

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report Item - 5

TO: VCEA Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager

SUBJECT: Minutes from January 11, 2018

DATE: January 29, 2018

Recommendation

Receive and approve the minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting.

MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
Community Advisory Committee Meeting
January 11, 2018

The meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) began at 5:30pm in the Woodland Senior and Community Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA.

Committee Members Present: Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Tom Flynn, Yvonne Hunter, Christine Shewmaker, David Springer (arrived 6:10pm).

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov.

Staff Members Present: Ken Loman (Sustainability Manager for City of Woodland) Reyna Pinon, Mitch Sears.

SMUD Consultants Present: Jen Archuleta, Michael Champ, Gary Lawson, Michelle Yung.

Public Present: Don Dotson of Woodland; Jessica Andrews, Project Development at Natal Energy in Alameda.

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair G. Braun at 5:30pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

G. Braun requested a change of order to the agenda to move items needing a vote earlier in the agenda as he needed to leave at 6:30pm, and a quorum beyond that point was not assured. Items 8a, 8c, and 9 were moved before Item 7.

M. Baird moved, Y. Hunter seconded approval of meeting agenda with change to order. Approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Don Dotson of Woodland commented that he was interested in what VCEA might be doing to help citizens take advantage of the Federal solar credits in the next two years. He is considering installing solar on his home and wants to know VCEA policies towards home solar.

4. Brief VCEA Staff and Advisory Task Group Reports

- **Outreach task group:** M. Baird reported that the task group met and discussed several issues, many of which M. Aulman will be following up with M. Sears. The group also reviewed the presentation slides prepared for the Stakeholder Outreach and provided feedback. The group recommends that the presentations be given by Staff or a member of the Board. M. Sears responded that he and Taro have conducted the presentations to date and the plan is to have Staff or a Board member present at each. Further, the task group requests to review the materials for the January 24th Community Outreach workshop.
- **Legislative/Regulatory task group:** Y. Hunter reported that the group is working on three documents regarding 1) the role of the chair and committee operational guidelines, 2) the committee procedures for reviewing leg/reg and 3) the criteria for identifying priority leg/reg

items for which action beyond just a board letter might be recommended. C. Shewmaker commented that there is a webinar on CA Legislative Outlook for 2018 on January 24th at noon that the members plan to view. C. Shewmaker also mentioned that there is a new bill from Asm Ting (AB 1745) that would require all new vehicles under 10,000 pounds be zero emission by 2040.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of Minutes from November 27, 2017 and December 4, 2017 Committee Meetings

6. Communications Plan Update

C. Shewmaker moved to approve the Consent Agenda (items 5 and 6). M. Baird seconded. T. Flynn commented that he is on the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group, but is not listed in the Minutes. It was agreed that his addition to the task group happened after the meeting. Consent agenda approved unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Information and Action. Power Procurement.

a. Action. Consider recommendation for Board Approval of Delegation of Authority to SMUD to begin execution of Procurement plan

c. Information. Status of Procurement Plan Development and Task Group Review

G. Lawson presented the Draft VCEA Procurement Guide. He stated that CPUC certification of the Implementation plan is expected January 16th, and the CCA Regulatory Certification request is planned for January 19th. Procurements are planned to start January 22nd. 100% of expected renewables for 2018 will be procured in January and February. In August, when updated load forecasts are available, SMUD will make any additional procurements needed. The team is currently estimating 10% opt out. Throughout 2018, SMUD will be making procurements for 2019.

G. Lawson further explained that the Procurement Guide provides the criteria for product purchased. D. Springer, G. Braun, and L. Kristov provided feedback on the initial draft. Staff will be asking for Board approval of budget at next Thursday's Board meeting.

Y. Hunter asked how they estimate needs for UltraGreen, 100% renewable product. G. Lawson responded that those procurements will be included in supplemental purchases in August.

Y. Hunter moved, T. Flynn seconded the recommendation for Board approval of delegation of authority to SMUD to begin execution of Procurement plan. Approved unanimously. The Advisory Committee requested periodic updates of how the procurements are going.

T. Flynn asked how CCAs will respond to new order; there is a good chance it will be adopted. It will mean less flexibility for CCAs. If approved, will have to figure out how to comply.

9. Action. Consider recommendation to Board on Customer and Data Policies.

M. Yung from SMUD presented slides summarizing the Customer and Data Policies. Y. Hunter commented that the 1.1 Rates section could benefit from clarification, between power purchase and full bill. Also, under the 1.3 Enrollment section, Y. Hunter recommended changing "Yolo County" to "unincorporated Yolo County."

C. Shewmaker commented that the language under 2. Delinquent Accounts was confusing – not clear when a customer would be returned to PG&E. Also not clear how this would affect the CARE

program participants. The CAC requested a determination of the number of CARE customers VCEA will be serving.

M. Yung explained that the Privacy Policies are subject to CPUC privacy policies and are above and beyond what other CCAs are doing.

Y. Hunter moved to recommend to the Board the adoption of the Customer and Data Policies with the incorporation of comments from Y. Hunter and C. Shewmaker. T. Flynn seconded. Passed unanimously.

7. Action. Review Board workplan, Approve Recommended CAC workplan updates, Approve Task Group Structure

M. Sears provided an additional update to the Board and CAC workplans – the NEM Policy will be reviewed at the January 29th CAC meeting and will be on the agenda for approval at the February 8th Board meeting. There will be a preview tonight and at the January 18th Board meeting.

M. Baird moved to approve the Board and CAC workplan. Y. Hunter seconded. Approved unanimously.

G. Braun reviewed that CAC has two task groups currently (Outreach with 3 members – Aulman [chair], Baird and Hunter; and Leg/Reg with 4 members – Hunter [chair], Flynn, Kristov, and Shewmaker).

G. Braun announced that Amanda Beck has resigned from the Advisory Committee – as a SMUD employee, she didn't want there to be any concerns with her role. T. Echiburu is working on a replacement representative for unincorporated Yolo County.

C. Shewmaker asked about sending information that would be useful to the entire committee by email, but wanted to be sure this would be OK with the Brown Act. M. Sears requested that any information be sent to M. Sears and E. Henderson and that they would disseminate to the Committee with BCC. In the future, could also use the Resource Page on the website to share information that would be of interest to the Committee and the Public.

G. Braun suggested CAC formally appoint an Energy Services Launch Phase Task Group including G. Braun, T. Flynn, L. Kristov, and D. Springer. The group will meet and elect a chair. Y. Hunter moved, M. Baird seconded. Approved unanimously.

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b. Information. Status of Default and 100% RE Portfolio Specification and Targets

M. Champ presented information on the Power Mix – short term and long term. Also, information on what CCAs are doing with respect to Opt-Up products as they differ in terms of power mix. See slides for details.

A comment was made that Pioneer (in Placer County) is launching in March and may put pressure on demand for renewables.

10. Discussion. Advisory Committee Input to Definition of Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy. Options for Staff Evaluation and Board Consideration

M. Champ presented details on NEM (Net Energy Metering) including what VCEA should take in to consideration when setting its NEM policy. About 4,000 of the 65,000 potential VCE customers had solar as of end of 2016. About 3,000 of those are residential customers. See slides for details.

Compensation for excess generation: some CCAs offer customers retail rate for excess generation at end of true-up period. PG&E pays wholesale rate. Offering above retail would have some impact on budget.

NEM aggregation may require changes to billing which is more difficult and costly for VCEA to consider early in the program. Time-of-use bands that differ from PG&E's would be complex and

would also make comparison with PG&E difficult for customers. Other CCAs are changing net payout not time of use bands. Y. Hunter commented that VCEA will need to be able to clearly state what is same and what is different from PG&E.

C. Shewmaker requested that at the next meeting staff provide information on what aspects of net metering aggregation are under CCA control and what aspects remain with the IOU (PG&E).

Enrollment of an NEM customer triggers a true-up from PG&E which involves an event fee of \$5,000 (per event, not per customer).

11. Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements

M. Sears announced that they have started recruiting for the SMUD “staff on loan” positions on the VCEA org chart – Director of Marketing & Customer Care, and Director of Finance & Internal Operations. M. Sears also briefly discussed E-4907 and said that the hearing was not on Feb 8th in San Francisco. He mentioned that CalCCA is working on a strategy for it.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. T. Flynn moved, Y. Hunter seconded. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 29, 2018 at 5:30pm at Davis Senior Center.