MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD STRATEGY WORKSHOP
(SPECIAL MEETING)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed a Board Strategy Workshop (Special Meeting) scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2026 at 9 a.m. to be held at Hotel Winters, Vineyard Room, located at 12 Abbey Street, Winters, California 95694. Board Chair Jesse Loren established that there was a quorum present and began the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Board Members Present:	Jesse Loren (Chair), Tom Stallard, Donna Neville, Bapu Vaitla, Lucas Frerichs, Albert Vallecillo (Alternate City of Winters)
Members Absent:	Richard Casavecchia, Shiela Allen, Tania Garcia-Cadena (Vice Chair)

Item 1 and 2: Welcome, Roll Call and Approval of the Agenda	Chair Loren welcomed everyone and informed those present that this is a workshop, a Special meeting, and no action will be taken by the Board today other than approving the Agenda. VCE Chief Executive Officer Mitch Sears provided an introduction to this Workshop. Director Vaitla made a motion to approve the October 23, 2026 Special meeting Agenda, seconded by Director Stallard. Motion passed with Directors Casavecchia, Allen and Garcia-Cadena (Vice Chair) absent.
Item 3. Public Comment – General and Consent Items	There were no written or verbal public comments not on the agenda or on consent items.
Items 4: Board Strategy Workshop. (Discussion)	Girish Balachandran of GB Endeavors introduced himself and provided his background and outlined the goals of this Workshop. Mr. Balachandran facilitated several exercises and discussions and received input from the Board Members on VCE's accomplishments, goals and objectives as VCE moves forward.

The Board and Staff discussed various subjects, such as: VCE's accomplishments, goals, roles of each Board Member, governance, the complexities of energy and CCA's, the needs of the communities, learning styles, identification of ways to improve knowledge, suggestions and expectations of Staff, the long range calendar, and review cadence of VCE's policies and guidelines.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 5: Board Member and Staff Announcements

Mr. Balachandran thanked those present for attending and having an engaging conversation. Each Board Member thanked Mr. Balachandran for leading the Workshop and the Staff for their work on preparing for this Workshop. Each Board Member provided their key "take aways".

Mr. Sears and VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a recap of the Workshop. Mr. Burnham informed those present that a staff report summarizing this workshop will be provided to the Board at their November 2026 meeting.

Item 6: Announcement / Adjournment

Chair Loren announced that the Board's next regular meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2026 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. There being no further regular business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke
VCEA Board Secretary