

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 5

TO: Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors
FROM: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager, VCEA
SUBJECT: Receive and Accept April 25, 2018 Board Meeting Recap
DATE: May 10, 2018

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, review and accept the attached draft April 25, 2018 Board meeting recap.

MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 25, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Woodland Council Chambers, 300 First Street, Woodland CA 95695. Due to a lack of quorum, Chairperson Lucas Frerichs announced that a meeting would occur to hear information only, no Board action would be taken, and another Board meeting would be scheduled within the next week. Chairperson Lucas Frerichs started the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lucas Frerichs, Don Saylor, Tom Stallard

Board Members Absent: Angel Barajas, Robb Davis, Duane Chamberlain, Skip Davies
(Alternate)

Approval of Agenda The Agenda was reviewed by Chairperson Frerichs who identified those Action items that would be tabled until the next scheduled meeting and those items that were information only would be presented at this meeting.

Public Comment Ms. Emily Fisher, Attorney at Law, introduced herself offering her law services to Community Service Aggregations. No other comments were made.

Approval of Consent Agenda The Consent Agenda was tabled to the next Board meeting; however, a few comments were made:

- Minutes from March 22, 2018 Board Meeting
- Long Range Calendar – Interim General Manager Mitch Sears announced that there were no updates to the calendar.
- Regulatory & Legislative Update – Mr. Sears commented that CalCCA is tracking regulatory and legislative developments. CalCCA
 - oppose AB 2208 (California Renewables Portofolio Standards Program) unless amended and
 - was requesting that a mandate a certain amount of biomass be included.
- Revised Tariff Sheets Reflecting 2.5% Generation Rate Discount
- Amended Customer Data Policy
- Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report – April 9, 2018 meeting. CAC Vice Chairperson Ms. Christine Shewmaker commented that this was the first meeting summary provided to the Board although no action was taken by the CAC. She hopes that the report is informative and reflects their discussions.

Approval of Line of Credit/Loan Documents with River City Bank to provide working capital to fund power purchases, initial operations This item was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

and reserves as needed to support power purchases.

Program Outreach/Customer Enrollment

Program Outreach - Rochelle Germano, Director of Communications, and Manny Sanchez, Project Manager, both of Circlepoint

Ms. Germano presented information on VECA's outreach program such as, current activities, outreach, advertisement campaign, VEC agriculture/business guides, general procedures, social media and general response/feedback that CirclePoint has been seeing since inception.

Board questions and staff responses are summarized below:

- Are we changing the true-up date of all of our NEM customers?

Yes. Based on the advice of our energy advisors at SMUD, all customers will be moved to an April date.

- How many "likes" on the page?

282.

- It was suggested that weekly analytics be provided and that the events page be populated.

Public Comment

- Christine Shewmaker – She suggested that the Board consider providing all NEM customers with information prior to launch on June 1, rather than waiting until the NEM customers true-up date..

NEM will receive a NEM specific notice prior to launch, and then four notifications as their true-up date approaches.

Customer Enrollment Update – Jim Parks of SMUD provided a brief introduction of himself, then provided a brief update:

As of April 25, 2018, 448 customers (0.07%) have opted out of VCE and 15 have opted up to UltraGreen. Of the customers who opted out, 38% are Woodland residents, 23% are Davis residents, and 39% are Yolo residents.

Of the customers who opted up, 20% are Woodland residents and 80% are Davis residents.

- Does Customer Service ask for the reason why a resident opts out of the program?

No, but the Customer Service Staff are well trained to ask questions and assist in educating the person about the program.

- If a Resident opts out before launch, can they opt back in?

Within the first 60 days, they can opt back in immediately. If it is after the 60 day mark, customers must wait a year before opt-in?

- What do the trends show for those who have opted out and then want to opt in at a later date?

Trends show that an opted out person will remain opted out.

Olof Bystrom, SMUD

Integrated
Resource Plan
April 25, 2018
Workshop –
Agenda Review

The VCE Community Advisory Committee will hold a workshop on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6 p.m. with an anticipate ending time around 8:30 p.m. An Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a regulatory requirement of the CPUC, of which VECA would need to be engaged in, so tomorrow is a long-term planning workshop. Mr. Bystrom provided a brief overview of what will be discussed, such as identifying resources needed, what resources are available, cost of those resources, and what would it look like. He hopes to set the stage for future discussion.

Board questions and staff responses are summarized below:

- It is a PUC requirement to file an IRP by August 1, 2018.

Public Comment

None

Gary Lawson, SMUD

Small Scale/Local
Renewable Energy
Production
Potential

In 2006, the California Energy Commission (CEC) issued a report about potential new small hydro. The CEC evaluated that there is no potential for new small hydro within Yolo County. However:

- Within 20 miles of Yolo County’s southeastern boarder is the Montezuma Hills Wind Resource Area.
 - Near Rio Vista
 - 1,035 MW installed wind capacity
- Within 25 miles of Yolo County’s northwestern border is the Geysers Geothermal Resource Area.
 - Largest dry steam geothermal field in the world
 - 1,634 MW installed geothermal capacity

The existing renewable resources in the region surrounding and including Yolo county are being evaluated based on the

- DavisFREE study estimated PV potential on City of Davis preferred land parcels of 154 – 178 MWs (»300 GWhs/ year of energy production).
- CPUC estimates

VCE has discretion in how we define “Local Renewables.” Possible options include:

- Option 1: Projects only within Yolo County
- Option 2: Projects only having a nexus to Yolo county/VCEA. For example:
 - Projects sited within Yolo County/VCEA service area
 - Williams biomass – Rice processing operations in Yolo County send agricultural waste to plant for its fuel supply.
 - Indian Valley Hydro Project – owned by a public agency within Yolo county
 - A VCEA customer has a project not located in Yolo County
- Option 3: Define a geographic boundary beyond and including Yolo county

Board questions and staff responses are summarized below:

- Are the existing area renewable resource prices competitive?

This will have to be looked at.

- I’m interested in VECA pursuing opportunities at Yolo County landfill and UC Davis campus. How and when might we pursue that?

A local business with PV. Interested in investing in solar panel and selling energy to VCE.

- VECA needs to look at long-term renewables and work bilaterally.

Public Comment

- Michael Day - One question that is closely related is energy storage – not directly mentioned here, but this is as important. Batteries are one form of energy storage, but there are other opportunities – water tower, wastewater treatment plant, and others.

Board Comment

- We need to think regionally.
- “Local” needs to have a geographic component.

Committee Advisory Committee Report General Manager's Report	None. Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduced Alisa Lembke as VCE's Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst and first employee.
Board Member and Staff Announcements	Chairperson Frerichs informed those present that he and the Vice Chairperson had a very productive check-in.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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