



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019**

Chair Braun opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in regular session on Thursday, March 28, 2019 beginning at 5:32 p.m. at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 1st Street, Woodland, California.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Gerry Braun (Chair), Christine Shewmaker (Vice-Chair), Marsha Baird (Secretary), Mark Aulman, Yvonne Hunter, Christine Casey and Lorenzo Kristov

Committee Members Absent: David Springer

**Approval of
Agenda**

Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the March 28, 2019 Agenda, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed unanimously with David Springer absent.

Public Comment

Chair Braun opened the floor for public comment.

Larry Guenther, resident of Davis and Committee Member of Tree Davis, commented that Tree Davis' and Valley Clean Energy's missions are in alignment. Tree Davis encourages the planting of trees to support their efforts of reducing the carbon footprint and enhancing and expanding the urban forest throughout Yolo County. He informed those present that "a day of giving" is coming up on May 3rd. Tree Davis looking for donations and will match the amount donated. Mr. Gunther asked that the Committee recommend to the Board that they donate funds to Tree Davis.

Julia Jones, Urban Forest Supervisor at the City of Davis is piggybacking on Mr. Guenther's comments and would like to share information with the Committee. She provided several copies of information. She would also like to form a relationship with VCE.

Chair Braun thanked the public for their comments and closed the public comment period.

**VCEA Staff and
Advisory Task
Group Reports**

Regulatory/Legislative Task Group – Yvonne Hunter informed those present that the Task Group is looking to meet with the lobby consultant team, Pacific Policy Group, and Interim General Manager Mitch Sears. Mr. Sears informed those present that CalCCA has scheduled an April 3rd Lobbyist Day with numerous CCAs wherein meetings have been scheduled with legislative offices. There are currently no bills being supported or addressed.

Outreach Task Group – Mr. Aulman provided an update on the website and informed those present that there will be a location on the new site for Committee and Board Members to blog. The Fingertip facts brochure is in production, which provides an overall summary of VCE. Opt up window clings and letter went out to those customers who opted up to UltraGreen – 100% renewable. Opt eds (earned media) have been prepared for the local media.



Rates and Services Task Group – Ms. Baird informed those present that several items are on the regular agenda which will provide a summary of what they have been working on.

Interim General Manager Mitch Sears provided a brief status of the PG&E Bankruptcy, which is being monitored by VCE and CalCCA, and has slowed down over the past several weeks. He informed those present that Governor Newsom expressed in a letter that in PG&E's efforts to reconstruct, they are placing members on the Board that are not the best representation of California rate payers. He also mentioned that numerous proposals are being offered with one being that large financial institutions throwing out the idea of funding PG&E to get them out of bankruptcy sooner than later.

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda

Ms. Baird made a motion approve the items 5 and 6 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Aulman. Motion passed unanimously with David Springer absent. The following items were approved:

Item 5 – February 28, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes

Item 6 – Receipt of Customer Enrollment Update as of March 22, 2019.

Reassessment of Solar Home and Business (Net Energy Metering)

Ms. Baird provided an overview of a draft report that the Rates and Services task group prepared regarding NEM enrollment. The Task Group would like input from the other Members. Their feedback will be incorporated into a final report and recommendation and will be provided to the CAC at their next meeting in April.

Ms. Baird reviewed the key points that the Task Group would like the Board of Directors to consider when evaluating whether to enroll NEM customers prior to 2020.

The CAC members requested that Staff provide information and associated costs of bringing in NEM legacy as soon as possible. Mr. Sears reminded those present that there are noticing requirements and billing change costs associated with bringing on the legacy NEM customers. A 5-6 months lead time would be needed. This item along with best available information from Staff will be provided to the CAC at their April 25, 2019 meeting.

Rate Structure / Dividend Program

Ms. Baird reviewed the draft report prepared by the Rates and Services Task Group regarding Staff's proposed Rate Structure / Dividend Program. Within the draft report, the Task Group made one additional recommendation to the proposed program, that dividends should not be paid out until all accounts in the VCE service area have been enrolled or are in the process of being enrolled. The Task Group is seeking the Committee's comments on the draft report. Their feedback will be incorporated into the final report and recommendation and will be provided to the CAC at their next meeting in April.

The CAC discussed the verbiage of the proposed addition. Ms. Hunter made a motion that the Task Group rewrite and clarify the verbiage regarding "...all accounts in the



VCE service area...” Later, Ms. Hunter rescinded her motion. As mentioned above, a draft report and recommendation will be presented to the CAC at their April meeting for final approval.

**Long Term
Renewable
Solicitation Short
List
(Informational)**

Mr. Sears reminded those present that items 9 and 10 are informational, but that the information provided should be helpful for future discussions and build a foundation of knowledge for the members.

VCE Staff Gary Lawson reviewed slides showing the criteria, bids and procedure for developing a short list of two solar projects. Next step is to negotiate PPAs (Power Purchase Agreements) and obtain Board approval.

A discussion occurred on timeline, implicit combined premium, other kinds of renewables that could be purchased in the future to help with baseload, and battery storage.

Chair Braun opened the floor to public comment.

Ms. Kate Kelly of KG Consulting, representing Defenders of Wildlife, thanked Staff for including environmental criteria in the Request for Offers. The industry wide observation is that CCAs are being looked at as more reliable buyers compared to the large IOUs.

**Long Term Load
Forecast**

Mr. Lawson reviewed slides on the Load Forecast that will be submitted for the 2019 biannual Integrated Energy Policy report due April 19, 2019. Mr. Lawson reviewed the background, factors that were used to forecast load, customer specific load shapes, including residential electric vehicle and net metered photovoltaic adoption, and other future considerations.

**Residential Time
of Use
(Informational)**

VCE Staff Jim Parks reviewed residential time of use (TOU) rates being proposed by PG&E. PG&E is asking VCE to decide by October 2019 if it will use these rates, which would be implemented in February 2021. They would apply to about half of VCE’s residential customers. Mr. Parks reviewed the 13-month implementation schedule and TOU pilot results on electric load reduction. A discussion occurred on VCE’s ability to set its own rates, bill protection impacts, and the goal of changing customer’s habits. Mr. Parks informed those present that PG&E has offered to speak with the Board at a future meeting about the program.

**Long Term 2019
Calendar**

The CAC asked that a few proposed topics be moved and/or adjusted on the CAC’s calendar:

1. add to the 4/25/19 CAC meeting agenda New Rate Structure / Dividend Program – finalization of CAC recommendation to the Board;
2. remove NEM Enrollment - Reassessment from 5/23/19 CAC meeting agenda; and,
3. remove from 5/23 CAC NEM Enrollment Reassessment.



**Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements**

Ms. Shewmaker asked what the status was from hearing back from the other CCA's on whether their advisory committees can be contacted. Mr. Sears informed those present that he brought this up at the last CalCCA meeting -- that VCE's CAC would like to interact with other advisory groups -- and asked other CCAs to get back to him if there is interest. So far, there has been no response. CAC requested that at the next CalCCA meeting Mr. Sears relay that VCE's CAC will contact other advisory groups unless he is contacted and asked for this contact not to happen.

Mr. Kristov suggested that the agenda be timed so that meeting topics are discussed within two (2) hours.

**Adjournment and
Next Meeting**

Chair Braun adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. until the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Valley Clean Energy's administrative offices located at 604 2nd Street, Davis, California.

Alisa Lembke
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst