

**MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, August 17, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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**Present:** Eli Beckman, Town of Corte Madera  
Kari Birdseye, City of Benicia  
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax  
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek  
Tarrell Kullaway, Alternate, Town of San Anselmo  
David Fong, Town of Danville  
Ryan Gregory, The County of Napa and Four Napa Cities  
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael  
Kerry Hillis, Town of Moraga  
Caroline Joaquim, Alternate, City of Mill Valley  
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito  
C. William Kircher, Town of Ross  
Eduardo Martinez, City of Richmond  
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley  
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole  
Laura Nakamura, Alternate, City of Concord  
Beth Painter, City of Napa  
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon  
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo  
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  
K. Patrice Williams, City of Fairfield  
Brienne Zorn, City of Martinez

**Absent:** Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette  
John Gioia, Contra Costa County  
Gabe Paulson, City of Larkspur  
Charles Palmares, City of Vallejo  
John Vasquez, County of Solano  
Susan Wernick, City of Novato  
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere

**Staff  
& Others:** JB Ackemann, Vice President of Public Affairs  
Jessica Brooks, Board Clerk  
Vidhi Chawla, Interim Vice President of Power Resources  
Stephanie Chen, Director of Legislative Affairs

John Dalessi, Consultant, Pacific Energy Advisors  
Darlene Jackson, Lead Board Clerk  
Vicken Kasarjian, COO  
Caroline Lavenue, Legal Counsel  
Tanya Lomas, Internal Operations Coordinator  
Catalina Murphy, General Counsel  
Ashley Muth, Internal Operations Coordinator  
Zae Perrin, Director of Customer Operations  
Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer  
Daniel Settlemyer, Internal Operations Coordinator  
Jamie Tuckey, Chief of Staff  
Dawn Weisz, CEO

**1. Roll Call**

Chair Scales-Preston called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

**2. Board Announcements (Discussion)**

There were no comments.

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

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

**4. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)**

CEO Dawn Weisz introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

**5. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)**

- C.1 Approval of 6.15.23 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contracts for Energy Update

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Rinn/Darling) **to approve Consent Calendar items C.1 and C.2.** Motion carried by roll call vote. (Abstained: Kullaway, Gulati, Joaquim, Perrey, Ponce, Thier, and Zorn). (Absent: Dawson, Gioia, Painter, Palmares, Paulson, Vasquez, Wernick, and Wilkinson).

**6. Deep Green Update and Adjustment to Default (Discussion/Action)**

Vidhi Chawla, Interim Vice President of Power Resources and John Dalessi, Consultant, Pacific Energy Advisors, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Coler) to:

- 1. Pause Deep Green auto enrollments and make Light Green the default service option at the end of the current billing cycle.**
- 2. Direct Staff to explore a new service offering - 100% GHG-Free product that will match hourly customer load with supply.** Motion carried by roll call vote. (Absent: Dawson, Gioia, Palmares, Paulson, Vasquez, Wernick, and Wilkinson).

**7. Approval of Amendment to the MCE Operating Rules and Regulations (Discussion/Action)**

Caroline Lavenue, Legal Counsel, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Murphy/Thier) to **approve the Proposed Amendment to MCE Operating Rules and Regulations for final adoption.**

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Dawson, Gioia, Palmares, Paulson, Vasquez, Wernick, and Wilkinson).

**8. MCE Climate Action Leadership Award Nomination (Discussion/Action)**

Stephanie Chen, Director of Legislative Affairs, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Beckman/Thier) to **approve staff's recommendation to present 2023 Climate Action Leadership Award to Assemblymember Damon Connolly at the annual Board Retreat.** Motion carried by roll call vote. (Abstained: Martinez and Kullaway). (Absent: Dawson, Gioia, Palmares, Paulson, Vasquez, Wernick, and Wilkinson).

**9. Resolution No. 2023-09 Accepting Congressionally Directed Spending Project from the Golden Gate Fields Office of the U.S. Department of Energy (Discussion/Action)**

Catalina Murphy, General Counsel, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Rice/Quinto) to **approve Proposed Resolution No. 2023-09 Accepting Congressionally Directed Spending Project from the Golden Fields Office of the U.S. Department of Energy.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Dawson, Gioia, Murphy, Palmares, Paulson, Vasquez, Wernick, and Wilkinson).

**10. Proposed Fiscal Year 2022/23 Deposit to MCE's Operating Reserve Fund (Discussion/Action)**

Garth Salisbury, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Darling) to **approve a deferral of \$15 million in Fiscal Year 2022/23 revenues into the Operating Reserve Fund.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Dawson, Gioia, Murphy, Palmares, Paulson, Vasquez, Wernick, and Wilkinson).

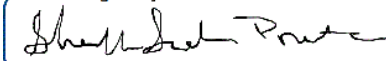
**11. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)**

There were no comments.

**12. Adjournment**

Chair Scales-Preston adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on September 21, 2023.

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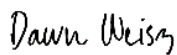


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**Shanelle Scales-Preston, Chair**

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**Dawn Weisz, Secretary**