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**MCE
BOARD RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
9:00 A.M.
City of Richmond Memorial Auditorium
403 Civic Center Drive
Richmond, CA 94804**

Call to Order: Chair Kate Sears called the Special Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Present:

Mike Anderson, City of Lafayette
Sloan Bailey, Town of Corte Madera
Tom Butt, City of Richmond
John Gioia, County of Contra Costa
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur
Greg Lyman, City of El Cerrito
Bob McCaskill, City of Belvedere
Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, City of San Pablo
Elizabeth Patterson, City of Benicia
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon
Kate Sears, County of Marin
John Vasquez, County of Solano
Justin Wedel, City of Walnut Creek
Ray Withy, City of Mill Valley and City the City of Sausalito
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa

Absent:

Denise Athas, City of Novato
Lisa Blackwell, Town of Danville
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
Sue Higgins, City of Oakley
Andrew McCullough, City of San Rafael
Tim McGallian, City of Concord
P. Rupert Russell, Town of Ross
Vincent Salimi, City of Pinole
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
Rob Schroder, City of Martinez
Renata Sos, Town of Moraga
Jon Welner, Town of Tiburon

Staff:

Jesica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk
Sherry Clark, Administrative Services Assistant
John Dalessi, Operations and Development
Kirby Dusel, Resource Planning and Renewable Energy Programs
Brian Goldstein, Resource Planning & Implementation
Alice Havenar-Daughton, Director of Customer Programs
Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk
Sam Kang, Resource Planning
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Shaheen Khan, Director of Human Resources, Diversity, and Inclusion
Justin Kudo, Strategic Analysis and Rates Manager
Justine Parmelee, Manager of Administrative Services
Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance
Lindsay Saxby, Power Supply Contracts Manager
Taylor Sherman, Administrative Services Assistant
Heather Shepard, Director of Public Affairs
Shalini Swaroop, General Counsel
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer
Brett Wiley, Customer Programs Manager

1. Roll Call/Quorum

Roll call was conducted and quorum established.

2. Public Open Time (Discussion)

There were no comments.

3. Opening Remarks (Discussion)

Opening remarks were provided by Chair Sears. She noted that this is the first year MCE has not gone through an expansion in its service area, which has allowed MCE to focus on other important work, such as the following 2019 accomplishments:

- MCE completed its first FIT projects in East Contra Contra County (Oakley), as well as in Napa County (American Canyon), unveiling two solar installations that will be delivering power to MCE customers for the next 20 years.
- MCE completed its first solar electric vehicle charging project on the parking lot of the San Rafael office and helped install EV charging stations at workplaces across our service area.
- MCE remained fiscally strong and earned our second credit rating signaling our fiscal strengths to the market and other stakeholders.

- Customer participation in 100% renewable energy is growing. As of today, 20 of our member municipalities have chosen deep green for their municipal load.
- State-wide the CCA movement has grown and currently there are 19 CCAs in operation, half of which were formed last year.

CEO Dawn Weisz, provided the following brief report:

- A huge thank you to Darlene Jackson and Jesica Brooks for providing critical and executive support as well as support to the Board.
- The presence and anticipated participation of CPUC Commissioner Martha Guzman-Aceves and possible attendance of Commissioner Liane Randolph was noted. Ms. Weisz also set parameters under which dialogue and questions should be presented to the Commissioners. There should be no side-bar conversations related to agenda items or other items that should remain public.
- A few housekeeping items were noted and the first program speaker was introduced.

4. MCE Accomplishments and Goals (Discussion)

Departmental accomplishments and goals were presented by the following staff members and questions from the Board were addressed:

- Lindsay Saxby, Manager of Power Resources
- Heather Shepard, Director of Public Affairs
- Alice Havenar-Daughton, Director of Customer Programs

Chair Sears opened public comment period and there were no speakers.

5. Challenges and Opportunities (Discussion)

Perspectives on this topic were shared by the following staff members and consultants, and questions from the Board were addressed:

- Lindsay Saxby, Manager of Power Resources
- Kirby Dusel, Resource Planning and Renewable Energy Programs
- Brian Goldstein, Resource Planning & Implementation
- Heather Shepard, Director of Public Affairs
- Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
- Justin Kudo, Strategic Analysis and Rates

CPUC Commissioner, Martha Guzman-Aceves, briefly participated in the challenges and opportunities discussion and entertained questions from the Board.

Chair Sears opened public comment period and there were no speakers.

6. MCE Accomplishments and Goals (Discussion)

Departmental accomplishments and goals were presented by the following staff members, and questions from the Board were addressed:

- Justine Parmelee, Manager of Administrative
- Shaheen Khan, Director of Human Resources, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance
- Shalini Swaroop, General Counsel

Chair Sears opened public comment period and there were no speakers.

7. Technology in Practice (Discussion)

- **7a** - Brett Wiley, Customer Programs Manager, lead the Electric Vehicle Scorecard AB 1236 discussion and introduced Tyson Eckerle, Deputy Director of Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go Biz). Questions from the Board were addressed.
- **7b** - CEO Vicken Kasarjian introduced Tom Willard, CEO of Sage Renewables who presented on Battery Storage & Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) and addressed questions from the Board.

Chair Sears opened public comment period and there were no speakers.

8. Emerging Issues (Discussion)


CEO Weisz presented this item which allowed the Board to further discuss and address previously discussed topics.

Chair Sears opened public comment period and there were no speakers.

9. Board Member & Staff Matters (Discussion)

There were not announcements.

10. The Board Chair adjourned the Special Meeting at 3:33 P.M. to the next Regular Board Meeting on October 17, 2019.



Kate Sears, Chair

Attest:



Dawn Weisz, Secretary

