

**California Community Power**

# Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of CC Power

**1:00 P.M.**

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

**Teleconference Meeting**

**California Community Power  
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING AND AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of California Community Power will be held on **March 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

**Teleconference Information:**

The following information is being provided as the forum by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment:

**Phone number:** 1-669-219-2599 or 1-213-338-8477

**Webinar ID:** 899 3370 1704

**Meeting Link:** <https://svcleanenergy-org.zoom.us/j/89933701704>

If a member of the public would like to make a comment during the public comment period through the teleconference system, please use the 'Raise Hand' function and staff will note your desire to speak. Alternatively, for members of the public joining by telephone (audio only), please email your public comment to [comments@cacommunitypower.org](mailto:comments@cacommunitypower.org). Public comment received by email will be read within the allotted public comment period.

**Public Meeting Locations:**

Any member of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment at the following addresses where Board members may also join the meeting:

**Ava Community Energy**  
3430 Balboa Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94131

**Central Coast Community Energy**  
70 Garden Court, Suite 300  
Monterey, CA 93940

**CleanPowerSF**  
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
525 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Peninsula Clean Energy**  
AC Hotel by Marriott Washington DC  
Capitol Hill Navy Yard  
867 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20003

**Redwood Coast Energy Authority**  
633 3rd Street  
Eureka CA 95501

**San José Clean Energy**  
88 S. 4th Street, Suite 130  
San Jose, CA 95112

**Silicon Valley Clean Energy**  
333 W El Camino Real, Suite 330  
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

**Sonoma Clean Power Authority**  
42 Cam Drive  
Carson, WA 98610

**Valley Clean Energy**  
604 Second Street  
Davis, CA 95616

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# CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER

## AGENDA

- 1 Call to Order.**
- 2 Verification of Meeting Quorum.**
- 3 Matters subsequent to posting the Agenda.**
- 4 Public Comment** – any member of the public may address the Board of Directors concerning any matter not on the agenda.
- 5 Consent Agenda.**
  - A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 28, 2024.
- 6 Regular Agenda Items.**
  - A. February 28, 2024 Closed Session Report.
  - B. General Manager Report.
    - i. Preliminary CC Power Work-Plan
    - ii. Report on General Manager Activities
    - iii. Hydrogen Site-Tour
    - iv. Build-Own-Transfer Phase 2A Update
  - C. Resolution 24-03-01 *Commending And Thanking Girish Balachandran For His Service To California Community Power.*
  - D. Resolution 24-03-02 *Commending And Thanking Matthew Marshall For His Service To California Community Power.*
  - E. Resolution 24-03-03 *Adoption of Getting It Built Right Agreements.*
- 7 Discussion of Any Individual Member Items.**
- 8 Adjournment.**

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# Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Directors of CC Power held on February 28, 2024.**

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

February 28, 2024

On this date, a Regular Meeting of the Directors of CC Power was held via teleconference. Directors participated from the following public locations and members of the public had the opportunity to participate in public comment at each location.

<b>Public Meeting Locations:</b>	
<p><b>Ava Community Energy</b> 3430 Balboa Avenue San Francisco, CA 94131</p>	<p><b>Central Coast Community Energy</b> 70 Garden Court, Suite 300 Monterey, CA 93940</p>
<p><b>CleanPowerSF</b> San Francisco Public Utilities Commission 525 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102</p>	<p><b>Peninsula Clean Energy</b> 2075 Woodside Road Redwood City, CA 94061</p>
<p><b>Redwood Coast Energy Authority</b> 633 3rd Street Eureka CA 95501</p>	<p><b>San José Clean Energy</b> 88 S. 4th Street, Suite 130 San Jose, CA 95112</p>
<p><b>Silicon Valley Clean Energy</b> 333 W El Camino Real, Suite 330 Sunnyvale, CA 94087</p>	<p><b>Sonoma Clean Power Authority</b> Hyatt House 1515 Chicago Avenue Evanston, IL 60201</p>
<p><b>Valley Clean Energy</b> 604 Second Street Davis, CA 95616</p>	

Representatives:

<b>Member Agency</b>	<b>Director</b>
Ava Community Energy	Nick Chaset
Central Coast Community Energy (3CE)	Robert Shaw
CleanPowerSF	Barbara Hale
Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE)	Shawn Marshall
Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA)	Matthew Marshall
San José Clean Energy (SJCE)	Lori Mitchell
Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)	Girish Balachandran
Sonoma Clean Power Authority (SCP)	Geof Syphers, Chair
Valley Clean Energy	Mitch Sears

Other Participants:

Alex Morris	General Manager
Philippe Gerretsen	Director of Origination
Brittany Iles	General Counsel

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

1. Call to Order: Chair Syphers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Verification of Meeting Quorum: Ms. Iles verified that there was a quorum to proceed. Attendance is noted above. Director S. Marshall joined before the vote on the Consent Agenda. Director Chaset joined during the discussion on Agenda Item 6B. All Directors present participated via teleconference.
3. Matters Subsequent to Posting the Agenda: None.
4. Public Comment (any matter not on the agenda): None.
5. Consent Agenda: Chair Syphers invited comments from the Board and there were none.  
Public Comment: None.

<b>ACTION:</b> M/S (Shaw/Balachandran) to <b>approve the Consent Agenda</b> . Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Director Chaset).
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6. Regular Agenda Items.
  - A. January 17, 2024 Closed Session Report.

Ms. Iles reported that there was no reportable action taken during the Closed Session.
  - B. Getting It Built Right Ad Hoc Committee Report – Discussion.

Chair Syphers reported on behalf of the *ad hoc* committee. *Ad hoc* committee member (Director Balachandran) also weighed in.

Chair Syphers invited comments from the Board. Directors Sears provided comment. Director Shaw provided comment and raised questions; Chair Syphers and Mr. Morris responded. Directors S. Marshall and Hale provided comments.

Public Comment: Rocio Molina, Catalyze SV  
Eric Veium, CCA Workforce and Environmental Justice Alliance
  - C. General Manager Report.
    - i. Inflation Reduction Act Project Updates.

Mr. Morris provided an update on the project structure and preliminary schedule.
    - ii. Report on General Manager Activities.

Mr. Morris reported that a contract was signed for a consultant whitepaper on CCA software platforms.
    - iii. Budget and Work Planning.

Mr. Morris reported that the Work Planning is underway and reviewed the next steps.

Chair Syphers invited comments from the Board on the General Manager Report. Director Hale asked who was awarded the consultant whitepaper; Mr. Morris responded.

Public Comment: None.

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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER (CC POWER)

D. Resolution 24-02-01 Adoption of California Community Power Policies – Delegations of Authority, Financial Policy, Budget Policy.

Mr. Morris reviewed the resolution, which would provide for delegations of authority to the General Manager and budget adoption processes for the CC Power Board. Ms. Iles reviewed the proposed edits to Attachment A to Resolution 24-02-01.

Chair Syphers invited comments from the Board. Directors Balachandran, S. Marshall, Hale, and Shaw provided comment.

Public Comment: None.

**ACTION:** M/S (Mitchell/Balachandran) to **approve Resolution 24-02-01 Adoption of California Community Power Policies – Delegations of Authority, Financial Policy, Budget Policy.** Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Resolution 24-02-02 Adoption of California Community Power Policies – New Member Policy.

Mr. Morris introduced the resolution and briefly reviewed the new member policy. Chair Syphers provided additional comments. Ms. Iles reviewed the proposed edits to Attachment A to Resolution 24-02-02.

Chair Syphers invited questions from the Board. Director Hale inquired how the \$50,000 new member pro-rata share would be allocated in the budget; Mr. Morris responded. Director Sears raised questions and Mr. Morris responded.

Public Comment: None.

**ACTION:** M/S (Mitchell/Sears) to **approve Resolution 24-02-02 Adoption of California Community Power Policies – New Member Policy.** Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

7. Public Comment on Closed Session Items: None

8. Closed Session:

The Board recessed into a closed session at 2:00 p.m.

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov't Code § 54957)  
Title: General Manager

B. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Gov't Code § 54957)  
Agency Representatives: Geof Syphers, CC Power Board Chair  
Lori Mitchell, CC Power Board Vice- Chair  
Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

The Board reconvened into open session at 2:29 p.m. Ms. Iles verified that there was not a quorum to proceed.

The Board of Directors adjourned with less than a quorum at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes approved on March 20, 2024.

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Robert Shaw, Secretary

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# Agenda Items 6C & D

1. **Resolution 24-03-01 *Commending And Thanking Girish Balachandran For His Service To California Community Power.***
2. **Resolution 24-03-02 *Commending And Thanking Matthew Marshall For His Service To California Community Power.***



**California Community Power  
Resolution 24-03-01**

**COMMENDING AND THANKING GIRISH BALACHANDRAN  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER**

WHEREAS, California Community Power (“CC Power”) was created by a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”); and

WHEREAS, Girish Balachandran, as the Chief Executive Officer for Silicon Valley Clean Energy (“SVCE”), was instrumental in the standing up and ensuring the ongoing success of CC Power; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Balachandran served faithfully as a CC Power Chair in 2021 and 2023, and as CC Power Board Director from his initial appointment in January 2021 until his retirement from SVCE in March 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Balachandran provided leadership to move CC Power in new and beneficial strategic directions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Balachandran’s roles on the CC Power Board of Directors were essential to ensure the successful operation to CC Power; and

WHEREAS, through his service to California Community Power, Mr. Balachandran has gained the respect and admiration his colleagues on the Board of Directors and CC Power participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of CC Power hereby commend and thank Girish Balachandran for his outstanding work with California Community Power and extend to him their best wishes for all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of California Community Power this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, by the following vote:

		Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ava Community Energy	Nick Chaset				
Central Coast Community Energy	Robert Shaw				
CleanPowerSF	Barbara Hale				
Peninsula Clean Energy	Shawn Marshall				
Redwood Coast Energy Authority	Matthew Marshall				
San José Clean Energy	Lori Mitchell				
Silicon Valley Clean Energy	Girish Balachandran				
Sonoma Clean Power Authority	Geof Syphers				
Valley Clean Energy	Mitch Sears				

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Attest by: Secretary

**California Community Power  
Resolution 24-03-02**

**COMMENDING AND THANKING MATTHEW MARSHALL  
FOR HIS SERVICE TO CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER**

WHEREAS, California Community Power (“CC Power”) was created by a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”); and

WHEREAS, Matthew Marshall, as the Executive Director for Redwood Coast Energy Authority (“RCEA”), was instrumental in the standing up and ensuring the ongoing success of CC Power; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall served faithfully as a CC Power Board Director from his initial appointment in January 2021 until his departure in March 2024; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall provided leadership to move CC Power in new and beneficial strategic directions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall’s roles on the CC Power Board of Directors were essential to ensure the successful operation to CC Power; and

WHEREAS, through his service to California Community Power, Mr. Marshall has gained the respect and admiration his colleagues on the Board of Directors and CC Power participants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of CC Power hereby commend and thank Matthew Marshall for his outstanding work with California Community Power and extend to him their best wishes for all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of California Community Power this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, by the following vote:

		Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ava Community Energy	Nick Chaset				
Central Coast Community Energy	Robert Shaw				
CleanPowerSF	Barbara Hale				
Peninsula Clean Energy	Shawn Marshall				
Redwood Coast Energy Authority	Matthew Marshall				
San José Clean Energy	Lori Mitchell				
Silicon Valley Clean Energy	Girish Balachandran				
Sonoma Clean Power Authority	Geof Syphers				
Valley Clean Energy	Mitch Sears				

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Attest by: Secretary

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# Agenda Item 6E

1. **Resolution 24-03-03 Adoption of *Getting It Built Right Agreements*.**

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March 20, 2024

From: General Manager

To: CC Power Board of Directors

Subject: **Adoption of CC Power Getting It Built Right Agreements**

The General Manager of California Community Power (“CC Power”) and an *ad hoc* committee of the CC Power Board of Directors (“Board”) were asked to examine and develop a project selection policy that supported member agency interests, while being responsive to the requests of stakeholders and Board members on a variety of issues including competitiveness, fair labor standards, environmental justice, environmental protection, community outreach, and transparency. As part of this engagement, on November 3, 2023, CC Power hosted a “Getting It Built Right” event in San Jose, CA.

In response to the ongoing discussions and pursuant to guidance of the Board, the *ad hoc* committee has developed a set of “Getting it Built Right Agreements” (“Agreements”) that are intended to serve as a guide to Member CCAs in project selection and which include commitments to be made by CC Power and CC Power Members. These commitments were originally presented for discussion to the Board at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The overall goal of the *ad hoc* committee and the proposed Agreements are to further the policies and goals adopted by each CC Power Member CCA. By adopting the Agreements, CC Power and CC Power Members will be committing to the following:

1. CC Power Members agree to abide by their governing board’s policies when engaging in joint action through CC Power. CC Power is not and cannot be a conduit for circumventing locally-adopted policies.
2. CC Power agrees to distribute Member CCA procurement policies and practices in an ongoing manner.
3. CC Power Members individually agree to regularly review model policies and practices and consider whether recommending updates to their governing boards regarding such policies and practices are appropriate for their own jurisdictions.
4. CC Power agrees to host a webpage with links to each Member CCA’s procurement policies, and/or relevant plan.

## Discussion

CC Power was created to aid in fulfilling the procurement obligations established by its member CCA governing boards through Procurement Plans, and additional planning processes and regulatory compliance obligations. Each individual CC Power Member is a load serving entity as that term is defined under California law and is subject, in certain respects, to the regulatory requirements regarding Integrated Resource Planning, Renewable Portfolio Standard compliance, Resource Adequacy, and other regulations, established by the California Public Utilities Commission. CC Power is not a load serving entity and therefore is not, itself, subject to

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A Joint Powers Agency whose members are:

[Ava Community Energy](#) | [Central Coast Community Energy](#) | [CleanPowerSF](#) | [Peninsula Clean Energy](#) | [Redwood Coast Energy Authority](#) | [San José Clean Energy](#) | [Silicon Valley Clean Energy](#) | [Sonoma Clean Power](#) | [Valley Clean Energy](#)

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procurement obligations. Rather, CC Power exists to help Member CCAs meet their existing mandates.

Member CCAs have their own diverse policies and goals in response to local demographics, economic investment needs, climate, workforce, environmental policies and more. Individual CCAs are a critical part of their community structure. They are governed by boards made up of elected officials that reflect the desires of those individual communities. CC Power is not set up to have visibility and outreach at the local community level for each of its Members. That is the role for each of the participating Member CCAs.

CC Power is composed of various and diverse CCAs, rural and urban, each of which has existing policies, procedures and practices that articulate their values in many areas, including fair labor standards, environmental justice, environmental protection, community outreach and transparency. The *ad hoc* committee has concluded that CC Power should not be the agency interpreting what policies the Member CCAs have adopted, nor the agency establishing policies for Member CCAs. Rather, CC Power should be the vehicle to further Member CCA policies and interests. Therefore, the *ad hoc* committee is not proposing an independent CC Power policy for project selection, but rather propose certain commitments for the Board's consideration.

While the *ad hoc* has concluded that it is not appropriately within the role of CC Power to adopt an independent project selection policy, in furtherance of the goal of communicating and supporting the goals of the CC Power Member CCAs, the *ad hoc* committee believes there is a role for CC Power to play. Namely, CC Power can work to ensure that Member CCAs abide by their governing board's adopted policies when engaging in joint procurement. Additionally, CC Power is uniquely situated to gather and distribute procurement policies and practices by and among its Members. CC Power should also commit to, and would also ask that its Members commit to, engaging in discussions with Member CCAs to regularly review those policies and practices for consideration in the Member CCA local areas.

### **Recommendations**

CC Power Staff recommends that the Board adopt the proposed Agreements as stated above.

**California Community Power  
Resolution 24-03-03**

**ADOPTION OF GETTING IT BUILT RIGHT AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, California Community Power (“CC Power”) was created by a Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) to develop, acquire, construct, own, manage, contract for, engage in, finance and/or provide energy related programs for the use of and by its Members; and

WHEREAS, the Members of CC Power are engaging in ongoing solicitations for projects to be procured through CC Power; and

WHEREAS, an *ad hoc* committee was tasked to develop a policy for CC Power projects that support CC Power’s interests, as well as member agency interests, related to competitiveness, fair labor standards, environmental justice, environmental protection, community outreach, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, in the process of considering a policy guidance document, the *ad hoc* committee has engaged in public outreach and has received and considered both written and oral public comments; and

WHEREAS, the *ad hoc* committee has determined that Members of CC Power have their own policies, procedures, and practices related to competitiveness, fair labor standards, environmental justice, environmental protection, community outreach, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, Member participation in each CC Power project is voluntary and individual Members of CC Power can choose to participate only in projects that are approved by its own governing board or that are consistent with its own governing board’s adopted policies; and

WHEREAS, CC Power is uniquely situated to ensure that Members comply with their governing board’s adopted policies when engaging in joint procurement; and

WHEREAS, CC Power is also uniquely situated to gather and distribute procurement policies and practices by and among its Members; and

WHEREAS, the *ad hoc* committee recommends that the CC Power Board adopt a set of “Getting it Built Right Agreements” to serve as a guide and inform the CC Power and Members in the selection of projects to be procured through CC Power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of CC Power hereby adopts the following Getting it Built Right Agreements:

1. CC Power members agree to abide by their governing board’s policies when engaging in joint action through CC Power. CC Power is not and cannot be a conduit for circumventing locally-adopted policies.
2. CC Power agrees to distribute procurement policies and practices in an ongoing manner.
3. CC Power members individually agree to regularly review model policies and practices and consider recommending updates to their governing boards regarding such policies and practices.

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4. CC Power will host a webpage with links to each member-CCA's procurement policies, and/or relevant plans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of California Community Power this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, by the following vote:

		Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ava Community Energy	Nick Chaset				
Central Coast Community Energy	Robert Shaw				
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Attest by: Secretary