

**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**September 11, 2017**

The meeting of the Advisory Committee (AC) of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) began at 5:30pm in the Woodland Community Center, Rooms 3 & 4, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA.

**Committee Members Present:** Mark Aulman, Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Tom Flynn, Lorenzo Kristov, Christine Shewmaker, David Springer.

**Committee Members Absent:** Amanda Beck, Yvonne Hunter.

**Staff Members Present:** Emily Henderson, Reyna Pinon, Mitch Sears.

**Board Members Present:** Don Saylor.

**Public Present:** John Mott-Smith, Jim Skeen.

**SMUD Consultants Present:** Michael Chan, Gary Lawson, Brian Stephens.

**Circlepoint Consultants Present:** Sarah Seward.

1. Welcome and Roll Call  
Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.
2. Approval of Agenda  
Members approved meeting agenda. Christine Shewmaker moved, Tom Flynn seconded. Approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment  
Jim Skeen informed the committee that he has received communications from KD Power offering wind power for 10% less than PG&E. He wanted the committee to be aware of this competition.  
VCEA Board Chair Don Saylor thanked the Committee members for their service. He commented that the Board is monitoring the legislative action and how it could impact VCEA.
4. VCEA Staff and Advisory Sub-Committee Reports
  - **Staff:** Mitch Sears informed the committee that staff continues to monitor the potential legislation. VCEA has a contract in place with Circlepoint. Circlepoint has prepared a draft outreach plan. There is a letter of intent with SMUD. Briefings by SMUD and Circlepoint are regular agenda items
  - **Vision sub-committee:** Lorenzo Kristov reported that a draft vision statement is ready for review by the committee. Regina Espinoza will send out the draft and collect and consolidate comments.
  - **RFP sub-committee:** No updates.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. Appointment of Marsha Baird as Secretary/Minute Keeper

C. Shewmaker commented that now we have a representative from each jurisdiction: City of Davis (Chair), City of Woodland (Vice-Chair), and Yolo County (Secretary).

6. Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2017 Committee Meeting

7. Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2017 Committee Meeting

C. Shewmaker moved and David Springer seconded the approval all items in the Consent Agenda. Committee members approved unanimously.

## REGULAR AGENDA

8. Action. Approval of Recommended Charge for the Advisory Committee

C. Shewmaker moved to approve, Mark Aulman seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Charge will now be taken to the Board. D. Saylor asked what the changes were from the original charge and requested that when shown to the Board it would be helpful to have the original charge with changed/additions noted.

A title needs to be added to the document and there were some typos noted that need to be corrected.

9. Information. Introduction of SMUD team, status update.

Prior to the presentation by SMUD, M. Sears provided some details about the potential legislation. There are two companion bills, AB 726 and AB 813, both authored by Assemblyman Holden. They require that new CCAs share a portion of the construction of new renewable energy that is targeted to be implemented before Federal tax credits expire in 2020. In addition, CCAs would need to have a contract with California public utilities before September 1, 2017. CalCCA has been very active in working on this issue. The legislation is being introduced at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour which does not allow for public comment. If the language cannot be removed from the bill, there is discussion of moving the date CCAs need to have a contract with CA public utilities to January 1, 2018. There are a number of other CCAs in the same situation as VCEA. To meet the January 1, 2018 deadline, VCEA would need to submit their implementation plan by October 3, 2017 as the California public utilities require 90 days to review plans.

SMUD is working under a Letter of Intent and will work on the VCEA Implementation Plan. There is a template used by other CCAs, which makes preparation easier. We will know the status of the legislation by Friday, September 15, 2017. If the bill goes away, it will free up some time, but not a lot.

SMUD team, Gary Lawson, Brian Stephens and Michael Chan, then gave their presentation. See attached document "SMUD – Proposed Level of Review".

Committee will want to have SMUD back to discuss other areas in the future. M. Sears reminded members that the SMUD proposal is rich with information about their work scope.

10. Information. Introduction of Circlepoint, status update.

Sarah Seward from Circlepoint provided an overview of the project milestones and status. See attached document "VCEA\_AC\_CP\_9112017\_Final".

Logo options were not finalized, but could be reviewed by the Committee at the next meeting.

11. Action. Appointment of Energy Subcommittee.

G. Braun proposed that the RFP subcommittee, which has completed their work on RFPs, continue as a team and work on energy related issues. M. Sears noted that under the Brown Act, subcommittees had to have defined tasks and timeframe. The RFP subcommittee can continue until the SMUD contract negotiation is complete. C. Shewmaker commented that other subcommittees may be needed. This will be discussed at the next meeting, along with a review of Brown Act rules.

12. Long Range Calendar, Meeting Schedule and Next Meeting Agenda.

- Next meeting agenda will include review of draft Vision, a discussion of subcommittees needed and Brown Act requirements, and Logo review.
- Next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Davis.
- Future VCEA Board meetings will be on second Thursday of the month (Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>), so Committee would like to meet on first Monday (or Monday week and a half before Board meeting) going forward: Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Shewmaker suggested developing a place to store public documents that is easily accessible, perhaps Google Docs.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. M. Baird moved, M. Aulman seconded. Approved unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS from Meeting:**

- Regina Espinoza will send out the draft Vision Statement and collect and consolidate comments.
- Advisory Committee Charge will be presented at Board Meeting on September 20th.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 5:30pm in Davis.**