

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: VCEA Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC Draft August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes
DATE: September 26, 2019

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached draft August 22, 2019 CAC meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019**

Chair Braun opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in regular session on Thursday, August 22, 2019 beginning at 5:30 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 (arrived at 5:32 p.m.) (Secretary), Mark Aulman, Yvonne Hunter, Lorenzo Kristov and Christine Casey

Committee Members Absent: David Springer

Approval of Agenda Yvonne Hunter made motion to approve the August 22, 2019 Agenda, seconded by Christine Shewmaker, motion passed with David Springer absent.

Public Comment Chair Braun opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Public Workshop on PG&E's Residential Time of Use Program Interim General Manager Mitch Sears introduced Jim Parks. Mr. Parks introduced this item and PG&E representatives Jessica Chancellor and Jenna Olsen. Ms. Chancellor reviewed informational slides on PG&E's proposed Residential Time of Use (RTOU) program. Several members of the public made comments and asked questions. Ms. Chancellor, Ms. Olsen and VCE Staff answered several questions.

There being no other questions, the Committee adjourned to take a five (5) minute recess at 6:26 p.m. The Committee meeting returned to their Agenda at 6:32 p.m.

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda Chairperson Braun asked a question about Item 5 – Customer Enrollment Update on why there was such a large jump in opt outs. Mr. Parks informed those present that due to hot weather there has been an increase in usage resulting in higher bill amounts for the summer months. As a result, Customers have been opting out. Mr. Sears informed those present that a Customer with



approximately 550 accounts opted out, but VCE staff are working on retaining their business.

Ms. Shewmaker made motion to approve Consent items, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with David Springer absent. The following items were approved:

- Item 4: July 25, 2019 meeting minutes; and
- Item 5: Customer Enrollment Updated as of August 14, 2019.

Consideration of public input and Staff recommendation on PG&E's Residential Time of Use Rate Program

Chairperson Braun opened the floor for Members' comments and questions. Several questions were asked and answered.

Chairperson Braun then opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.

Ms. Hunter made a motion that the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) make the recommendation to the Board of Directors to support PG&E's Residential Time of Use rates in VCE's service area and to provide first-year bill protection to new RTOU customers with the addition that the CAC is making this recommendation with the knowledge that VCE can change the rates at any time, seconded by Christine Shewmaker. Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Baird, Hunter, Aulman, Kristov, Casey
NOES: None
ABSENT: Springer
ABSTAIN: None

Ms. Hunter made a second motion that the CAC encourage VCE Staff to coordinate rollout and program messaging with PG&E to VCE's customers, seconded by Christine Casey. Motion passed by the following votes:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Baird, Hunter, Aulman, Kristov, Casey
NOES: None
ABSENT: Springer
ABSTAIN: None

Discussion of Possible

Chairperson Braun opened this agenda item with a brief introduction. He opened the floor for comments from CAC Members. A wide range of comments,



**acquisition of
PG&E
distribution
system assets**

concerns and questions were expressed. Mr. Sears reviewed informational slides and continued to answer questions.

Chairperson Braun opened the floor for public comment. A resident commented that entities are looking into whether the existing infrastructure is adequate to provide additional meters, etc. to the “grid”. No other public comments were made.

Chairperson Braun requested that a monthly update on the possible acquisition of PG&E’s distribution system assets be added to the long-term calendar. In addition, he offered up the CAC as a resource for input as things progress on this subject. Mr. Sears commented that once VCE gets through Phase 1” of this process, the CAC’s role will be re-evaluated including dialogue with the public.

Mr. Sears thanked all CAC Members for their comments and questions as this will assist VCE Staff in developing communication items, such as staff reports, frequently asked questions, etc., that are both educational and informative.

**Long Range
Calendar 2019**

As mentioned above, Chairperson Braun asked that a standing CAC agenda item be added to provide an update on the possible acquisition of PG&E distribution system assets. He also asked that Staff start thinking about placing on the calendar potential items that the CAC could address to assist the Board and Staff on this subject.

Chairperson Braun also asked about the Integrated Resource Plan process. Mr. Sears suggested that this be added to the CAC’s September and October 2019 meeting agenda.

**Advisory
Committee
Member and
Staff
Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, Woodland, at 5:30 p.m.

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