

MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2022
7:00 P.M.

This 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.

Present: Denise Athas, City of Novato
Edi Birsan, City of Concord
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek
Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette
David Fong, Town of Danville
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross
Lisa Motoyama, City of El Cerrito
Katy Miessner, City of Vallejo
Leila Mongan, Town of Corte Madera
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole, Acting Chair
Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, City of San Pablo
Gabe Paulson, City of Larkspur
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon
Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere and City of Mill Valley

Absent: Tom Butt, City of Richmond
John Gioia, Contra Costa County
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley
Teresa Onoda, Town of Moraga
Doriss Panduro, City of Fairfield
Katie Rice, County of Marin
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg
Christina Strawbridge, City of Benicia
John Vasquez, County of Solano
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa
Brianne Zorn, City of Martinez

Staff

& Others: Jessica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk
Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Ami Kundaria, Internal Operations Assistant
Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance & Treasurer
Stephanie Chen, Senior Policy Counsel
Daniel Settlemyer, Internal Operations Coordinator
Maira Strauss, Manager of Finance
Shalini Swaroop, Chief Legal & Policy Officer
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

1. Roll Call

Acting Chair Murphy called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. Board Announcements (Discussion)

There were none.

3. Public Open Time (Discussion)

Acting Chair Murphy opened up public open time and comments were made by members of the public, Ryan Pickering and Brendan Pittman.

4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)

CEO Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

- Shared the passing of Doug Wilson:
 - Doug was born and raised in the Bay Area and was an active member of the Marin Conservation League since the 1980s. He most recently served as a member of their Board of Directors, and co-chaired Marin Conservation League's Climate Action Working Group.
 - Doug also served previously on the Fairfax Town Council and as Mayor, on the Marin County Parks, Open Space and Cultural Affairs Commission, chaired the Marin County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and represented Marin on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.
 - Doug was a member of MCE's Community Power Coalition, and a frequent participant in our Technical Committee meetings. He always took the time to understand issues in

great depth so that he could weigh-in with a solid foundation. He was a true bridge builder, and his collaborative and studious approach at MCE created a positive and productive relationship with MCL, truly adding value to our work at MCE. He will be missed, but his contributions and collaborative spirit will live on in our work.

- Power Supply transactions coming up:
 - A multi-year system resource adequacy, and two multi-year carbon free transactions
 - An upcoming hedge request for offer
 - A multi-year bundled renewable energy sales agreement with Clean Power San Francisco for its Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Green Tariff Program
- MCE has submitted a \$188M Energy Efficiency Application to the CPUC to expand our energy efficiency work over the next 8 years. This is a ground-breaking application that would greatly enhance our ability to do EE program in our area.
- MCE finalized and submitted to the CPUC its Supplier Diversity Report.
- On the CalCCA front:
 - A very productive CalCCA-hosted Lobby day was held this week in Sacramento.
 - Orange County Power Authority will launch service to commercial customers on April 1st, and then residential customers in October
 - The City of Auburn has signed up for 100-percent renewable energy, and is on its way to becoming the first city in Placer County to utilize power from 100-percent renewable energy resources.
- On the Legislative front:
 - MCE is beginning to meet with our federal delegation. Thanks to Board members for assisting in these meetings.
 - AB 1814: A template letter of support with other helpful documents have been circulated. In addition to all Board members, the documents were sent to each County Administrator and City/Town Manager in MCE's service area. We continue to receive favorable responses.
- As a reminder, the deadline for submitting your Form 700 to MCE is April 1st. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)

- C.1 Approval of 2.17.22 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contracts For Energy Update

- C.3 Resolution No. 2022-04 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)
- C.4 Second Amended and Restated Demand FLEXmarket Agreement with Recurve Analytics, Inc.
- C.5 First Amended and Restated Schedule A.2 and Second Amended and Restated Schedule A.3 to the Master Services Agreement with Association for Energy Affordability

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Thier) to **approve Consent Calendar items C.1 – C.5**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Butt, Gioia, Greene, Meadows, Onoda, Panduro, Rice, Scales-Preston, Strawbridge, Vasquez, Waenknecht, and Zorn).

6. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Proposed Budget (Discussion/Action)

Garth Salisbury, Director of Finance & Treasurer, and Maira Strauss, Finance Manager, presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Coler/Perkins) to **approve the Fiscal Year 2022/23 proposed Budgets for the Operating Fund, Energy Efficiency Program Fund, Local Renewable Energy and Program Development Fund, and Resiliency Fund**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Butt, Gioia, Greene, Meadows, Onoda, Panduro, Rice, Scales-Preston, Strawbridge, Vasquez, Wagenknecht, and Zorn).

7. Resolution 2022-05 Appointing Director of Finance as Treasurer (Discussion/Action)

COO Kasarjian, presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Coler/Birsan) to **adopt Resolution No. 2022-05 Appointing Director of Finance as Treasurer**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Butt, Gioia, Greene, Meadows, Onoda, Panduro, Rice, Scales-Preston, Strawbridge, Vasquez, Wagenknecht, and Zorn).

8. Policy Update of Regulatory and Legislative Items (Discussion/Action)

Shalini Swaroop, Chief Legal & Policy Officer and Stephanie Chen, Senior Policy Counsel, presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

Action: No action required.


11. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)

Comments were made by Director Kellman.

12. Adjournment

Acting Chair Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on April 21, 2022.

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Devin Murphy, Acting Chair

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary