



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

Chair Braun opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in regular session on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 5:32 p.m. at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 1st Street, Woodland, California.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Gerry Braun (Chair), Christine Shewmaker (Vice-Chair), Yvonne Hunter, Lorenzo Kristov, and Christine Casey

Committee Members Absent: Marsha Baird, Mark Aulman, and David Springer

Approval of Agenda Yvonne Hunter made motion to approve the September 26, 2019 Agenda, seconded by Christine Shewmaker, motion passed with Marsha Baird, Mark Aulman and David Springer absent.

Public Comment Chair Braun opened the floor for public comment. No public comments.

VCEA Staff and Advisory task Group Reports Interim General Manager Mitch Sears introduced George Vaughn, VCE's new Director of Finance and Internal Operations, replacing Lisa Limcaco. The Committee Members asked that a thank you be sent to Ms. Limcaco to acknowledge all of her work, assistance and clear presentation of information to the CAC. Her work has been greatly appreciated.

Legislative / Regulatory Task Group: Ms. Hunter informed those present that an update will be provided during the Regular Agenda and Lorenzo Kristov will be providing a regulatory update at the CAC's October meeting.

Outreach Task Group: Ms. Hunter updated those present that through Green Ideals, VCE's marketing consultant, they have been moving forward with the Opt Up marketing campaign and general advertisement. Ms. Hunter, Susan Bierzychudek of Green Ideals, and Tessa Tobar have been going around the different areas to take photos of customers. So far, it has been very successful. They are looking for agricultural connections and business owners within Woodland. Half page ads are scheduled for mid-October through mid-December with a one-year recap/anniversary of VCE scheduled for local newspaper inserts in January 2020.

Rates and Services Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov asked if VCE Staff is looking at pursuing the City of Davis to opt up to UltraGreen. Mr. Sears responded that VCE Staff have



connected with the Cities of Woodland and Davis for them to opt up to UltraGreen. VCE Staff will pursue Yolo County also.

Mr. Sears reminded those present of the scheduled Legacy Net Energy Metering (NEM) informational workshops, for their enrollment to begin in January 2020. Jim Parks informed those present that the workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, October 2 in Davis and Monday, October 14 in Woodland.

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda

Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve Consent items, seconded by Chris Casey. Motion passed with Marsha Baird, Mark Aulman, and David Springer absent. The following items were:

- approved August 22, 2019 meeting minutes; and
- received Customer Enrollment Update as of September 18, 2019.

Legislative / Regulatory Task Group update on end of legislative session (Informational)

Mr. Sears introduced Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group (PPG), VCE's lobbyist consultant. Ms. Hunter gave a brief overview of the end of the 2019 legislative session. Ms. Hunter provided a written report and summary of bills prepared by Mr. Fenstermaker in a handout to those present. Mr. Fenstermaker provided a brief review: new administration; highlighting several bills; overview of PG&E bankruptcy and wildfire fund, etc. and how it relates to energy; how CPUC defines IOUs and CCAs forming municipalities; and, ex-parte meetings that were held with officials to send a message that CCAs are a local government and should be treated as such. Mr. Kristov commented that CCAs have a choice, so they are not perceived as a local government entity. Ms. Hunter commented that CalCCA and other CCAs are establishing themselves in the legislature and in government agency offices.

Discuss Committee 2019 calendar end of year report.

Chairperson Braun introduced this item. He wanted to discuss with the Members about what the CAC should be doing for future planning. He read CAC Member (absent) Marsha Baird's comments to those present regarding this item.

There was general consensus amongst the Members that input from staff and the Board is needed, with focus on what is needed for the community including climate crisis through education and outreach efforts to customers. There is also the desire for this CAC to have conversations with other similar CCAs.

Staff informed those present that each member of the CAC has contributed greatly with their knowledge, expertise, experience and time. Staff and the Members are all working towards a clear goal, but objectives need to be defined for the upcoming year.

Update and discussion on procurement planning: 2020/2021 short term power

Mr. Sears introduced this item and VCE Staff Gary Lawson. Mr. Lawson reviewed: VCE's net procurement position, 2020 projected power supply costs, 2020 procurement plan, anticipated long term renewables, including power mix with long term renewables, issues for consideration, local renewables procurement, and nexus to 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Mr. Sears informed those present that a local solicitation can also expand the conversation regarding storage.



**procurement and
local renewable
solicitation
(Informational /
Discussion)**

**Update on
Integrated
Resource Plan
process
(Informational)**

VCE Staff Olof Bystrom provided an update on the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP): IRP timeline, regulatory developments affecting the Resource Plan, such as filing requirements, and outlined potential considerations for CAC and VCE. Mr. Sears informed those present that CalCCA has the desire to gather up draft IRPs as soon as possible (early 2020). The purpose is to have a collective synergy between them all so that when the plans go to the CPUC, the IRPs are sending the same “message”.

**Update on
potential
acquisition of
PG&E’s local
electricity
distribution
system
(Informational)**

Mr. Sears informed those present that there are some additional slides in the presentation tonight for information only. He wanted to recognize Tessa Tobar and Jake Highleyman for all of their work.

Mr. Sears provided an update: the VCE Board approved amendment to the JPA, creating an associate membership category for other jurisdictions to join in on the discussion, targeting the cities of Winters and West Sacramento.

Mr. Sears provided an update of PG&E’s bankruptcy case: insurance group indicated that they have settled with PG&E and will be in their reorganization plan (\$12 Billion). A competing plan was submitted by tort victims and bond holders, who are willing to submit a competing reorganization plan worth \$6 billion.

VCE is continuing to evaluate PG&E’s assets. Mr. Sears reviewed the three (3) main phases of this process. Phase 1: generating a value and getting that into a letter to PG&E, notifying value to others - will conclude early October. Phase 2: due diligence to offer – what does it look like to operate a system. Mr. Kristov asked if this phase would include looking at grid modernization? Mr. Sears said yes and would include how VCE accesses financing. Phase 3: if offer is accepted, building out operational details: condition of system, etc. Within all Phases, there are “off ramps” when VCE can get off the course. Ms. Shewmaker asked if the cities of Winters and West Sacramento would be included in the offer. Mr. Sears said yes, entities will be but there is a way for Winters and West Sacramento to opt out of the offer. Ms. Hunter asked at what point to do the other players get involved, parallel or when it looks like it will be going forward? Mr. Sears informed those present that the other agencies would get involved afterwards.

**Update on
development of
potential VCE
electrification,
energy efficiency,**

Chair Braun introduced this item recapping the Rates and Services Task Group efforts on programming. He introduced VCE Staff Tessa Tobar who provided an overview: why electrification, transportation is a high priority, EV programs by utility, CCA initiatives: Choose EV platform, SMUD & UCD, and Cool Davis DEVA. Overview of Rates and Services Task Group and next steps: program plan.



and electric vehicle programs (Informational)

Mr. Parks informed those present that electrification was where the CAC and TG wanted to focus as a result of past presentations to the CAC, so concentrating on Electric Vehicle programs. Chris Casey informed those present that she now sits on the City of Woodland Sustainability Committee and transportation is a priority for committee and Woodland Council in order to reduce greenhouse gas emission.

Long Range Calendar 2019

Mr. Sears reiterated that Staff and CAC are working towards a clear goal; however, objectives need to be defined.

Mr. Sears reminded those present that the November and December CAC meetings land or near a holiday. He proposes to have an early December meeting to cover the November and December meetings and in correspondence with Integrated Resource Plan workshop.

Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements

Chair Braun informed those present that LEAN Energy has monthly updates on CCA's. He encourages others to look at their update from last month and to review VCE's August Board packet. He noted that VCE is repaying the loan to each Agency.

Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE will be participating in the City of Winters' Carnitas Festival from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. this Saturday, September 28th. He invited CAC Members to attend.

He announced that VCE is enrolling legacy NEM customers soon with informational workshops scheduled in October - it is the second round of launching VCE's program.

Adjournment to Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. to the next regular scheduled CAC meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley Clean Energy Administrative Offices located at 604 2nd Street, Davis, California.

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