

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC September 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes
DATE: October 22, 2020

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached September 24, 2020 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair Yvonne Hunter opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to the Provisions of the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspends certain provisions of the Brown Act and the Orders of the Public Health Officers with jurisdiction over Yolo County, to shelter in place and to provide for physical distancing.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Yvonne Hunter (Chair), Marsha Baird (Vice Chair), Gerry Braun, Christine Shewmaker, Chris Casey, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, Davis Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Rindahl, Peter Meyer

Approval of Agenda Christine Shewmaker made a motion to approve the September 24, 2020 meeting Agenda, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed unanimously with Jennifer Rindahl and Peter Meyer absent.

Public Comment / Introductions There were no public comments.

Brief task Group and VCE staff Reports **Task Group Reports:** In preparation to discuss whether the CAC should prepare a calendar year end self-evaluation report, Ms. Baird requested that each task group prepare a draft 2020 report. To assist in preparing the reports, she will request that the Board Clerk send out the task group reports from last year to each task group chair.

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman informed those present that they reviewed a pre-existing video about Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) Net Energy Metering (NEM); reviewed City of Winters ad to be discussed further at their monthly meeting; and, the Task Group will be reviewing ongoing projects to gain visibility for 2020 and 2021 in an effort to be proactive and be prepared.

Programs Task Group: Ms. Baird informed those present that they continue to meet every other week, have been working on next program plans, and that CAC Member David Springer prepared a “Flatten the Curve” article to remind people how to shift their load. This article will be included in the quarterly newsletter, posted to the website and social media with it again being posted in the Spring.



Strategic Plan Task Group: Gerry Braun stated that the CAC will review and discuss the draft Strategic Plan on the regular agenda.

Rates Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that they have not had another meeting, nothing else to report at this time.

Leg/Reg Task Group: Chair Hunter informed those present that the group continues to meet every other Friday. She reported that the legislative session has ended and all are waiting for what the Governor is going to do. She reported that an executive order was issued that deals with climate change, electrification, and transportation. The task group will be spending time on taking a look at what our priorities and programs will be for next year. After the Board adopts the Environmental Justice Statement, the Leg/Reg task group will develop environmental justice legislative language, provide it to the CAC, then bring it to the VCE Board.

9/10/2020 Board meeting summary: Interim General Manager Mitch Sears provided a summary of the Board's September 10, 2020 meeting: 1) approved an extension of financing the River City Bank line of credit, 2) approved two (2) power purchase agreements (ORMAT/Tierra Buena and Leapfrog) for resource adequacy (RA); 3) received an update on the draft Environmental Justice Statement; and, 4) reviewed and discussed the draft Strategic Plan.

VCE Board Member Dan Carson (City of Davis) was in attendance and he wanted to be present to hear the discussion between the CAC Members on the draft Strategic Plan.

Staff Report: Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE along with ten (10) other CCAs worked together to create a letter that was sent to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that stated CCAs need: 1) more movement on track 3 on the CPUC proceeding and 2) clarity on the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) charge. A number of our agency Board Members and others signed onto this letter - totaling 98 members. The letter has been posted on social media in conjunction with other CCAs. This effort daylights issues regarding PCIA to the CPUC.

The Winters enrollment is currently in process. This is the first time VCE will be extending its territory and we appreciate the support we have received and your feedback.

We are in the process of developing an MOU with City of Winters and expect to have chargers installed in downtown Winters.

Mr. Kristov asked Staff if we track NEM enrollment, including legacy customers, and those yet to be enrolled by the month. VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles will get back to Mr. Kristov on his questions.

There were no public comments.



Consent Items

Marsha Baird made a motion to approve the September 24, 2020 meeting Agenda, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed unanimously with Jennifer Rindahl and Peter Meyer absent. The following items were:

1. approved August 27, 2020 special meeting Minutes; and,
2. received customer enrollment update as of September 17, 2020.

There were no public comments.

Item 7: VCE Strategic Plan Process (Action)

Mr. Sears, VCE Staff George Vaughn, and Shawn Marshall of LEAN Energy, VCE's consultant to the Strategic Plan, reviewed with the CAC Members the draft 3-year Strategic Plan.

CAC Members offered observations, made suggestions for changes, and engaged in thoughtful exchange about different items. In addition, individual CAC Members shared their own observations, suggestions and amendments with Staff through emails and prior conversations.

Given the complexity of the task and the multitude of suggested changes, Chair Hunter made a motion to provide a "sense of the CAC" statement to the Board as follows: "The CAC believes the Strategic Plan definitely is moving in the right direction. The current draft reflects the input and comments from the VCE board members and CAC members that were raised at previous meetings. Given the timeframe set by the board for adopting the Strategic Plan, it is not feasible to have the CAC review the next iteration of the Plan at its October meeting. Thus, the CAC encourages VCE staff, as it revises the current draft, to consider all of the items raised by CAC members, either at this meeting or separately, and to incorporate as many of them into the next draft of the Strategic Plan as possible. The CAC appreciates the opportunity to be engaged in the Strategic Plan process and stands ready to work with the Board and staff to implement it once a Plan is adopted." This motion was seconded by Gerry Braun. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Baird, Braun, Shewmaker, Casey, Aulman, Kristov, Springer, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rindahl, Meyer

ABSTAIN: None

There were no public comments.

**Item 8:
Informational
Presentation –
CleanStart**

Gary Simon from CleanStart provided an overview of what they do, which is partner with emerging local businesses in the greater Sacramento region, including Yolo County, on green sector projects. They currently work with about 20 local companies. Mr. Simon expressed a willingness to collaborate and assist VCE on projects that may benefit Yolo County and VCE customers.

There were no public comments.



Item 9 – Review and provide recommendation on VCE’s statement on current environmental and social justice issues (Action)

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles provided an overview of the revised draft statement on environmental and social justice. CAC Members suggested adding the term “emerging communities” and including a footnote with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) definition of environmental justice to the statement.

Christine Shewmaker made a motion to approve the draft statement on environmental and social justice to include adding the term “emerging communities” and an EPA footnote, seconded by Gerry Braun. Motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: Hunter, Baird, Braun, Shewmaker, Casey, Aulman, Kristov, Springer, Rodriguez
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Rindahl, Meyer
- ABSTAIN: None

There were no public comments.

Item 10: Long term procurement update (Informational)

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel provided an update on the local request for offers (RFOs) and long term energy procurements. Currently looking at four (4) entities for local projects and Staff are targeting the Board’s November meeting for them to consider approving power purchase agreement(s) (PPA). The long term Aquamarine project remains on schedule for Quarter 2 of 2021. The Rugged Solar PPA was terminated by VCE and VCE is currently actively engaged with developers to fill the resource void. Staff are looking at bringing a replacement PPA for consideration to the Board at their November meeting.

There were no public comments.

Item 11: Long Range Calendar

Chair Hunter asked if the CAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd could start at 4 p.m. No CAC Members objects to this suggestion. Chair Hunter will ask the Board Clerk to send out a reminder the day before the meeting of the start time of 4 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Advisory Committee Member and Announcements

Chair Hunter reminded those present that an overview explanation of meeting procedures was sent out to the Members and is to be used as a resource. This overview was reviewed by VCE’s legal counsel. CAC Member Mark Aulman had a procedural question and VCE Staff and/or herself will get back to him with an answer.

Adjournment to Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to the next regular scheduled CAC meeting for Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 4 p.m. via teleconference.

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