

MCE SPECIAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 16, 2022
8:30 A.M.

The Technical 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.

Present: Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon
Katie Rice, County of Marin (Acting Chair)

Absent: John Gioia, Contra Costa County
Ford Greene, Town of San Anselmo (Chair)
Katy Miessner, City of Vallejo
Teresa Onoda, Town of Moraga

**Staff
& Others:** Jesica Brooks, Assistant Board Clerk
Darlene Jackson, Board Clerk
Vicken Kasarjian, Chief Operating Officer
Ami Kundaria, Internal Operations Assistant
Alexandra McGee, Manager of Strategic Initiatives
Zae Perrin, Manager of Customer Operations
Sabrinna Soldavini, Policy Analyst II
Dawn Weisz, Chief Executive Officer

1. Roll Call

Acting Chair Rice called the Special Technical Committee meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. Board Announcements (Discussion)

There were no announcements.

3. Public Open Time (Discussion)

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

4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)

CEO Dawn Weisz, reported the following:

Flex Alerts

- The first week of September marked the longest and hottest heat wave in California history resulting in 10 consecutive days of Flex Alerts issued from the California Independent System Operator asking all Californians to conserve energy. A huge, coordinated statewide effort ensued to help prevent rolling power outages. Our staff work closely with the Governor's Office, CEC, CAISO, CPUC, and all other load serving entities including the IOUs and CCAs. Here are some highlights of MCE's efforts.
 - Nearly 3,500 MCE customers reduced load through our Peak Flex program or smart EV charging program, MCE Sync.
 - 2 emails were sent to 302,000 customers (every customer with an email on file), asking them to conserve, and had an amazing 56% open rate.
 - Another 2 dozen personalized emails were sent to our largest commercial customers, local government staff, businesses and housing associations.
 - Started airing our own TV commercial encouraging energy conservation from 4-9pm the day before the Flex Alerts started.
- Despite record breaking demand on the grid and the threats and impacts of extreme heat, wildfire and weather, the grid continued to provide power. A thank you was extended to all for helping MCE get the word out to conserve energy and keep the power on for everyone.

Board Retreat

- Upcoming Board retreat on September 29th. A brief survey was sent out to the Board of Directors. The results of the survey will be used to drive a discussion about community needs and which MCE programs and messaging best resonates with constituents.

Governor Press Conference

- Today in Solano County, Governor Newsom signed World-Leading Climate Action Legislation to enact some of the nation's most aggressive climate measures in history. At a clean energy-powered press conference, the Governor also highlighted the record \$54 billion climate investment included in this year's budget.

5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)

- C.1 Approval of 7.7.22 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Proposed License and Software Services Agreement with Power Settlements Consulting and Software, LLC
- C.3 First Amendment to First Agreement with Willdan Energy Solutions

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Murphy/Perkins) to **approve Consent Calendars C1 – C3**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Miessner, and Onoda).

6. Master Services Agreement with Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Schedule A.1 Statement of Work for Data Management and Billing Services (Discussion/Action)

Manager of Customer Operations Zae Perrin, presented this item and addressed questions from Committee members.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Dawson/Perkins) to **approve the Proposed Master Services Agreement and Proposed Schedule A.1 Statement of Work for Data Management and Billing Services with Sacramento Municipal Utility District ("SMUD")**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Miessner, and Onoda).

7. Draft Electric Schedule VPPT – Virtual Power Plant Tariff (Discussion/Action)

Manager of Strategic Initiatives Alexandra McGee, presented this item and addressed questions from Committee members.

It was recommended that a Subcommittee be established to further discussion the Virtual Power Plant Tariff. Directors Butt, Dawson, Murphy and Rice expressed interest in participating on said committee when presented to the Board of Directors.

Acting Chair Rice opened the public comment period and there were

Action: It was M/S/C (Haroff/Perkins) to **approve** Electric **Schedule VTTP – Virtual Power Plant Tariff**. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Gioia, Greene, Miessner, and Onoda).

comments from Member of the Public, Howdy Goudey.

8. Follow-up on VAMO (Discussion)

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

No action required.

9. Committee & Staff Matters (Discussion)

There were none.

10. Adjournment

Acting Chair Rice adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m. to the next scheduled Technical Committee Meeting on October 6, 2022.

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Devin Murphy

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Katie Rice, Acting Chair

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Dawn Weisz, Secretary