

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**

**Staff Report – Item 4**

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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2022 meeting  
**DATE:** November 10, 2022

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Receive, review and approve the attached October 13, 2022 meeting Minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., to be held via Zoom webinar. Chair Jesse Loren established that there was a quorum present and began the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Jesse Loren, Tom Stallard, Don Saylor, Dan Carson, Gary Sandy, Lucas Frerichs, Wade Cowan, Mayra Vega (arrived at 5:48 p.m.)

Members Absent: None

Welcome Chair Loren welcomed all. VCE Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel introduced consultants: Miriam Makhyoun and Jason Hoyle of EQ Research (Keyes & Fox) and Jim Himelic of First Principles Advisory (IRP modeling).

Public Comment – General and Consent Board Clerk informed those present that there were no verbal or written public comments on general or consent items.

Approval of Consent Agenda / Resolution 2022-028 Motion made by Vice Chair Tom Stallard to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Director Lucas Frerichs. Motion passed with Director Mayra Vega absent. The following items were:

3. Authorized to continue remote public meetings as authorized by Assembly Bill 361;
4. Approved September 8, 2022 Board meeting Minutes;
5. Received 2022 Long Range Calendar;
6. Received Financial Updates August 31, 2022 (unaudited) financial statement;
7. Received Legislative update from Pacific Policy Group;
8. Received September 2022 Regulatory update dated October 5, 2022 provided by Keyes & Fox;
9. Community Advisory Committee September 22, 2022 meeting summary;
10. Received quarterly Customer Participation update;
11. Received update on SACOG Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grant; and,



12. Approved agreement with James Marta & Company to perform auditing services for calendar years ending 2022 through 2024 with the option to extend as Resolution 2022-028.

As mentioned above, there were no verbal or written public comments.

Item 13: Approve VCE's Integrated Resource Plan and associated Action Plan to be submitted to the CPUC by November 1, 2022. / Resolution 2022-029

Mr. Samuel provided a summary of the draft 2022 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and reviewed Staff's recommendation to the Board.

The Board asked questions about assumptions used in modeling, availability of future resources, demand, and discussions at the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) about the future of the IRP and where it is headed. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Motion made by Director Carson, seconded by Director Frerichs to:

- Approve the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in substantially the form attached and selects the "25MMT Portfolio" as Valley Clean Energy's (VCE's) preferred conforming resource portfolio and the Action Plan identified therein, for submission to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).
- Authorize staff to make any non-substantial changes necessary to finalize the IRP as well as supplemental documents and work products to be submitted to the CPUC by November 1, 2022.

Motion passed as Resolution 2022-029 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vega

ABSTAIN: None

Item 14: Receive VCE Strategic Plan update.

VCE Executive Officer Mitch Sears introduced this item and VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a progress update of the Strategic Plan (Plan) by highlighting the accomplishments of Goals 1 through 6. Mr. Burnham reminded those present that the Strategic Plan is the basis for developing VCE's annual organization and individual goals, annual budgets, key decisions, and priorities. The current cadence of Plan updates is an annual report to the Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC), with VCE Staff reporting quarterly to the Executive Officer on the status of goals, objectives, and metrics for which they are responsible.



Mr. Burnham is seeking feedback from the Board on options for extending the Plan beyond the current end of the planning period, which is November 2023, such as adopting a multi-year extension at the end of the current planning period or adopting one year “rolling” extensions each year.

The Board expressed their interest in looking at the Strategic Plan as needed on a rolling basis to be able to adjust and react as necessary to challenges that arise in the changing energy climate. The Board also recommended that Staff bring back the concept in a full-fledged form. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Item 15: Receive progress update on VCE 3-Year Programs Plan and 2023 program concepts.

Mr. Sears introduced this item and thanked VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles, Sierra Huffman and the VCE Team for their work on all of the programs that have been implemented. Ms. Boyles thanked the CAC Program’s Task Group and Staff for all of their work and assistance. Ms. Boyles highlighted VCE’s current programs and reviewed 2023 program concepts under consideration: continuing the OhmConnect program, Phase 2 of Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate and Heat Pump programs, energy efficiency rebates for low-income customers, home energy ratings, agricultural electrification, self-generation incentive program (SGIP), and workforce development. Several Board Members expressed their interest in possible 2023 programs and commented on existing programs. There were no written public comments.

Verbal Public Comment: Christine Shewmaker commented that the outcomes of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) could be impactful on VCE’s programs, both in the short and long term. IRA’s goals are in alignment with VCE’s goals, and the rebates and tax credits could greatly assist in VCE’s program goals for 2023.

Item 16: Receive update on draft 2023 Operating Budget.

Mr. Sears introduced this information item and Mr. Burnham provided an overview of the draft 2023 Operating Budget by reviewing key factors influencing short-term operating budgets, 2022 financial update, impacts of additional factors, budget proforma update, and multi-year forecasting. Comments were provided by the Board on the possibility of reviewing current reserve goals and/or establishing a reserve policy. There were no verbal or written public comments.



Item 17: Board  
Member and  
Staff  
Announcements

There were no Board announcements. Mr. Sears informed those present that Staff are currently seeking AgFIT program participants for next year's season. VCE Staff are working on price signals and adding VCE's voice to the process.

Chair Loren thanked VCE Staff for participating in Winters' Festival de la Comunidad held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in Winters. She thanked VCE for being part of the event and the community.

Chair Loren announced that the Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment

Chair Loren adjourned the regular Board meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke  
VCEA Board Secretary