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Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
7:00 pm

Pursuant to State of California Government Code 54953 (e) the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

Call to Order:
All present Board members participated via teleconference.

Call to Order:
Acting Chair Gibbons called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:
Present:
Liz Gibbons (Vice Chair), Campbell
Jon Robert Willey, Cupertino
Zach Hilton, Gilroy
Neysa Fligor, Los Altos
George Tyson, Los Altos Hills
Rob Rennie, Los Gatos
Evelyn Chua, Milpitas
Javed Ellahie, Monte Sereno
Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Morgan Hill
Tina Walia, Saratoga
Gustav Larsson, Sunnyvale

Absent:
Margaret Abe-Koga (Chair), Mountain View
Susan Ellenberg, Santa Clara County

All Present Board Members participated via teleconference.
Vice Chair Gibbons served as Acting Chair.

(Note: Public Comment was inadvertently taken out of order after the approval of the Consent Calendar)

Consent Calendar

Vice Chair Gibbons called for comments from the Board or the public. No requests to comment were received.

MOTION: Director Chua moved; Director Ellahie seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1a through 1j.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.

1a) Approve Minutes of the September 8, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting
1b) Receive August 2021 Treasurer Report
1c) Adopt the FY22 Strategic Focus Areas and Work Plan

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1d) Closing Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to Address Legislative and Regulatory Responses to Industry Transition
1e) Executive Committee Report
1f) Finance and Administration Committee Report
1g) Audit Committee Report
1h) Receive Quarterly Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Programs Update for Q3 2021
1i) California Community Power Report
1j) Adopt Resolution Authorizing Public Meetings to Continue to Be Held Via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and Making the Required Findings

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Acting Chair Gibbons opened public comment.

Bruce Karney stated for the past several years he has been tracking how different CCAs in Northern California source and price their energy compared to PG&E. He commented on the findings (see document attached).



Bruce Karney Public Comment Document

No further public comments.

Regular Calendar

2) CEO Report (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran stated his report consisted of the written material in the Board packet and an introduction of four newly hired SVCE employees.

The following employees introduced themselves to the Board and talked briefly about their experience, their position with SVCE, and their personal interests:

Maren Wenzel; Power Resources Planner;
Zakary Liske; Power Contracts and Settlements Manager;
Charles Grinstead, Power Resources Manager; and
Naomi Moraes, Funding and Finance Fellow through the Climate Corps.

3) Clean Energy Procurement Informational Update (Presentation)

Monica Padilla, Director of Power Resources began her update by welcoming her new Team Members. Her presentation included an update on Renewable Portfolio Standards, Power Purchase Agreements, Reliability, Mid-term Reliability Procurement Order, California Community Power and Long Duration Storage Procurement.

During her update it was noted that SVCE has exceeded RPS mandates and will exceed long-term PPAs. Acting Chair Gibbons congratulated the staff, the CEO, and the Board for the progress that has been made to bring SVCE power online.

Director Padilla reviewed projects currently under construction. She stated there is a page on the SVCE website that provides information on the progress of projects. Staff is working on strategies to work with developers to bring the projects online seamlessly and schedule the contracts, some of which are

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currently delayed, primarily due to COVID-19 and supply shortages. She then provided a timeline of PPAs expected over the next nine quarters.

She stated a large focus has been on the coordination, planning and reliability for Resource Adequacy Reform.

She commented on the multiple procurement decisions that have been made in the last 24 months, on an unprecedented scale, speed and frequency of orders by the CPUC.

Director Padilla responded to questions by Directors Willey and Chua. She reviewed requirements for future clean procurement, and the progress that has been made with CC Power. She provided the timeline for LDS Project #1 approval process.

Discussion ensued including the rise in cost and delays in projects due to COVID-19 and shortages in global supply chains; load forecasts, mandated allocations, timeline for the joint agreement with CCAs, increased supply cost and reduced hydro availability. Director Padilla stated many issues would be addressed at the Integrated Resource Planning Cycle.

Public Comment:
Bruce Karney asked how the competitive nature of all the CCAs along with PGE balance with what California Community Power is doing. CEO Balachandran stated there is an aspect of being competitive; but also benefits and economies to purchasing as a group.

Board member announcements and Future Agenda Items:

Acting Chair Gibbons stated she would like to discuss at a later date the transition to time-of-use and how it would impact demand and costs in the future.

Acting Chair Gibbons congratulated Director Fligor and the City of Los Gatos for the new community center and also Don Bray who was involved in the community group. She noted the commitment by Los Gatos to implement the goal of a carbon-free environment.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dorothy Roberts, Interim Board Clerk