

**MCE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday September 29, 2022**  
**9:00 A.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.

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**Call to Order:** Chair Butt called the Special Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Present:** Denise Athas, City of Novato  
Eli Beckman, Town of Corte Madera  
Edi Birsan, City of Concord  
Tom Butt, City of Richmond, Board Chair  
Christina Strawbridge, City of Benicia  
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax  
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek  
David Fong, Town of Danville  
John Gioia, Contra Costa County  
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo  
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael  
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur  
Wei-Tai Kwok, Alternate, City of Lafayette  
Katy Miessner, City of Vallejo  
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole  
Teresa Onoda, Town of Moraga  
Gabriel Quinto, City of El Cerrito  
Katie Rice, County of Marin  
Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill  
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg  
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon  
Brad Wagenknecht, County of Napa  
Brianne Zorn, City of Martinez

**Absent:** Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito  
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross  
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley  
Doriss Panduro, City of Fairfield  
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon  
Max Perrey, City of Mill Valley  
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo

John Vasquez, County of Solano  
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere

**Staff**

**& Others:** Tyla Brown, Community Development Manager  
Kirby Dusel, Pacific Energy Advisors Consultant  
Darlene Jackson, Lead Board Clerk  
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer  
Ami Kundaria, Internal Operations Assistant  
Joey Lande, Manager of Customer Programs  
Nathaniel Malcolm, Senior Policy Counsel  
Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
Lindsay Saxby, Director of Power Resources  
Enyonam Senyo-Mensah, Office Manager  
Daniel Settlemyer, Internal Operations Coordinator  
Jenna Tenney, Senior Communications Manager  
Jamie Tuckey, Chief of Staff  
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

**1. Roll Call**

Chair Tom Butt called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Quorum was established by roll call.

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

There were no comments.

**3. Assembly Bill No. 361: New Teleconferencing Legislation Resolution No. 2022-11 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Board of Directors and Every Committee of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e); and Resolution No. 2021-08 Delegating Authority to MCE Executive Committee to Adopt Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) (Discussion/Action)**

Action: It was M/S/C (Quinto/Gulati) to **adopt Proposed Resolution No. 2022-11 Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Board of Directors and Every Committee of the Board of Directors Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Kellman, Kircher, Meadows, Panduro, Perkins, Perrey, Ponce, Vasquez, and

**4. Opening Remarks and State of MCE (Discussion)**

CEO Dawn Weisz and Chief of Staff Jamie Tuckey, both provided opening remarks.

- CEO Weisz began by offering a huge thank you and appreciation to the MCE Board of Directors for their many contributions and continued support during the pandemic.
- Chief of Staff Jamie Tuckey, reported on Public Affairs, EV Usage, MCE Sync Program, and Portable Battery Giveaway.
- CEO Weisz reported on Policy successes, Media Coverage, and On the Horizon.
- CEO Weisz also welcomed the City of Fairfield as the 37<sup>th</sup> community to join MCE. MCE began service to customers in Fairfield in April 2022.

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

**5. MCE Power Statistics Update (Discussion)**

Kirby Dusel, Pacific Energy Advisors, presented this item and addressed questions from the Board.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were comments from member of the public Carol Weed.

**6. Board Discussion on Member Community Needs & Priorities (Discussion)**

Senior Communications Manager Jenna Tenney and Community Development Manager Tyla Brown, both facilitated this discussion.

Chair Butt opened the public comment period and there were comments from member of the public Howdy Goudey.

**7. Report on MCE FY2021/22 Financial Audit (Discussion)**

Director Kevin Haroff, presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

**8. State of the Market (Discussion)**

COO Vicken Kasarjian, introduced this item and the individual presenters.

- a. The New Normal in Contracting – Lindsay Saxby, Director of Power Resources
- b. Challenges in the Resource Adequacy Market – Brian Goldstein, Pacific Energy Advisors, and MCE Senior Policy Counsel, Nathaniel

Malcolm  
c. Fiscal Year Effects – CFO and Treasurer Garth Salisbury

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

**9. MCE Load-Shifting Programs: Past, Present and Future (Discussion)**

Manager of Customer Programs, Joey Lande and Chief of Staff Jamie Tuckey, presented this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

**10. Board and Staff Matters (Discussion)**

There were none.

**11. Adjournment**

The Board Chair adjourned the Special Meeting at 2:20 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on October 20, 2022.

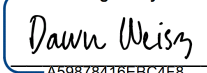
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**Dawn Weisz, Secretary**