

**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**  
**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Monday, July 2, 2018**

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Chairperson Gerry Braun opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in regular session beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Yolo County Department of Community Services, Cache Creek Room, 292 W. Beamer St., Woodland, CA 95695.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Gerry Braun (Chair), Christine Shewmaker (Vice-Chair), Mark Aulman, Tom Flynn, Yvonne Hunter, Marsha Baird\*, and Lorenzo Kristov\*\*

Committee Members Absent: David Springer

**Approval of  
Agenda**

M. Aulman moved to approve the July 2, 2018 CAC Agenda, seconded by Y. Hunter.  
Motion passed unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Hunter

NOES: None

ABSENT: Springer, Baird, Kristov

ABSTAIN: None

**Public Comment**

\*Member Marsha Baird arrived at 5:34 p.m.  
Chairperson Braun opened up the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.

**VCEA Staff and  
Advisory Task  
Group Reports**

There were no reports from VCEA Staff.  
\*\* Member Lorenzo Kristov arrived at 5:41 p.m.

**Community Outreach Task Group:** Mark Aulman provided an update. He informed those present that VCEA is going out for a marketing and public outreach RFP since Circlepoint's contract will terminate in September 2018. VCEA will be abiding by City of Davis procurement policies including request for proposals (RFP) subject to legal counsel's review. The current status is that VCEA Staff are waiting for legal counsel's comments to the draft RFP. He informed those present that based on input from solar vendors and NEM customer feedback, VCEA Staff was asked to address potential modifications to the current NEM policy.

Gary Lawson reported that a fire took out 30 poles at Hidden Valley Hydro. SMUD, PG&E and other entities will be viewing the site and assisting where possible.

**Legislative and Regulatory Task Group:** Delayed to later discussion in this meeting.

**Energy Task Group:** Delayed to a later discussion in this meeting.

**Approval of May  
30, 2018  
Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Braun suggested that the Minutes be sent out to the CAC Members for review prior to finalizing the draft meeting minutes; removing the May 30, 2018 draft Minutes from the consent Agenda; and, tabling the Minutes to the next CAC meeting. Members discussed the process by which Minutes are to be amended and approved.

**Public Comment:** None.

C. Shewmaker moved to table the approval of the May 30, 2018 meeting minutes to the next regular scheduled CAC meeting, seconded by Chairperson Braun. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Baird, Kristov  
NOES: Yvonne Hunter  
ABSENT: Springer  
ABSTAIN: None

**Long Range  
Calendar**

Y. Hunter moved to have the Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> CAC meeting rescheduled to Wednesday, August 29, 2018 due to September 3<sup>rd</sup> being a national holiday, seconded by C. Shewmaker. Motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Hunter, Baird, Kristov  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Springer  
ABSTAIN: None

A few Agenda items were requested to be added to the calendar:

1. add NEM policy to the CAC's Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and to the Board's Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. add solicitation of draft long term renewable procurement policy to CAC's July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.

C. Shewmaker moved to add the above items to the long term calendar, seconded by Chairperson Braun. Motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Hunter, Baird, Kristov  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Springer  
ABSTAIN: None

**Net Energy  
Metering (NEM)  
Policy**

VCEA Staff Jim Parks reviewed the current NEM policy and the potential issues that may arise. He reviewed numerous slides that covered solar community feedback and concerns about the true up date and other issues that have come to light. As a result, VCEA Staff reviewed the current NEM policy to look at those concerns. Staff is recommending to postpone NEM enrollment until 2019 (expected first quarter of calendar year 2019) to allow for development/finalization of a modified policy and billing systems. Mr. Parks reviewed several policy amendment concepts:

- 1) consider staying with the PG&E model;
- 2) shift some customers from annual billing to monthly billing who consistently owe more than \$500 a year while maintaining their existing true up date; and,
- 3) for new NEM customers, place them on annual billing and their true up date will be in the month they become a NEM customer, unless their annual true up exceeds \$500.

Chairperson Braun asked what does “impact” mean to the business - a loss? Accounts receivable? Mr. Parks responded stating that it is a cash issue - cash is recognized as revenue once it is received.

Mr. Parks asked that the CAC start to think about the issues for a future discussion. He also presented the next steps.

Y. Hunter moved to request that the VCE Board postpone enrollment of NEM customers until 2019 to allow for Staff to develop/finalize a modified policy and billing systems; asked that the Board address the NEM policy at their scheduled August 9, 2018 meeting; and, if the Board approved CAC’s recommendation, the CAC would like to emphasize to the Board the need for communication with NEM customers on the postponement and any amendments to the policy, seconded by M. Aulman. Motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Hunter, Baird, Kristov  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Springer  
ABSTAIN: None

**Integrated  
Resource Plan  
(IRP) – CAC to  
recommend final  
draft to Board  
for submittal to  
CPUC**

VCEA Staff Olof Bystrom presented a final draft Integrated Resource Plan and Action Plan within. Mr. Bystrom reviewed several items including: “What’s New”, Resource Portfolio Generation Mix, and the differences between Base, Cleaner Base, and Local.

Mr. Kristov commented that in one of the graphs, local consumption in 2030 flattens out from the year 2022. Mr. Bystrom stated that it actually goes down slightly since additional PV (photovoltaic), behind the solar meter, drives down the demand and that it is anticipated additional technical efficiency will be achievable in the future. He also mentioned that they used .49 range in increase in VCEA’s ten (10) year budget forecast.

Mr. Kristov asked why in Slide 22 (Estimated General Costs by Portfolio) does the graph go up dramatically in 2026? Mr. Olof responded that the carbon cost goes up in 2026. He added that they used the CPUC reference portfolio model, which must be used as a reference portfolio for comparison.

Ms. Shewmaker asked what does “greenfield” mean on Slide 23 (Notes on Resource Choices)? Mr. Bystrom stated that “greenfield” means that the site is starting from scratch, no rehabbing an established site. He added that solar, storage, scale, resources, environmental and regulatory issues are looked at when considering development within Yolo County. Mr. Flynn asked if storage will cost less in the future? Mr. Bystrom said that it is anticipated that the costs would go down around the year 2022. Mr. Bystrom continued reviewing the slides.

Ms. Shewmaker asked what is your time for ramp up if the deadline year is 2021? Mr. Bystrom responded that modeling shows that in 2021 should be ramped up to 65% and another ramp up in 2022. Ms. Hunter suggested that Staff clarify with better examples in the section “...161,518 MWh by 2021...” for the Board.

Mr. Lawson reviewed the slides pertaining to the Action Plan by highlighting the changes and edits to the initial draft IRP and the incorporation of the CAC Members’ ranking of action plan activities. Mr. Lawson asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Kristov wanted to emphasize the opportunistic approach of the procurement strategy as addressed in the IRP by Staff.

The Members and Staff discussed the IRP and made various suggestions on how to improve, clarify and expand on items covered within the IRP. Chairperson Braun reminded those present that VCEA is at a very early stage in its existence and that it is difficult to come up with a solid five (5) year plan, but that there will be plenty of opportunities to revise the plan as more information comes in and is available. Ms. Shewmaker suggested that possibly an alternate plan be included. Mr. Bystrom stated that the IRP needs to include a portfolio that CPUC will certify as compliant and alternate portfolios can be listed within. He informed the Members that all three (3) portfolios (Base, Cleaner Base, and Local) are in compliance but that only one will be certified by the CPUC.

Ms. Hunter suggested that a statement be included in the IRP that summarized Chairperson Braun's suggestion that as VCEA gains more experience, information and as VCEA evolves, VCEA will explore local renewables. Mr. Lawson stated that this discussion on renewables will come up sooner than later and should be discussed at a future meeting. Mr. Bystrom reminded those present that the IRP is a document that "advertises" VCEA's policies and that the 3 year Action Plan outlines the actions VCEA plans to take to achieve the goals and objectives set out in the IRP.

Members discussed what factors and future analysis will need to be made after the IRP has been submitted. It was suggested that the Cities' and County's Action Plans be looked at while talking about future planning for VCEA.

C. Shewmaker made a motion to 1) accept Staff's recommendation to approve the attached IRP adopting Cleaner Base as its preferred portfolio with the local being the alternative and would ask Staff to insert in the appropriate places to look at local renewable proactively and we would incorporate local renewables where feasible and cost effective and 2) approve the IRP Action Plan, seconded by Y. Hunter.

Chairperson Braun commented that he has a concern with the motion as made. He would like to codify the motion - he would like it clarified. Board Clerk Alisa Lembke repeated several times the motion, each time making it clearer with suggestions from Ms. Shewmaker and Mr. Hunter. After Ms. Lembke repeated the motion as clarified, Chairperson Braun asked if the other Members were good with the motion as clarified. Mr. Aulman and Ms. Baird said they liked the motion. Mr. Flynn said he had nothing to add. Mr. Kristov had no comments.

C. Shewmaker revised her original motion to 1) accept Staff's recommendation to approve the draft IRP adopting Cleaner Base as its preferred portfolio with Local being the alternative portfolio; 2) direct Staff to insert in the appropriate places, VCEA's desire to maximize the incorporation of local renewables to the extent feasible and cost effective; and, 3) approve the IRP Action Plan, seconded by Y. Hunter. Motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Hunter, Baird, Kristov  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Springer  
ABSTAIN: None

**Group Summary  
and  
Recommendation  
Assembly Bill  
813 and Senate  
Bill 100**

how the CAC would go about reviewing legislation and would follow CalCCA's position recommendation but that if the Task Group thought differently on CalCCA's position, the Task Group would bring it to the Board as a CAC recommendation.

**Senate Bill 100 (SB 100):** Both Leg./Reg. Task Group and VCEA Staff agree to support this bill, which is being heard in Committee tomorrow.

Y. Hunter moved to accept Task Group's recommendation to the VCEA Board to support SB 100 (de Leon) Renewable Portfolio Standard. GHG Emissions, said position is consistent with CalCCA's position including the topics raised in CalCCA's letter dated January 16, 2018 to Honorable Kevin DeLeon which would result in withdrawal of support, seconded by M. Aulman. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Flynn, Shewmaker, Aulman, Baird

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: -0-

ABSTAIN: Braun, Kristov

**Assembly Bill 813 (AB 813):** Ms. Hunter reviewed AB 813 which proposes for a multi-State regional transmission system organization. Task Group recommends "No Position". She noted that VCEA Staff is recommending to follow CalCCA's position, which is to support AB 813.

Mr. Kristov expressed concern on how CalCCA derives their decisions and whether VCEA Staff are involved. Ms. Hunter clarified that CalCCA is new and getting organized. They have a Board of Directors and Leg. Committee consisting of CCA Members, who make recommendations to the CalCCA's Board of Directors. CalCCA is trying to stream-line their process. Ms. Shewmaker commented that this is a very complicated issue and even though she has listened to many opinions and read analysis, she is comfortable with the Task Group's position. Mr. Kristov commented that possibly it is an innate response to agree with CalCCA's position. Mr. Kristov continued that he personally opposes AB 813 because there are only 2 choices, which do not recognize objectives and how to approach those objectives. He thinks that there should be a third choice that outlines those objectives and how to achieve them. Ms. Shewmaker commented that there is no hurry to take a position - it has not gone through the Committee. Ms. Hunter agrees with Mr. Kristov and Ms. Shewmaker and suggested that taking a "No Position" is better than opposing or supporting.

Ms. Baird asked if the CAC Members need to vote on a position or can the recommendation go to the Board from the Task Group. Ms. Hunter stated that the recommendation needs to come collectively from the CAC not the Task Group.

C. Shewmaker moved to accept Task Group's recommendation to the VCEA Board to take "No Position" on AB 813 (Holden) Multi-State Regional Transmission System Organization, seconded by Y. Hunter. Mr. Kristov asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: : Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Hunter, Kristov

NOES: -0-

ABSENT: David Springer

ABSTAIN: Marsha Baird

Chairperson Braun asked if there was any public comment. An Attendee mentioned that in Agenda Item #7 – Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy that VCEA might want to consider the PR implications and get the message to NEM Customers sooner than later. Also the suggestion was made to consider creating incentives to bring them (NEM Customers) on board sooner than delaying their enrollment until later. She suggests getting them informed and involved as soon as possible. Also, she suggested that the subject of looking for grants should be added to the CAC Agenda.

**Advisory  
Committee  
Member and Staff  
Announcements**

Chairperson Braun thanked Staff for collecting information on the Action Plan activities in the IRP. Ms. Shewmaker said the webinar that took place on June 27, 2018 was good.

Mr. Lawson presented a PowerPoint slide outlining “VCEA Staff Critical Path Items for Long Term Renewables Solicitation”. He said he would send it out to the CAC Members in the hopes that it will be placed on the CAC’s July 30<sup>th</sup> agenda for discussion and possible recommendation to the Board.

**Next Steps**

CAC Members are to review the slide presented tonight by Staff regarding “critical path items for long term renewable procurement solicitation”. This item will be discussed at the next CAC meeting scheduled for Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting**

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center located at 646 “A” Street, Davis, CA 95616.

**Adjournment**

Y. Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Aulman. Motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

AYES: Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Flynn, Hunter, Baird, Kristov

NOES: None

ABSENT: Springer

ABSTAIN: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Alisa Lembke  
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst