

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER (CC POWER)

June 16, 2021

On this date, a Regular Meeting of the Directors of CC Power was held telephonically.

Representatives Present:

Member Agency	Director
Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)	Tom Habashi
Clean Power San Francisco	Barbara Hale
East Bay Community Energy (EBCE)	Nick Chaset
Marin Clean Energy (MCE)	Mike Callahan, Alternate Director
Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE)	Jan Pepper
Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA)	Matthew Marshall
San José Clean Energy (SJCE)	Lori Mitchell
Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)	Girish Balachandran, Chair
Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCP)	Geof Syphers
Valley Clean Energy	Mitch Sears

1. Call to Order: Chair Balachandran called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
2. Verification of Meeting Quorum: Mr. Tony Braun, General Counsel, verified that there was a quorum to proceed. Attendance is noted above. East Bay Community Energy joined prior to item 6B, the vote on Resolution 21-06-01; Central Coast Community Energy joined prior to item 6F, the discussion of individual member items. All Directors present participated via teleconference.
3. Matters Subsequent to Posting the Agenda: None.
4. Public Comment: Chair Balachandran invited comments from the public on matters not on the agenda. Public comment was received from Rick Bonilla, who thanked the Committee and the Board for their work on the interim workforce policies for the LDS project and urged Board not to lose sight of the fact that there would need to be additional policies going forward. No further public comment was offered.
5. Consent Agenda: Chair Balachandran invited questions from the Board on the Consent Agenda and there were none. Director Syphers moved, Director Marshall seconded, there was no Board opposition, and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved by all participating directors.
6. Regular Agenda Items – Discussion and Possible Action:
 - A. Chair Balachandran reported on behalf of the *ad hoc* committee and recommended the Board approve the agreement with Mr. Tim Haines, Grid and Power Symmetry, LLC, for

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interim general manager services. Chair Balachandran invited questions from the Board, there were none. Director Hale moved to approve the agreement, and Director Mitchell seconded. Chair Balachandran invited comment from the public and did not receive any.

A roll call vote was taken, and the participating Directors voted unanimously in favor of Resolution 21-06-10 *Approval of Agreement with Tim Haines, Grid & Power Symmetry, LLC, for Interim General Manager Services.*

Chair Balachandran introduced Mr. Haines, who has had a long career in public power. Mr. Haines expressed his excitement about serving this Board, its member agencies and their customers. He also commended the Board on the remarkable progress made in decarbonizing the grid and expressed his desire to meet with the Board members and their teams to discuss how they think LDS projects will help meet the needs of their communities and any additional projects and programs they would like CC Power to take on.

- B. Chair Balachandran thanked Mr. Jim Shetler and recognized him for his contribution and service as Interim General manager, including his assistance with the formation of CC Power and for his work on the LDS project, budget, and policy development. Chair Balachandran invited comment from the public and did not receive any. Directors Syphers, Pepper, and Sears offered additional thanks to Mr. Shetler. Director Marshall moved, Director Pepper seconded, and a roll call vote was taken. The participating Directors voted unanimously in favor Resolution 21-06-01 *Commending and Thanking Jim Shetler for his Service to California Community Power.* Mr. Shetler thanked Board for the recognition and the opportunity and encouraged the Board to work with the new General Manager on delegation of authority to relieve the Board of minor issues that may develop.
- C. Mr. Shetler provided an overview on the budget adjustment for the Interim General Manger transition and to accommodate VCE's participation in the LDS project. The 2021 Budget did not account for a transition overlap between the Interim General Managers. Mr. Shetler, Mr. Haines, and Chair Balachandran determined it would be beneficial to allow for some transition time and recommend a two-week overlap in June and as-needed and additional time for consultation in July. Based on expenditures to date, Mr. Shelter believes half of the required hours could be covered in the existing budget and suggested adding \$5,000 to the budget to be allocated in June and July. He invited questions from the Board and did not receive any.

Mr. Shetler further reported that VCE had expressed interest in participating in the LDS Project and committed to cover its share of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 development costs. This change does not result in a budget increase, but rather a minor budget reduction for the other participants.

Mr. Shetler asked the Board to consider and approve the resolution to increase in the 2021 budget for General Manager services to cover the transition in June and July and approve an adjustment in the LDS Project allocations to accommodate VCE's participation. Chair Balachandran invited discussion from the Board and comment from public and there was none. VCE expressed its desire to vote on the first action and abstain from the second action. Mr. Braun responded that at the Board's discretion, the actions could be split, or the Board could move forward and VCE could abstain from voting on the resolution, noting that, if there was support from the Members, the resolution would still carry. With VCE's consent, Chair Balachandran confirmed going forward with one vote. Director Chaset moved, Director Syphers seconded, and a roll

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call vote was taken. Director Sears abstained, and the remaining participating Directors voted in favor of Resolution 21-06-11 *Approval of CC Power Budget Adjustment to Reflect Interim General Manager Transition and Accommodate Valley Clean Energy Participation in the Long Duration Storage Project.*

D. Mr. Shetler introduced the revision to the Long Duration Storage (LDS) Cost Sharing Agreement, which accommodates the addition of VCE to the Phase 2 LDS Project. Mr. Shetler noted this was an example where delegation of authority would have streamlined the process and suggested the Board consider future delegations to simplify processes. Mr. Braun noted that, in developing the Cost Sharing Agreement, there was concern about not exceeding the not to exceed amounts and ensuring approval for changes and that there was no supportable alternative other than to amend the agreement. He further noted that, at the appropriate time, the Board would be provided operating assumptions to help streamline procedures. Chair Balachandran invited discussion from the Board and comment from the public, and there was none. Director Syphers moved, Director Mitchell seconded, and a roll call vote was taken. The participating Directors voted unanimously in favor of Resolution 21-06-12 *Authorization for Interim General Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Phase 2 Long Duration Storage Cost Sharing Agreement with Participants.*

E. Mr. Shetler provided an Interim General Manager update and noted that the Conflict of Interest Code was still under review. The official notice of filing of the Joint Powers Agreement was received from the Secretary of State.

Mr. Shetler provided an update on the LDS Project, including implications of the recent CPUC Proposed Order. Relevant supporting documents, processing of bid deposits, and initial discussions with each of the shortlist developers are underway. Negotiations are expected to run through August/September with final approval by the end of 2021. Mr. Shetler noted the LDS Project funding was approved through September, and therefore, a 2021 Budget adjustment would be needed to accommodate the LDS Project in the 4th quarter. Chair Balachandran clarified that the budget was bifurcated. The general administrative budget was approved through December and the project budget was approved through the end of September. He noted the project budget is roughly 80% of the total JPA budget so it will be critical to get approval no later than September. Chair Balachandran invited questions from the Board for Mr. Shetler and comment from the public, and there were none.

F. Chair Balachandran invited discussion of any individual member items, including what members are doing to address the heat storm and improve reliability. Director Syphers provided an overview of SCP's new Advanced Energy Center and welcomed members to visit and use the facility. He further noted that SCP is partnering with the National Advanced Water Heating Initiative. Director Mitchell noted SJCE is participating in OhmConnect's City Energy Challenge, in which cities across California compete to see who can save the most energy. Chair Balachandran discussed SVCE's Electric Vehicle Program, a mobile application that connects with cars and home chargers and allows drivers to set objectives. Alternate Director Callahan shared that MCE's new Demand Flex Market Program issued its first event to reduce load today.

i. Chair Balachandran invited discussion on input of future project ideas and noted several ideas have been collected from the Board over the last few months and will be a part of the conversations Mr. Haines has with members. Chair Balachandran also encouraged the members to share any additional ideas they

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would like CC Power to consider with Mr. Haines. Director Pepper echoed Mr. Shetler's earlier suggestion to continue to work on the polices before embarking on projects. Director Hale agreed with Director Pepper's suggestion and expressed her desire to be a part of the committee.

- ii. With regards to an RFI for procurement to meet CPUC mandates, Chair Balachandran noted the midterm procurement order has been issued with a lot of moving parts in terms of long lead time resources and LDS. There may be an opportunity for CC Power to issue to an RFI on some those issues, and the Project Oversight Committee is discussing the possibility.
- iii. Director Habashi proposed that, in addition to offshore wind procurement, geothermal should be considered, especially in light of the requirement to have a resource with a load factor of 85% or more. He suggested these projects be considered for the long term as a collective action rather than taking them on one at a time. Director Marshall commented that, in regard to offshore wind, the deadlock on central coast federal lease area is moving forward, and a small project might open up interest in transmission upgrades for the north coast region. Director Syphers noted that the State budget allocated monies to study offshore wind.

The Board of Directors adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Minutes approved on August 18, 2021.

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C. Anthony Braun, Secretary