

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 4

TO: Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2020 Special Board Meeting
DATE: September 10, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, review and approve the attached Minutes from the August 13, 2020 Special Board meeting.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their special meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., to be held via Zoom teleconference. Chairperson Don Saylor established that there was a quorum present and began the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Don Saylor, Dan Carson, Tom Stallard, Gary Sandy, Angel Barajas, Jesse Loren, *Lucas Frerichs (*arrived at 4:03 p.m.)

Members Absent: Wade Cowan

Approval of Agenda Motion made by Director Frerichs, seconded by Director Loren to approve the August 13, 2020 agenda. Motion passed unanimously, with Director Cowan absent.

Public Comment Chairperson Saylor opened the floor for public comment. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda / Resolution 2020-022 Chairperson Saylor asked if the Board had any items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Director Carson does not want to pull an item, but he does have a question regarding Item 8 – Regulatory Update from Keyes & Fox. Chairperson Saylor had a question/comment about Item 9 – Customer Enrollment Update stating that this item does not need to be pulled from the Consent agenda either. The questions/comments will be addressed after the Consent Agenda has been approved.

Motion made by Director Barajas to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Director Frerichs. There were no written or verbal public comments. Motion passed unanimously with Director Cowan absent. The following items were approved, ratified, and/or received:

4. July 9, 2020 special Board meeting Minutes;
5. 2020 Long Range Calendar;
6. Financial Updated – June 30, 2020 (unaudited) financial statement;
7. Legislative Update;
8. August 5, 2020 Regulatory update provided by Keyes & Fox;
9. August 5, 2020 Customer Enrollment Update;
10. Community Advisory Committee July 23, 2020 meeting summary;
11. signed Amendment #18 to Task Orders 2, 3, and 4 to SMUD agreement increasing the Consumer Price Index (CPI) effective July 1, 2020; and,
12. Resolution 2002-022 amending Resolution 2017-004 modifying time and place for regular Board meetings.



Director Carson asked about Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) regionalization efforts coming out of their bankruptcy proceedings. He read that the regionalization is focused on fire areas and VCE along with other CCA's are grouping together to provide feedback. Interim General Manager Mitch Sears confirmed that the regionalization efforts by PG&E are moving forward and r PG&E has been receptive to feedback and input from the CCAs. Director Carson suggested that PG&E's regionalization efforts be a future Board agenda item for discussion and formal input from the VCE Board on this issue.

Chairperson Saylor commented that Item 9 – Customer Enrollment Update displays opt outs, but does not provide additional information, such as customer category, number of accounts, or the electricity load demand of those who have opted out. He requested that this type of information be added so that the Board can get a better understanding of the impacts of those customers opting out of VCE. Staff will provide additional information in the Customer Enrollment Update to reflect this request.

Item 13:
Recognition of the
City of West
Sacramento as an
Associate Member
of VCE JPA /
Resolution 2020-
023

Director Loren made a motion to adopt a resolution thanking the City of West Sacramento for serving as an Associate Member to Valley Clean Energy during VCE's investigation of ownership of PG&E's local assets, seconded by Director Barajas. There were no written or verbal public comments. Motion passed as Resolution 2020-023 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Cowan

ABSTAIN: None

City of West Sacramento Councilperson Beverly Sandeen informed those present that Mayor Christopher Cabaldon unfortunately could not attend tonight's meeting, but he wanted her to pass on to VCE his appreciation. Councilmember Sandeen thanked and shared the City of West Sacramento's gratitude with the City keeping tabs on VCE and continuing the relationships that have formed.

Item 14: Approval
of VCE's 2020
Integrated
Resource Plan and
associated Action
Plan for submittal
by September 1,
2020 / Resolution
2020-024

Mr. Sears introduced Dr. Olof Bystrom who reviewed the no cost adjustments to the portfolios made in the draft Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Dr. Bystrom highlighted the areas revised within the IRP and reviewed the recommendation to the Board on adopting the IRP.

Chairperson Saylor asked if the Board Members had any questions. There being none, Chairperson Saylor asked if there were any written or verbal public comments. There were no written public comments, but there were verbal public comments.



Yvonne Hunter, Chair of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), informed those present that the CAC supports staff's recommendation and wanted to note that "while the mandatory 38 MMT portfolio is not the recommended path forward due to financial projections, we encourage the Board to make ongoing efforts at VCE to exceed the 46 MMT path."

Christine Shewmaker commented that she would like the Board to consider a long term goal of carbon neutrality by the year 2030.

Director Stallard made a motion to:

- Approve the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) in substantially the form attached and selects the "46MMT Portfolio" as VCE's preferred conforming resource portfolio and the Action Plan identified therein, for submission to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).
- Authorizing 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 September 1, 2020.

This motion was seconded by Director Sandy. Motion passed as Resolution 2020-024 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Sandy

ABSTAIN: None

Item 15: Update on VCE's response to current environmental and social justice issues (Informational)

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles informed those present that Staff have been working with the Board's Environmental and Social Justice work group to draft a statement that is action oriented and to received feedback from the Board's network. Ms. Boyles informed those present that a draft statement will be presented to the CAC for their input at their August meeting, then it will go back to the Board. It is the goal to have a final draft presented to the Board at their September meeting. Board Members expressed their support for an action type of statement on this issue.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 16: Update on VCE Strategic Plan process (Informational)

Mr. Sears informed those present that LEAN Energy, VCE's consultant assisting with the Strategic Plan, has scheduled interviews with Board and CAC members. Mr. Sears outlined the process and schedule with the goal of a working draft plan to be reviewed by the Board Subcommittee and CAC Strategic Plan Work Group in the next few months with a final draft plan being presented to the Board at their October meeting for consideration of adoption.



Director Carson is very interested in attending the CAC's meeting when the draft plan is presented and discussed.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Board Member and Staff Announcements

VCE Staff George Vaugh, provided a verbal summary of VCE's fiscal year 2019-2020 budget outcomes, in summary the key points are:

- VCE ended the year with a Positive Net Income of \$8.8M, which was \$500K below the \$9.3M budget;
- Very accurate on the Revenue and Power Costs components; and,
- Mitigated the lower than budget Gross Margin by realizing \$500K in Operational Savings.

Mr. Sears informed those present that Ms. Boyles is leading an effort to draft a PG&E support letter from VCE and other CCAs asking the CPUC to postpone implementing time of use (TOU) for some agriculture customers. PG&E is going to carry their request letter and CCA letters of support to the CPUC.

Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE donated 500 masks to RISE, Inc., located in Esparto with Director Angel Barajas, VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles and Tessa Tobar in attendance for the donation.

Mr. Sears informed those present that there has been some progress on the SACOG Grant to install electric vehicle charging stations in Yolo County with draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) scheduled to go to the Winters City Council for approval and with the MOU between VCE and City of Davis complete.

The next scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 4 p.m. via teleconference.

Adjournment

Chairperson Saylor announced that the Board does not have a Closed Session scheduled. With no further business to conduct, the special Board meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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VCEA Board Secretary