

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 4

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2021 Board Meeting
DATE: September 9, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

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



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their regular and Special meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 5:00 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 meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Board Members Present: Dan Carson, Jesse Loren, Tom Stallard, Don Saylor, Mayra Vega, Gary Sandy, Lucas Frerichs (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)

Members Absent: Wade Cowan

Welcome Chair Carson welcomed everyone.

Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda Motion made by Director Jesse Loren to approve the July 8, 2021 meeting agenda, seconded by Director Gary Sandy. Motion passed with Directors Wade Cowan and Lucas Frerichs 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. Board Clerk informed those present that there were no verbal or written comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda (Resolutions 2021-016, 2021-017, and 2021-018) Motion made by Director Tom Stallard to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Director Loren. Motion passed with Directors Cowan and Frerichs absent.

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

4. June 10, 2021 Board meeting Minutes;
5. 2021 Long Range Calendar;
6. Financial update – May 31, 2021 (unaudited) financial statement;
7. Legislative update from Pacific Policy Group;
8. June 30, 2021 Regulatory update provided by Keyes & Fox;
9. June 30, 2021 Customer Enrollment update;
10. Community Advisory Committee June 24, 2021 meeting summary;
11. Copy of Amendment 2 to Jim Parks Consulting Agreement for consulting services increasing the not to exceed amount;
12. signed Amendment 24 to the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District professional services agreement Task Order 2 changing Call Center Staffing hours as Resolution 2021-016;
13. the Interim General Manager to exercise VCE's option to extend the River City Bank Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) and Term Note through January 31, 2022 as Resolution 2021-017; and,



14. consulting services agreement with Energeia USA to conduct a 100% carbon free portfolio study report for a not to exceed amount of \$60,000 to be completed no later than January 31, 2022 as Resolution 2021-018.

Item 15: Update on
Net Energy
Metering (NEM)
3.0. (Informational)

Interim General Manager introduced this item. VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles provided a brief summary of the staff report contained within the packet.

Verbal Public Comment:

Christine Shewmaker asked the Board to consider that all rooftop solar and behind the meter helps with VCE reaching its goals, and other Community Choice Aggregates (CCAs) in general, resiliency and power goals and combining solar with storage on site helps too. Solar and storage helps when charging electric vehicles and producing electricity thereby decreasing use of fossil fuels. She also favors using land for multi-usage.

Mr. Sears emphasized that an objective analysis of NEM is difficult to find; hopefully, as the result of NEM being discussed/addressed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), it will result in a resource on this subject matter. NEM, going forward, builds towards VCE's mission and goal; and, should be balanced with cost analysis. There are several options to pursue as VCE grows and moves forward, for example, large scale community battery storage.

The Board asked questions and several topics were discussed, such as: excess energy produced by residential NEM and/or commercial solar sites, adding to storage; whether or not Resource Adequacy (RA) captures "excess" storage, how it is accounted for, what role does it play; changing the narrative of NEM customers offsetting disadvantaged communities; and, changing statewide policies on budget, climate change, equity, and CPUC rulings.

There were no written public comments.

Item 16: Strategic
Plan Update.
(Informational)

Director Lucas Frerichs arrived at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Sears introduced this item and proceeded to review highlights of the mid-year Strategic Plan update.

Verbal Public Comment:

Christine Shewmaker thanked staff for their presentation of the Strategic Plan update and for all of their work with the five (5) task groups: Leg./Reg., Outreach, Programs, Rates, and Carbon Neutral.

The legislative update, power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA), and fuel and purchased power costs (Energy Resource Recovery Account) were briefly discussed.



Mr. Sears thanked the CAC and the individual task groups for their input and participation in moving strategic plan goals and objectives forward.

There were no written public comments.

Item 17: Board
Member and Staff
Announcements

Chair Carson reminded those present that CAISO called a Flex Alert for tomorrow 4 – 9 p.m. There were no other announcements from the Board.

Mr. Sears informed those present that the Aquamarine Project was mentioned in a Los Angeles article with a positive reference of VCE and the stability of CCA model. Senate Bill 612 was held up in Committee. mentioned in LA article regarding Aquamarine in Kings County, positive reference of VCE and to CCAs – viability of CCA model. Will be pushing out on social media. SB 612 held up in Committee. VCE submitted proposals to Yolo County’s American Rescue Plan (ARP) solicitation. He and Gordon Samuel presented general information of the CCA model, VCE’s goals, renewable energy production in Yolo County. Mr. Sears announced to the Board that the CAC appointment was not on this agenda – it will be postponed and Staff will present a recommendation at the Board’s September meeting. Staff have been working on the Affordable Housing billing issue regarding net energy metering and have been working with PG&E and customers through the issues.

The Board’s August meeting has been tentatively cancelled and the next Board meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 5 p.m. via Webinar/teleconference.

Adjournment

Chair Carson adjourned the regular Board meeting at 5:57 p.m.

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VCEA Board Secretary