

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC October 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 17, 2022

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached October 27, 2022 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair David Springer opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022 beginning at 5:00 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, Mark Aulman, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:08 p.m.), Jennifer Rindahl, Rahul Athalye, Keith Taylor (departed at 6:02 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Kristin Jacobs

Welcome and Approval of Agenda Motion made by Jennifer Rindahl to approve the October 27, 2022 meeting agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Baird. Motion passed with Cynthia Rodriguez and Kristin Jacobs 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 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 Mr. Springer or Ms. Baird.

Task Group Reports

Outreach: Mark Aulman announced that the Task Group is seeking additional members. Mr. Aulman informed those present that the Task Group participated on the panel to interview those who responded to VCE's marketing, website and social media Request for Proposals. He met with Yolo County Supervisor Gary Sandy regarding outreach efforts to those in diverse neighborhoods in Woodland. The Task Group continues to participate in opting up municipal accounts to UltraGreen. Chair Springer informed those



present that VCE will be participating in the Salmon Festival coming up on Saturday, November 5th in Winters. He will be in attendance and invites others to participate.

Energy Resilience: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group's 2022 "Charge" was ambitious with many challenges and constraints. Moving forward, the goals will need to be rewritten.

Leg/Reg: Mr. Kristov informed those present that the Task Group reviewed, revised and updated the 2022 Legislative Platform. The proposed 2023 Legislative Platform will be reviewed and discussed during the Regular portion of this meeting.

Programs: Vice Chair Baird informed those present that the Task Group is looking at discussing various program options for 2023. She reminded those present that the Board at their October meeting received a presentation on potential 2023 programs and a recap of those programs that have been implemented. She informed those present that VCE has received one application for the Electric Vehicle Rebate program; hopefully, more applications are forthcoming. The Task Group and Staff are working on potential 2023 programs, such as the SGIP (Self Generation Incentive Program) and funding options on energy efficiency for low-income Customers. Potential programs will be brought back to the CAC after the Task Group and Staff have had a chance to evaluate them in more detail.

October 13, 2022 Board meeting update: Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel highlighted that the Board approved auditing services with James Marta & Company for calendar years 2022 through 2024; approved the 2022 Integrated Resource Plan to be submitted by November 1, 2022; discussed the Strategic Plan and how to move forward; and, received an introduction to the 2023 operating budget, with a final draft budget going to the Board in December.

Staff Report: Mr. Samuel informed those present that the Putah Creek Solar project is operational and that Staff and the Board will be discussing Assembly Bill 2449, new legislation on teleconference meetings. Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that he attended a CalCCA retreat in Los Angeles, where they discussed regulatory objectives, received an update on Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) as CCAs head into 2023, and, were briefed on PG&E's submittal to the California Public Utilities Commission



(CPUC) to carve out its non-nuclear portfolio by setting up a separate generation entity. Both VCE and CalCCA are tracking this item.

(Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

Consent Items

Christine Shewmaker asked that Item 7 (“Receive quarterly Customer Participation update”) be pulled from the Consent agenda to the Regular agenda for comments, input, questions, and discussion. Chair Springer announced that Item 7 will be inserted at the end of the Regular agenda as Item 14, before Advisory Committee Member and Announcements.

Cynthia Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Consent agenda as amended, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Kristin Jacobs absent. The following items were:

5. approved September 22, 2022 meeting Minutes;
6. received 2022 long-range calendar;
8. received SACOG Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grant – Electrify Yolo Project update;
9. received Legislative End of Session update; and,
10. received 2021 Power Content Label Customer mailer update.

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

Item 11: Review and provide input on draft Rate Adjustment System. (Information/Discussion)

VCE Staff Edward Burnham introduced VCE’s Consultant Don Dame, who was in attendance to answer any questions about this item. Mr. Dame provided information on the use and purpose of a Rate Adjustment System (RAS). Mr. Burnham provided a brief overview of RAS and asked the CAC for feedback on the draft. Members asked numerous questions, provided input, and discussed the possible frequency of rate adjustments, the percentage of increase or decrease, frequency of informing the Board, the role and members of the Energy Risk Oversight Committee (EROC), and concerns with outreach to VCE’s customers.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 12: Review draft CAC Task Group Year-end Reports. (Discussion/Action)

Chair Springer reminded CAC Members that each Task Group’s draft Year-end report is included in the packet and hopefully everyone has had a chance to review them. Vice Chair Baird made a motion to approve the reports and submit to the Board at their December meeting for their information. This



motion was seconded by Mark Aulman. A few suggestions were provided on formatting so that the reports are consistent with one another.

Vice Chair Baird reminded those present that in forming Task Groups in 2023, Members need to think about accomplishable tasks that can be completed within a time period.

(Keith Taylor departed at 6:02 p.m.)

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Vice Chair Baird amended her motion to approve reformatted reports to include Members, Staff lead, and Task Group Chair to make the reports consistent, and to submit the reports to the Board for their information at their December meeting, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Kristin Jacobs and Keith Taylor absent.

Item 13: Review and provide recommendation on draft VCE 2023 Legislative Platform. (Discussion/Action)

VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter reviewed highlights of the key proposed changes incorporated into the draft VCE 2023 Legislative Platform. Ms. Hunter noted that on the second page of the staff report, there is a typo in the last sentence, and it should reference section 6 not section 9 of the 2022 platform. Staff are seeking recommendation from the CAC that the Board approve the proposed 2023 Legislative Platform. There were no further comments provided by the members of the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group.

CAC Members asked questions, discussed the draft, and provided comments on the draft Platform.

Vice Chair Baird made a motion that the CAC recommend to the Board to adopt the 2023 Legislative Platform, seconded by Rahul Athalye. There were no written or verbal public comments. Motion passed with Kristin Jacobs and Keith Taylor absent.

Item 7 (New Item 14) Quarterly Customer Participation Update

Ms. Shewmaker asked that this item be pulled for further discussion and input from the other Members. She suggested adding opt ups by percentage of load by customer type (residential, commercial, agriculture) and jurisdiction.



After further discussion, Staff will look into providing this information in the next quarter's update. Staff also clarified that the Yolo County jurisdiction's recent opt ups to UltraGreen are not included in this quarterly (Quarter 3) update. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Ms. Shewmaker made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Vice Chair Baird. Motion passed with Keith Taylor and Kristin Jacobs absent.

**Advisory
Committee
Member and
Announcements**

Ms. Shewmaker informed those present that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors received an update from the Yolo County Climate Action Commission on Climate Action and Sustainability progress, where they received a presentation on their progress. Included in that presentation listed their collaborators, which included VCE. Chair Springer asked if the information was available on the Yolo County website. Ms. Shewmaker will send the information to VCE's Board Clerk for distribution.

Vice Chair Baird informed those present that VCE will be participating in the Davis Treat Trail on Halloween, at VCE's office in downtown Davis. Also, she reminded those present that VCE will have a booth at the Salmon Festival on Saturday, November 5th in the City of Winters.

Mr. Sears informed those present that the Energy Risk Oversight Committee (EROC) policy is available on VCE's website under Key Documents.

Ms. Shewmaker asked about the status of AB 2449 – new legislation on teleconferencing meetings . Board Clerk Alisa Lembke provided the schedule for the Board to discuss.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

Chair Springer announced that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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