

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 4

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2021 Board Meeting
DATE: May 13, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, review and approve the attached April 8, 2021 Board meeting Minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS
THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their regular and Special meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., to be held via Zoom webinar. Chair Dan Carson announced that the Special meeting will be held concurrently with the regular meeting. Chair Carson established that there was a quorum present and began the regular and Special meetings at 4:02 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Tom Stallard

Welcome and Approval of Regular and Special Meeting Agenda
Motion made by Director Saylor to approve the April 8, 2021 regular Board meeting agenda, seconded by Director Loren. Motion passed with Tom Stallard absent.

Agenda
Motion made by Director Loren to approve the April 8, 2021 special Board meeting agenda, seconded by Director Cowan. Motion passed with Tom Stallard absent.

Public Comment – General and Consent
Chair Carson opened the floor for public comment for items not listed on the agenda and items listed on the Consent Agenda.

Verbal public comment was provided by Christine Shewmaker, Community Advisory Committee Chair: On behalf of Vice Chair Cynthia Rodriguez, the CAC and herself, she would like to reissue an invitation to the Board to attend any of the CAC meetings. She noted that Dr. Olof Bystrom from SMUD will be presenting at their April 22nd meeting, on SMUD’s 2030 zero carbon plan. The invitation to the Board is to attend any of the meetings.

There were no written public comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda / Resolutions 2021-
Chair Carson informed those present that the two meeting agenda are combined now with an additional Consent item – update to the CC Power JPA membership resolution, which becomes item 15 and the remaining



007 through
2021-010

regular agenda renumbered accordingly. Motion made by Director Loren to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Director Frerichs. Motion passed with Tom Stallard absent.

The following items were approved, ratified, and/or received:

4. March 11, 2021 Board meeting Minutes;
5. 2021 Long Range Calendar;
6. Financial update – February 28, 2021 (unaudited) financial statement;
7. Legislative update;
8. April 1, 2021 Regulatory update provided by Keyes & Fox;
9. March 31, 2021 Customer Enrollment Update;
10. Community Advisory Committee March 25, 2021 meeting summary;
11. Amendment 3 to Pacific Policy Group lobbyist consultant agreement extending the agreement to June 30, 2022 at a not to exceed amount of \$60,000 as Resolution 2021-007;
12. Extension of agreement with Donald Dame for consulting services to expire on June 30, 2022;
13. Amendment to Resolution 2020-022 to modify time for regular Board meetings as Resolution 2021-008;
14. First Amendment to the Westlands Solar Park Power Purchase Agreement modifying Force Majeure and Liability Provisions as Resolution 2021-009; and,
15. Revised and updated Resolution 2021-006 joining California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority to facilitate joint procurement of energy products with other Community Choice Aggregators and Agencies as Resolution 2021-010.

Chair Carson pointed out that on Item 5 – Long Range Calendar, he made mention that the August meeting is a placeholder for a meeting if needed, but that currently the Board plans not to meet in August.

Item ~~15~~ 16:
Introduction of
Fiscal Year
2021/2022
preliminary draft
Operating
Budget.
(Discussion)

VCE Interim General Manager Mitch Sears introduced this item. VCE Staff Edward Burnham reviewed slides providing an overview of the fiscal year 2019/2020 (FY21/22) draft operating budget, update and forecast of the current budget year, draft fiscal year 2021/2022 operating budget, preliminary energy and other expenses, and other budget considerations.

Board members asked questions and discussed several items, such as load forecast – residential and non-residential, reserve monies, personnel



retirement costs, outreach and marketing budget, potential costs that could affect the budget, and possible mitigation measures.

There are no written or verbal public comments.

Item 17: Board
Member and
Staff
Announcements

Director Frerichs asked if VCE Staff will be responding to a letter to the Davis Enterprise editor about VCE. Mr. Sears commented that staff was aware of the letter. Staff conferred with Chair Carson and submitting a response may not be warranted; however, a brief response can be prepared.

Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE is on LAFCO's April 22nd agenda for review of operations. He does not anticipate any issues. He informed those present that the City of Stockton completed and released their Feasibility Study. VCE has been providing informal support to the City of Stockton and have offered to take their load numbers and run through our model to look at it fiscally. The model will give them data points for consideration in determining whether to run their own CCA or join another CCA.

VCE staff have been participating in CPUC, CAISO and Energy Commission conversations regarding heat storms and the possibility of expanding VCE's Peak Day Pricing program with the goal to engage VCE large customers in participating in the program.

Mr. Sears informed those present that a request for proposal for general (legal) counsel has been advertised and distributed to numerous firms. Staff will be working with the Board Subcommittee to get a short list of candidates, then prospective firms to the Board at their May meeting for discussion and selection.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 5 p.m. via video / teleconference.

Adjournment

Chair Carson adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke
VCEA Board Secretary