MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 16, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors' Meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Board Members, staff and members of the public were able to participate in the Board Meeting via teleconference.

Present: Mike Anderson, City of Lafayette
             Denise Athas, City of Novato
             Tom Butt, City of Richmond
             Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
             Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur
             Sue Higgins, City of Oakley
             C. William Kircher, Town of Ross
             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
             Vincent Salimi, City of Pinole
             Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
             Rob Schroder, City of Martinez
             Kate Sears, County of Marin
             Renata Sos, Town of Moraga
             Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon
             John Vasquez, County of Solano
             Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa
             Justin Wedel, City of Walnut Creek
             Ray Withy, City of Sausalito and City of Mill Valley

Absent: Edi Birsan, City of Concord
             Lisa Blackwell, Town of Danville
             John Gioia, Contra Costa County
             Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo
             David Kunhardt, Town of Corte Madera
             Andrew McCullough, City of San Rafael

Staff
& Others: Jesica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk

Stephanie Chen, Senior Policy Counsel
Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk
Alice Havenar-Daughton, Director of Customer Programs
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Evelyn Reyes, Administrative Services Assistant
Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance
Enyo Senyo-Mensah, Administrative Services Associate
Shalini Swaroop, General Counsel
Jamie Tuckey, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

1. Roll Call/Quorum:

Director Kate Sears called the regular July 16, 2020 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. Committee Announcements (Discussion)

There were none.

3. Public Open Time (Discussion)

Chair Sears opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)

CEO Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

- Congratulations to the Town of Yountville, the fourth jurisdiction in Napa County to go 100% renewable with MCE Deep Green. Yountville will be joining 24 other MCE communities who have committed to 100% renewable energy.
- Load impacts: Residential load had increased, with an almost matching reduction in commercial load. Overall, we have seen a 5-8% load reduction.
- MCE is promoting CARE, FERA and Medical Baseline programs to help customers keep their energy costs down. We are seeing a noticeable up tick in enrolment in those programs. Please spread the word about the availability of these programs in your communities.
- The California State Climate Credit showed up on customer bills during the months of March and April which helped offset energy costs a bit.
o MCE is continuing to offer free charging in the San Rafael offices parking lot and we have seen a significant increase in charging sessions and charging times. MCE is continuing remote work for all staff and all community meetings have been transitioned to remote access.

- MCE and PG&E Joint Mailer went out on July 1st. If you or any community members have any questions, feel free to reach out to us.
- MCE's Annual Board Retreat is being held virtually for the first time and is scheduled for Friday, September 18, 2020. It will take the place of the Thursday, September 17 Board Meeting. Please reach out to Dawn or Darlene with retreat topic ideas or suggestions.

5. <u>Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)</u>

   C.1   Approval of 5.21.20 Meeting Minutes
   C.2   Approved Contracts for Energy Update
   C.3   Response to Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report

   Chair Sears opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

   > Action: It was M/S/C (Lyman/Wagenknecht) to **approve Consent Calendar item C.1**.
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   > Action: It was M/S/C (Lyman/Haroff) to **approve Consent Calendar item C.2**.
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   > Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Higgins) to **approve Consent Calendar item C.3**.
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   > All motions were carried by roll call vote. (Abstained on C.1 and C.2: Directors: Thier and Schroder) (Absent: Directors Birsan, Blackwell, Gioia, Greene, Kunhardt, McCullough).

6. <u>Transfer of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Funds to the Operating Reserve Fund (Discussion/Action)</u>

   Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance, presented this item and addressed questions from Board Members.

   Chair Sears opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

   > Action: It was M/S/C (Patterson/Haroff) to 1. approve the deferral of $10,500,000 into the Operating Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and, 2. direct staff to develop proposed parameters for future deferrals into the Fund and use of the Fund. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Birsan, Blackwell, Gioia, Greene, Kunhardt, McCullough).

7. <u>Inaugural MCE Climate Action Leadership Award and Nomination (Discussion/Action)</u>

   Stephanie Chen, Senior Policy Counsel, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Sears opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Wagenknecht/Athas) to 1) approve the creation of the Climate Action Leadership Award and, 2) approve staff's recommendation that the inaugural Climate Action Award be presented to Senator Mike McGuire later this year. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Birsan, Blackwell, Gioia, Greene, Kunhardt, McCullough).

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8. Customer Programs Update (Discussion)

   Alice Havenar-Daughton, Director of Customer Programs presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

   Chair Sears opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

9. Board & Staff Matters (Discussion)

   There were no announcements or additional matters.

10. Adjournment

    Chair Kate Sears adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on August 20, 2020.

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Kate Sears, Chair

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary