

**MCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, December 3, 2021**  
**12:15 P.M.**

The Executive Committee Meeting was conducted pursuant to the requirements of [Assembly Bill No. 361](#) (September 16, 2021) which allows a public agency to use teleconferencing during a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency without meeting usual [Ralph M. Brown Act](#) teleconference requirements. Committee Members, staff and members of the public were able to participate in the Committee Meeting via teleconference.

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**Present:** Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere and the City of Mill Valley  
Edi Birsan, City of Concord  
Lisa Motoyama, Alternate, City of El Cerrito  
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax  
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur  
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa and All Five Napa Cities  
Maureen Toms, City of Pinole  
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg  
Tom Butt, City of Richmond  
Ford Greene Town of San Anselmo  
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek

**Absent:** Denise Athas, City of Novato

**Staff**

**& Others:** Jessica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk  
Sebastian Conn, Community Development Manager  
Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk  
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer  
Ami Kundaria, Administrative Services Assistant  
Enyonam Senyo-Mensah, Administrative Services Associate  
Sabrinna Soldavini, Policy Analyst  
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

**1. Roll Call**

Chair Haroff called the regular Executive Committee meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

**2. Board Announcements (Discussion)**

There were no announcements.

**3. Public Open Time (Discussion)**

Chair Haroff opened the public comment period and there were comments from members of the public Andrew Taylor, and Susan Morgan.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Designated Representative: Board Chair  
Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer

#### **The Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 12:20 p.m.**

4. The Committee reconvened at 1:30 p.m. and took no action. Quorum Established by Roll Call.

#### **5. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)**

CEO, Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

- A new 5-megawatt local solar project went live in Benicia. This is now the largest renewable energy project in Solano County and it was completed with prevailing wage and 52% local labor
  - The project covers 35 acres, and will generate enough power to serve 2,000 homes a year with 100% renewable power. It will eliminate over 9,500 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions, equivalent to removing more than 2,000 cars from the road for a year.
  - It is the first project to be completed through the FIT Plus program, which pays project developers above-market rates for larger renewable energy project from within MCE's service area. All projects completed through this program pay prevailing wage, commit to 50% local hire, and follow our pollinator-friendly solar requirements.
  - To date, MCE's local solar programs have generated over 35 MW of solar power locally, to augment the 2 billion we have invested in renewable energy statewide.
- Yesterday, the Commission voted unanimously to approve \$11M in funding for MCE's PeakFlex Market Program. In their discussion of the item, regulators called out MCE's innovation in this area and thanked us for our contributions. They also made the decision to copy our program, and deploy it statewide. This program is having a big impact on helping with the duck curve - dealing with the grid strain in the evening, when solar supply disappears. In addition, this program helps reduce the use of fossil power in the evening hours, which is a significant issue for solar customers without batteries.

- Our MCE Cares Credit program is still going strong and has already helped over 30,000 customers save on their energy bills.
  - MCE will soon enroll customers in the Low-Income Solar program your committee approved, which will provide income-qualified solar customers living in a designated disadvantaged community with 100% solar energy along with a 20% discount on cost. As a reminder, these programs are called Community Solar Connection and Green Access.
- MCE's annual holiday party will be held tonight virtually starting at 6pm and is open to the public.
- MCE will hold its regular Board meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- CalCCA, the trade association of CCAs across the state, held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday and it was filled with great content which we are happy to share.

#### **6. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)**

- C.1 Approval of 11.5.21 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Third Agreement with Franklin Energy Services, LLC
- C.3 Third Agreement with Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc.
- C.4 Fifth Agreement with Recurve Analytics, Inc.
- C.5 Assembly Bill No. 361: New Teleconferencing Legislation Resolution No. 2021-10 Authorizing Continued Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Board of Directors and Every Committee of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)

Chair Haroff opened the public comment period and there were no

Action: It was M/S/C (Quinto/Greene) **to approve Consent Calendar items C.1 - C.5.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Athas, and Darling).

comments.

#### **7. Charles F. McGlashan Advocacy Award Nominations (Discussion/Action)**

Sebastian Conn, Community Development Manager, presented this item and addressed questions from Committee members.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Coler/Butt) **to select Sustainable Contra Costa as the 2021 recipients of the Charles F. McGlashan Advocacy Award with**

**the award to be presented at the next meeting of the MCE Board of Directors.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Athas, and Darling).

**8. Letter Regarding California Public Utilities Commission Ratesetting Proceeding for Solar Customers (Discussion/Action)**

Sabrina Soldavini, Policy Analyst, presented this item and addressed questions from Committee members.

Chair Haroff opened the public comment period and there were comments made by members of the public Igor Tregub, Walt Bilofsky, Howdy Goudey, and Marti Roach.

Action: It was M/S/C (Butt/Murphy) to **adopt the draft letter with updates; including that MCE supports the sustainable and equitable growth of rooftop solar, particularly for low-income and disadvantaged communities, via the net energy metering (NEM) 3.0 proceeding.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Athas, Darling, and Greene).

**9. Review Draft 12.16.21 Board Agenda (Discussion)**

CEO Weisz, introduced this item and addressed questions from Committee members.

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

Action: No action required.

**10. Committee & Staff Matters (Discussion)**

There were none.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Haroff adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m. to the next scheduled Executive Committee Meeting on January 7, 2022.

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**Kevin Haroff, Chair**

**Attest:**

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*Dawn Weisz*

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**Dawn Weisz, Secretary**