



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their Special meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., to be held via Zoom webinar pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 and the Board's findings to continue remote meetings. Chair Carson established that there was a quorum present and began the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dan Carson, Jesse Loren, Don Saylor, Wade Cowan, Mayra Vega, Lucas Frerichs, Gary Sandy

Members Absent: Tom Stallard

Welcome Chair Carson welcomed everyone.

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda Motion made by Director Sandy to approve the October 21, 2021 special meeting agenda, seconded by Director Vega. Motion passed with Director Stallard absent.

Public Comment – General and Consent Chair Carson opened the floor for public comment for items not listed on the agenda. Board Clerk informed those present that there were no verbal or written public comments.

Item 4: Consider adoption of a rate adjustment effective November 2021 for VCE customer classes excluding CARE and FERA customers. Interim General Manager Mitch Sears introduced this item and presented slides highlighting items within the Staff Report. The Board commented that the staff report presented information well and explained the reasons for a rate increase. The Board discussed several aspects of this item, including, effects of increase on customers, messaging, outreach strategy, and next steps moving forward. It was suggested that VCE Staff move forward with speaking with other CCAs on alternate structures of VCE as an organization and at a later meeting have the discussion regarding this topic.

Chair Carson opened the floor for public comment. There was no written public comment. There was verbal public comment as follows:

**Verbal Public Comment:** Christine Shewmaker commented that there are many outside forces out of the organization's control and supports the suggestion of having further discussion on the organization's structure.



Director Frerichs made a motion to:

1. Approve a 5% average generation rate adjustment (equal to 1.9% total electricity charges) effective November 2021 for VCE customer classes excluding California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rates Assistance (FERA) customers.
2. Direct staff to bring back a cost-recovery based rate structure and estimated 2022 customer rates for consideration at the November Board meeting.

This motion was seconded by Director Sandy. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Carson, Loren, Saylor, Vega, Cowan, Frerichs, Sandy

NOES: None

ABSENT: Stallard

ABSTAIN: None

#### Adjournment

The Board has scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 5 p.m. Chair Carson adjourned the special Board meeting at 5:36 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisa M. Lembke". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Alisa M. Lembke  
VCEA Board Secretary