update on Master Service Agreements for Program Admin Support

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Andrea Pizano, Board Clerk/Executive Assistant

Date: 8/28/2020

This item is an informational update that will be addressed in the form of a presentation to the committee by Director of Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Aimee Bailey.



Staff Report – Item 5

Item 5: Amend Resolution Authorizing the CEO to Grant Current 20 Days of Paid-Time-Off to Employees Affected by the COVID-19 Disease to Include Employee Time Off for Personal Emergency Response Related to Wildfire Events

From: Girish Balachandran, CEO

Prepared by: Kevin Armstrong, Administrative Services Manager

Date: 8/28/2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Executive Committee recommend the Board of Directors approve amending Resolution 2020-18, which authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to grant 20 days paid-time-off to employees affected by the COVID-19 disease through December 31, 2020, to also include time off for personal emergency response to employees displaced due to wildfires.

BACKGROUND

Over the past several years, wildfires in California have increased in number, severity, and proximity to populated areas. On August 16, 2020, lightning storms struck the Bay Area, starting two large fire complexes (collections of many smaller fires that eventually merge together) in Santa Clara County – the SCU Lightning Complex to the east of San Jose, and the CZU Lightning Complex, straddling the Santa Clara / Santa Cruz County line. On August 19, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency.

Several SVCE staff have already been displaced from their homes due to wildfire proximity or air quality levels reaching hazardous levels.

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

In the unfortunate event that an employee is evacuated due to wildfire, they would most likely be impacted significantly with the tasks needed to protect and preserve their homes. The Resolution provides financial security during a time of high anxiety by allowing the employee to draw upon the 20 additional days of PTO before using their accrued PTO. The benefit will be applied on a case-by-case review.

The situation is fluid. As new information is provided, further recommendations from staff may be forthcoming to the Board.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommendation supports the “Health and Welfare” goals of the strategic plan.

ALTERNATIVE

Staff is open to suggestions from the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation will have a minimal fiscal impact to the agency if an employee is affected.