

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 4

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2021 Special Board Meeting
DATE: February 11, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, review and approve the attached January 21, 2021 Special Board meeting Minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their special meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., to be held via Zoom teleconference. A quorum of the Board Members was established. Chair Dan Carson began the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dan Carson, Jesse Loren, Tom Stallard, Don Saylor, Lucas Frerichs, Wade Cowan, Mayra Vega, Gary Sandy

Members Absent:

Welcome – Oaths of Office Chair Carson welcomed the Board, new Member Mayra Vega, alternate Board Member Gloria Partida (City of Davis), and VCE Staff Edward Burnham, Director of Finance and Internal Operations.

Board Clerk Alisa Lembke read the Oath of Office to the following: Gary Sandy, Mayra Vega, Wade Cowan, Tom Stallard, Jesse Loren, and Dan Carson and alternate City of Davis Board Member Gloria Partida.

Approval of Agenda Director Saylor made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Special Board meeting agenda and Consent agenda items, seconded by Director Loren.

Public Comment Before a vote was taken on the motion to approve the agenda and Consent agenda items, Chair Carson opened the floor for public comment on both the agenda and Consent agenda items. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda / Items 4 - 12 Chair Carson asked if there were any items to be pulled from the Consent agenda. There being none, as motioned above, Director Saylor made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Special Board meeting agenda and Consent agenda items, seconded by Director Loren. Motion passed unanimously.

The following items were approved, ratified, and/or received:

4. December 10, 2020 Board meeting Minutes;
5. 2021 Long Range Calendar;
6. Financial Updated – November 30, 2020 (unaudited) financial statement;
7. Legislative updated provided by Pacific Policy Group;
8. January 6, 2021 Regulatory update provided by Keyes & Fox;
9. January 5, 2021 Customer Enrollment Update;
10. Community Advisory Committee December 17, 2020 meeting summary;
11. Revised and updated Community Advisory Committee Charge incorporating VCE's 3-year Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice statement; and,



12. Copy of Amendment #1 to Jim Parks Consulting Agreement adding key account tasks and extending the contract by one year.

Item 13: Treasury and Investment report and ratification of County of Yolo Investment Policy

VCE Interim General Manager Mitch Sears introduced this item. VCE Treasurer and Yolo County Chief Financial Officer Chad Rinde reviewed slides summarizing the Treasury and Investment report and County of Yolo Investment Policy. Chair Carson thanked Mr. Rinde and opened the floor to questions from the Board. A few items were discussed. Chair Carson mentioned that in the future, VCE should look into establishing their own policy and policies to support VCE's financial goals and objectives. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Director Loren made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and ratify County of Yolo Investment Policy as applicable Investment policy to VCEA for the calendar year 2021, seconded by Director Stallard. Motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: Carson, Loren, Saylor, Stallard, Frerichs, Cowan, Sandy, Vega
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

Item 14: Consider participation in Arrearage Management Plan / Resolution 2021-001

Mr. Sears introduced this item. VCE Staff George Vaughn reviewed slides summarizing the Arrearage Management Plan. Mr. Vaughn reported that there are an estimated 680 eligible customer that are in arrears, roughly 1% of VCE's total customers. There were no questions from the Board. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Director Saylor made a motion to:

1. Approve VCE's participation in the California Public Utilities Commission-approved Arrearage Management Program.
2. Direct staff to inform PG&E of VCE's participation in the AMP as soon as practically possible and take all steps necessary for VCE to participate in the program.

Motion seconded by Director Loren. Motion passed as Resolution 2021-001 by the following vote:

- AYES: Carson, Loren, Saylor, Stallard, Frerichs, Cowan, Sandy, Vega
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAIN: None

Item 15: Consider Power Purchase Agreement between VCE and Resurgence Solar I,

Mr. Sears introduced this item. VCE Staff Gordon Samuel reviewed slides summarizing the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The following Individuals related to this item were present: Kevin Fox, Keyes & Fox; Jim Shandalov, NextEra, Resurgence Solar; and, Megan Poage, Resurgence Solar.

Mr. Shandalov provided a brief description of the project. There were no questions from the Board. Mr. Samuel informed those present that it is



**LLC / Resolution
2021-002**

projected in 2023 and beyond, that VCE should be at 62% renewable (Renewable Portfolio Standard). There were no verbal or written public comments.

Director Frerichs made a motion to:

1. Approve the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between VCE and Resurgence Solar I, LLC for 100% of the output for 20 years of the Resurgence Solar I project under development by NextEra Energy Resources.
2. Authorize Interim General Manager to execute the PPA substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A on behalf of VCE, and, in consultation with legal counsel, and authorize to approve minor changes to the PPA so long as the term and price are not changed.

Motion seconded by Director Saylor. Motion passed as Resolution 2021-002 by the following vote:

AYES: Carson, Loren, Saylor, Stallard, Frerichs, Cowan, Sandy, Vega

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Item 16: Consider
Accept/Deny GHG-
Free attributes
from PG&E for
2021 / Resolution
2021-003**

Mr. Sears introduced this item. Mr. Samuel reviewed slides summarizing GHG-free attributes from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for 2021. There were no questions by the Board. Director Frerichs commented that in his opinion large hydro is acceptable and he has no interest in pursuing nuclear assets. Director Frerichs made a motion to accept large hydro only, seconded by Director Saylor. Director Loren commented that she supports accepting large hydro, but not nuclear. Chair Carson asked if there were any CCAs that accepted nuclear and whether they were able to sell those attributes. Mr. Samuel was not certain if any CCAs took the nuclear attributes nor if they were able to sell them. Mr. Samuel anticipates that PG&E will offer the attributes until Diablo nuclear plant is gone. There were no verbal or written public comments.

To recap, Director Frerichs made a motion to:

1. Accept the 2021 allocation of large hydro carbon free attributes paid for by VCE.
2. Reject the 2021 allocation of nuclear power carbon free attributes.
3. Authorize the Interim General Manager is authorized to finalize, execute, and sign all agreements with PG&E on behalf of VCE and in consultation with legal counsel to implement the Board's decision.

Motion seconded by Director Saylor. Motion passed as Resolution 2021-003 by the following vote:

AYES: Carson, Loren, Saylor, Stallard, Frerichs, Cowan, Sandy, Vega

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Item 17: Consider
adoption of 2021**

Mr. Sears introduced this item. Mr. Samuel reviewed slides summarizing the 2021 Power Procurement Plan. There were no questions from the Board. The



**VCE Power
Procurement Plan
/ Resolution 2021-
004**

Board and Staff briefly discussed whether the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as the result of shortages and outages last year may ask for more Resource Adequacy (RA) for 2021. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Director Cowan made a motion to:

1. Approve the 2021 Procurement Plan contained in this staff report.
2. Approve Directives and Delegations to SMUD for procuring portions of VCE's power portfolio for calendar year 2021 through 2023, guided by the principals described in this report.
3. Approve the elimination of specific portfolio renewable and carbon-free targets in 2022 to improve procurement and financial flexibility as long-term renewable projects come online.

Motion seconded by Director Saylor. Motion passed as Resolution 2021-004 by the following vote:

AYES: Carson, Loren, Saylor, Stallard, Frerichs, Cowan, Sandy, Vega

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Board Member
and Staff
Announcements**

Chair Carson recognized and thanked Community Advisory Committee Chair Christine Shewmaker and Vice Chair Cynthia Rodriguez, who were in attendance of tonight's Board meeting.

Mr. Sears provided an update to the Board: Staff working with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Outreach Task Group on the draft 2021 Marketing Outreach Plan to be presented to the CAC at their January meeting for their input; Staff is assessing the "Super" Joint Powers Agency, which will also be presented to the CAC for their input; and, the CAC Leg/Reg Task Group will be coming to the Board for input on several CalCCA backed legislative bills.

Mr. Sears informed those present that enrollment of Winters customers is going well with a 90% participation rate. He reported that Staff will be providing a quarterly update on the Strategic Plan to both the CAC and Board.

Director Saylor thanked Chair Carson and Vice Chair Loren for the leadership press release and for responding quickly to questions and concerns in the communities regarding VCE.

Adjournment

Chair Carson adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. to the next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 4 p.m. via teleconference.

Alisa M. Lembke
VCEA Board Secretary