

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 27, 2022

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached September 22, 2022 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair David Springer opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 beginning at 5:01 p.m. via videoconference pursuant to the Brown Act and Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361). The Board of Directors found that the local health official recommended measures to promote social distancing and authorized the continuation of remote meetings for the foreseeable future.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: David Springer (Chair), Marsha Baird (Vice Chair), Christine Shewmaker, Lorenzo Kristov, Gerry Braun, Kristin Jacobs, Rahul Athalye, Cynthia Rodriguez, Keith Taylor

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman, Jennifer Rindahl

Welcome and Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Christine Shewmaker to approve the September 22, 2022 meeting agenda, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Mark Aulman and Jennifer Rindahl absent.

Public Comment / Introductions

There were no written or verbal public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items.

Brief task Group and VCE staff Reports

Chair Springer reminded those present that at the CAC’s December meeting, the election of officers for 2023 will be made for Chair and Vice Chair. If interested in serving as Chair or Vice Chair, please contact Gordon Samuel and Alisa Lembke and if you have questions about the positions, please contact Vice Chair Marsha Baird or him.

Vice Chair Baird informed those present that the annual year end evaluations, like in the past, will focus on each Task Group’s accomplishments measured against their Charge (tasks). Each Task Group are asked to prepare a draft “report” for the CAC’s review for their October 27th meeting. Board Clerk Alisa Lembke will follow up by sending an email with each Task Group’s “Charge” and when the draft reports are due. Vice Chair Baird suggested that the CAC not prepare a cover report, which has been done in the past. She commented that the Task Group evaluations would be sufficient to provide to the Board.



Task Group Reports

Outreach: Vice Chair Baird informed those present that the Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate program launched on Monday, September 19th with an EV Rebate program page added to the website, outreach to VCE's customers via newspaper and social media, printed handouts and posters in English and Spanish, and the purchase of small EV toy cars for events. Upcoming events: Winters Carnitas Festival (Festival de la Comunidad) on Saturday, September 24th; Electric Vehicle Showcase at the Davis Farmers Market on Sunday, September 25th; and, Woodland Farmers Market on October 8th. Vice Chair Baird provided a brief update on the marketing, website, and social media services Request for Proposals.

Energy Resilience: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group has not met or had any discussions since the last CAC meeting in September. Funding for building Community Resiliency Centers may come from various sources, including possibly the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act.

Leg/Reg: Mr. Kristov provided a brief summary of Senate Bill 833: Community Energy Resilience Act and the status of Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant extension.

Programs: Vice Chair Baird had no updates to provide since there is a progress update on the 3-year Programs Plan on the regular agenda.

September 8, 2022 Board meeting update: Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel informed those present that the Board approved the 2021 Power Content Label; the Rate Adjustment System concept was introduced; and, two items were tabled to the Board's October meeting.

Staff Report: Mr. Samuel reported that UC Davis graduate students were given a tour of the Putah Creek Solar Farm. Good questions were asked by the students.

Consent Items

Marsha Baird made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Christine Shewmaker. Motion passed with Mark Aulman and Jennifer Rindahl absent. The following items were:

5. approved August 25, 2022 meeting Minutes; and,
6. received 2022 long-range calendar; and,
7. received Legislative End of Session update.



Item 8: Receive 2022 Update of the Valley Clean Energy Integrated Resource Plan (Information/Discussion)

Mr. Samuel introduced Miriam Makhyoun and Jason Hoyle of EQ Research, VCE’s regulatory compliance consultant (Keyes & Fox), and Jim Himelic of First Principles Advisory, VCE’s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Modeling consultant, both present to answer questions. Staff sought input from the CAC on the draft updates prior to it being presented to the Board at their October 13, 2022 meeting for approval. Numerous questions and comments were provided on: local based energy supply, economies of scale, modeling used, bias of utility scale generation, transmission and distribution loss, VCE’s portfolio, incremental impacts on the load, resource adequacy (RA) capacity, impacts of VCE’s carbon neutral study on emissions, and demand response.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Staff will incorporate the CAC’s feedback into the staff report to the Board.

Item 9: Introduce and receive input on a Rate Adjustment System Concept. (Information/Discussion)

VCE Staff Edward Burnham introduced Don Dame, VCE’s consultant who has been assisting with the mechanics of this topic. Mr. Burnham provided an introduction and review of a Rate Adjustment System (RAS) concept. Staff are seeking feedback on the RAS concept. Questions were asked about how often the system would be used, thresholds, adjustment time, relationship of this concept on pricing, and budget effects. The RAS concept was favorably received by the CAC and a few suggestions were provided.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 10: Receive progress update on VCE 3-Year Programs Plan and 2023 program concepts. (Information)

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles reviewed the background of the 3-year program plan, evaluation methodology criteria, and provided the status of the current seven (7) active programs. Ms. Boyles provided an overview of possible 2023 programs. The CAC would like to see the funding opportunities of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) incorporated into the 2023 programs concepts.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Advisory Committee Member and Announcements

Christine Shewmaker informed those present that the California Climate & Energy Collaborative held their annual forum in San Diego this week. There were several speakers from Yolo County. She commented that it was good to see and hear what Yolo County has been doing and our area was represented. Ms. Shewmaker reported that the Governor signed numerous climate bills, one of which is Senate Bill 1137 regarding setbacks from wells. A petition was



filed opposing the bill and trying to get it on the ballot. If on the 2024 ballot, the bill would not take effect until after the elections.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst