

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 4

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2022 meeting
DATE: June 9, 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, review and approve the attached May 12, 2022 meeting Minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 12, 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, Dan Carson, Wade Cowan, Don Saylor, Gary Sandy, Lucas Frerichs, Tania Garcia-Cadena (City of Woodland - Alternate Board Member arrived at 5:17 p.m.)

Members Absent: Tom Stallard, Mayra Vega

Welcome Chair Loren welcomed everyone.

Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Stallard, Vega

ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment – General and Consent Board Clerk informed those present that there were no written public comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda / Resolution 2022-014 Motion made by Director Dan Carson to approve the consent agenda recognizing that Item 6 – March 2022 financials have been updated on page 4 of Attachment A – Financial Summary, seconded by Director Lucas Frerichs. Motion passed with Directors Tom Stallard and Mayra Vega absent. The following items were:

3. Authorized to continue remote public meetings as authorized by Assembly Bill 361;
4. Approved April 14, 2022 Board meeting Minutes;
5. 2022 Long Range Calendar;
6. Received March 31, 2022 (unaudited) financial statement with updated Attachment A – Financial Summary;
7. Received Legislative update provided by Pacific Policy Group;
8. Received May 5, 2022 Regulatory update provided by Keyes & Fox;



9. Received Community Advisory Committee April 28, 2022 meeting summary;
10. Received update on Customer Dividend and Programs Allocation; and,
11. Reaffirmed VCE's participation in California Community Power Tumbleweed Project via Resolution 2022-014.

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

Item 12: Receive update from Beth Vaughan of California Community Choice Association (CalCCA).

Executive Director Beth Vaughan of California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) provided an update of CalCCA's membership and growth, summary of departing load by Investor Owner Utility (IOS), regulatory and legislative advocacy engagement, changes in the CCA community, procurement, communications and membership, CCA customer programs, and upcoming CalCCA events.

(5:17 p.m. City of Woodland Alternate Board Member Tania Garcia-Cadena arrived)

Ms. Vaughan answered a few questions from the Board.

Verbal Public Comment: Yvonne Hunter, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Member, complimented CalCCA and staff for being well organized and active in the legislature.

There were no written public comments.

Item 13: Legislative update from Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group.

Mr. Sears provided a brief background on VCE's Legislative Platform, then he introduced Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobbyist consultant. Mr. Fenstermaker provided an overview and update on current key and tracked legislative bills; how the legislature has been operating during the Covid pandemic; the status of the Budget; and, what monies may be available for clean energy programs.

The Board asked questions and a few bills and excess State budget monies were discussed in more detail.

There were no verbal or written public comments.

Item 14: Consider approval of VCE's Electric Vehicle

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles summarized the proposed Electric Vehicle (EV) rebates customer program and how this proposed program fits into the overall 3-Year Programs Plan and Strategic Plan. VCE Staff Sierra



rebates customer program.

Huffman reviewed background and context of this program, program design with a phased approach, and recommended an implementation plan. Ms. Boyles reviewed proposed budget, rebates, marketing, education, and advertising, with an outreach plan focusing on equitable access to the rebates for all customers.

The Board asked a few questions, which were discussed. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Motion made by Director Frerichs to approve Phase 1 of Valley Clean Energy's Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program, seconded by Director Gary Sandy. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Loren, Carson, Cowan, Saylor, Sandy, Garcia-Cadena

NOES: None

ABSENT: Stallard, Vega

ABSTAIN: None

Item 15:
Consider
appointment(s)
to vacant At-
Large seats on
Community
Advisory
Committee.

Mr. Sears introduced this item and provided a brief overview of the recruitment/selection guidelines for At-Large seats. He reviewed the Board Chair and Vice Chairs recommendation to appoint two (2) of the four (4) candidates.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Receive the Board Chair and Vice Chair recommendations to the full Board for appointments to the two vacant Community Advisory Committee At-Large seats.
2. Consider Appointment(s) to vacant At-Large seats on Community Advisory Committee.

Motion made by Director Dan Carson to receive the Board Chair and Vice Chair recommendations to appoint Kristin Jacobs (Agricultural/Customer service) and Keith Taylor (Energy Sector Research) to the two (2) vacant At-Large seats on the Community Advisory Committee in the 3rd Class with a term that expires in June 2024, seconded by Director Gary Sandy.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Loren, Carson, Cowan, Saylor, Sandy, Garcia-Cadena

NOES: None

ABSENT: Stallard, Vega

ABSTAIN: None



Item 16: Board
Member and
Staff
Announcements

There were no Director announcements. Mr. Sears informed those present that the Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 proceeding at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has come back to life with comments due June 10th. The CPUC has questions and is asking parties in the proceeding to provide answers. VCE is continuing to monitor the proceeding. Mr. Sears provided a brief update on The Department of Commerce circumvention case, which may affect VCE's larger project (Resurgence) located in San Bernardino County. Staff are tracking carefully and are in communications with the developer. Mr. Sears reported that the Honey Festival was well attended, lots of activity, and appreciates the CAC members who volunteered for this event.

Chair Loren announced that the Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment

Chair Loren adjourned the regular Board meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke
VCEA Board Secretary