

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 September 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting
DATE: October 8, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Receive, review and approve the attached Minutes from the September 10, 2020 Special Board meeting.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance duly noticed their regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 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 (departed at 5:19 p.m.), Wade Cowan (departed at 5:30 p.m.), Lucas Frerichs

Members Absent: Jesse Loren

Approval of Agenda Chair Saylor informed those present that Item 15 – Strategic Plan will be heard before Item 14 – draft statement on current environmental and social justice issues.

Motion made by Director Sandy to approve the September 10, 2020 agenda as amended, seconded by Director Frerichs. Motion passed unanimously, with Director Loren absent.

Public Comment Chairperson Saylor opened the floor for public comment. Verbal public comments were provided:

Scott Steward Ragsdale, made a request to VCE to consider the Climate Crises and Mobilization resolution which will be in front of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors at their September 29th meeting. Yolo County is a member agency of VCE and he is requesting that VCE share this resolution with VCE's partner member agencies/jurisdictions for their consideration.

Yvonne Hunter, Chair of VCE's Community Advisory Committee (CAC), informed those present that the CAC at their August meeting heard a presentation from Juliette Beck about this resolution. The CAC asked that the resolution and information be shared with the CAC through VCE Staff, for their review and information.

There was no written public comment.

Approval of Consent Agenda / Resolution 2020-025 and Resolution 2020-026 Chair Saylor asked if there were any items to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. No items to be pulled; however, Director Dan Carson had a question on Item 7 – Legislative Update. Director Carson asked about SB350 (the Golden State Energy Act), which provides for a successor utility to PG&E should PG&E fail to emerge from bankruptcy or fail to maintain appropriate safety standards



that would give cause to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to revoke PG&E’s license. Director Carson stated that an earlier version of this bill had language that provided an expedited path for CCAs or similar to take over in the circumstance of PG&E’s failure. Now, he does not see it in the language. Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE’s lobbyist consultant, was present at the meeting, and informed those present that a prior similar bill (SB917 - Wiener) had this language but not SB350.

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

4. August 13, 2020 special Board meeting Minutes;
5. 2020 Long Range Calendar;
6. Financial Updated – July 31, 2020 (unaudited) financial statement;
7. Legislative Update;
8. September 4, 2020 Regulatory update provided by Keyes & Fox
9. September 1, 2020 Customer Enrollment Update;
10. Community Advisory Committee August 27, 2020 meeting summary;
11. SMUD Amendment #19 to task Order 4 – Operational Staff extension of Director of Finance and Internal Operations through December 31, 2020 as Resolution 2020-025; and
12. amended and restated credit agreement with River City Bank as Resolution 2002-026.

Item 13: Resource Adequacy Agreements 1) VESI 10 LLC and 2) Leapfrog Power, Inc. / Resolution 2020-027 and Resolution 2020-028

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel reviewed the resource adequacy agreements (RAAs) presented to the Board for consideration. Mr. Samuel noted that within the VESI 10 LLC (ORMAT/Terra Buena) agreement on page 41, Article 17.6, the donation portion needs to be corrected to read “*Seller* will contribute...” instead of “*Buyer* will contribute...”.

Mark Stout, representing ORMAT, reviewed the VESI 10 / Terra Buena Project.

Andrew Hoffman, representing Leapfrog, reviewed the background of bringing in flexible demand technologies into the CAISO market and others like CCAs.

Mr. Samuel reviewed Staff’s recommendation to adopt both RAAs as two separate resolutions.

Chair Saylor invited questions from the Board. A discussion on Resource Adequacy, rolling blackouts and what is the possibility that the CPUC may ask CCAs to incur more resources later; and the possibility of taking on energy sooner from these projects than projected.

There were no written or verbal public comments.



Motion made by Director Carson to:

1. adopt a resolution approving a resource adequacy agreement as amended correcting Article 17.6 on page 41 to change “Buyer shall contribute...” to “Seller shall contribute...” regarding donation, between Valley Clean Energy and VESI 10 LLC for battery storage and authorizing the Interim General Manager and/or his designee to execute and implement the agreement; and,
2. adopt a resolution approving a resource adequacy agreement between Valley Clean Energy and Leapfrog Power, Inc. for demand reduction and authorizing the Interim General Manager and/or his designee to execute and implement the agreement.

Motion seconded by Director Wade Cowan. Motion passed to adopt 1) VESI 10 LLC agreement as Resolution 2020-027 and 2) Leapfrog Power, Inc. agreement as Resolution 2020-028 by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Loren

ABSTAIN: None

Item 14: Receive progress update and provide feedback on VCE Strategic Plan (Informational)

Interim General Manager Mitch Sears introduced this item and informed those present that input from the Community Advisory Committee has been incorporated into the draft strategic plan. Staff are seeking input on the draft from the Board. Shawn Marshall of LEAN Energy, VCE’s strategic plan consultant, reviewed key findings, topic rankings of Board and CAC; and the feedback received from Board and CAC and incorporated into the draft.

Board Members provided additional valuable feedback, noting that few goals listed are highly encouraged and the goals need to be attainable, concise, practicable, and embraceable by the Board. In addition, general consensus by the Board to interact more at the agency/jurisdiction level to inform, involve and assist VCE’s partner agencies in VCE’s strategic plan.

Scott Ragsdale provided a verbal comment that a couple of goals caught his attention: interaction with the community, 2030 carbon neutral, decarbonization resiliency roadmap, and the inclusion of diversity in VCE’s future.

Christine Shewmaker provided a verbal comment that we are currently in a climate crisis and supports the carbon neutrality by 2030 and decarbonization goals.

There were no written public comments.

Chair Saylor thanked everyone for their input.



Item 15: Receive update and provide comments on VCE's draft statement on current environmental and social justice issues.
(Informational)

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles provided an update on the Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) work group, draft statement, and VCE's involvement with the CalCCA Equity Committee. She reminded those present that VCE's Strategic Plan sets the "why" and the ESJ statement sets the "how". The next steps are to incorporate additional feedback, provided a draft to the CAC seeking their recommendation to the Board, then a final draft statement to be presented to the Board at the October 2020 meeting.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Board Member and Staff Announcements

Mr. Sears informed those present of the following:

- 1) VCE Staff are working on the City of Winters enrollment; looking at identifying marketing ways to get the word out; and Staff will provide updates to the Board periodically.
- 2) Winters City Council approved the EV charging (SACOG) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with VCE to incorporated in with the City of Davis-VCE MOU – a progress report will be provided soon.
- 3) CCA's were recognized by the Governor's office on their assistance in energy conservation / Flex Alert. He thanked everyone for their assistance in getting the Flex Alert conservation message out to the public.
- 4) Four (4) potential counterparties have been identified in response to the local request for offers (RFO) solicitation and VCE Staff are moving forward with discussions on these projects.
- 5) The Customer Enrollment update provided on the Consent provides additional information on what is going on at the local level.
- 6) The Joint Rate Mailer was sent out via regular mail and e-mail to those customers that had e-mails on record.

No announcements from the Board.

The next scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, October 8, 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 Board meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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VCEA Board Secretary