

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report - Item 5**

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** CAC December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
**DATE:** January 28, 2021

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**Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached December 17, 2020 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair Hunter opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a special meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020 beginning at 5:01 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to the Provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspends certain provisions of the Brown Act and the Orders of the Public Health Officers with jurisdiction over Yolo County, to shelter in place and to provide for physical distancing.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Yvonne Hunter (Chair), Marsha Baird (Vice Chair), Gerry Braun, Christine Shewmaker, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer (departed at 6:23 p.m.), Christine Casey, Cynthia Rodriguez, Jennifer Rindahl

Committee Members Absent: Peter Meyer

**Approval of Agenda** Christine Shewmaker made a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 meeting Agenda, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Peter Meyer absent.

**Public Comment / Introductions** There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Brief task Group and VCE staff Reports** **Task Group Reports**

Programs Task Group: Ms. Baird reported that the Task Group continues to work with Staff on the 3-year programs plan and is targeting completion within the next month or two. The draft programs plan will be reviewed by the CAC then it will go to the Board. Ms. Shewmaker would like the CAC to ask the Board to support their individual agency's adoption via resolution of electric reach codes for new construction and retrofitting of electricity thereby removing natural gas. The Task Group looked into supporting an electric program, but it is not cost effective; however, VCE can encourage other agencies to support this effort.

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman reported that they continue to work on the marketing plan and VCE's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis.

Strategic Plan Task Group: Gerry Braun stated there is nothing to report.

Rates Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov stated there is nothing to report.

Leg/Reg Task Group: Chair Hunter reported that the Task Group had a meeting today and reviewed upcoming legislation that are being introduced. She informed those



present that the Board at their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting adopted the 2021 Legislative Platform, which included suggestions from the CAC.

**12/10/2020 Board meeting summary:** Interim General Manager Mitch Sears informed those present that the 2021 Legislative Platform was adopted and all suggestions by the CAC were incorporated and adopted within. The Board received from VCE Staff George Vaughn an Enterprise Risk Management Report which summarized the types of risks that VCE faces and key mitigation strategies and activities aimed at managing those risks. VCE's Director of Marketing and Customer Care, Rebecca Boyes, provided a 2020 year-end review of community engagement and outreach activities. CAC Chair Yvonne Hunter gave a thorough review of the CAC's 2020 activities. The Board transitioned the Chair and Vice Chair positions to Dan Carson (City of Davis) as Chair and Jesse Loren (City of Winters) as Vice Chair, thereby placing Winters in the rotation. Mr. Sears announced that newly elected Mayra Vega is the new VCE Board Member representing City of Woodland.

**Staff Report:** Mr. Sears informed those present with the start of the legislative session, there is activity in Sacramento on energy related bills and CalCCA, and settlement agreement on power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) issues, which was led by Southern California Edison (SCE). There was not a lot of action by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), so most likely additional legislation will be introduced. VCE has been working on outreach efforts for Winters enrollment with two workshops held, introduction of VCE at a City of Winters Council meeting, and pole banners have been installed in Winters.

Mr. Sears answered a few questions. He informed those present that the enrollment of "legacy" NEM customers will conclude in the next few weeks with an opt out rate of approximately 10%. VCE hopes to hire a new Director of Finance and Internal Operations by the end of December with a transition to the new person in January 2021. All other services provided by SMUD will still occur.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

## **Consent Items**

Chair Hunter informed those present that two corrections needed to be made to the draft Minutes: 1) date change and 2) Ms. Baird also prepared the draft CAC year-end report. Ms. Baird made a motion to approve the December 17, 2020 Consent Agenda items with minor corrections to the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Christine Shewmaker. Motion passed unanimously with Meyer absent. The following items were:

1. approved November 17, 2020 meeting Minutes as amended; and
2. received customer enrollment update as of December 9, 2020.

There were no written or verbal public comments.



**Item 7: Review  
Revised  
Procurement Guide.  
(Informational)**

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel informed the CAC that although the Agenda requests action from the CAC; however, this item is informational. Mr. Samuel reminded those present that the Board determined VCE's 2021 targets during budget discussions. The intent of Staff's report is to provide a high-level overview of the product categories necessary to meet compliance obligations and maintain a balanced power portfolio while meeting power supply portfolio targets set by the VCE Board. Mr. Samuel reminded those present that the delegation of authority is to himself as the Director of Power Services and to SMUD. Bill Her of SMUD is present to answer any questions. Gordon reviewed the following:

- guiding principles and delegations of authority in order to meet VCE's compliance, regulatory and business practice requirements under the CPUC, CAISO and other relevant regulatory agencies;
- power supply portfolio targets set by the VCE Board;
- minimization of the potential risk exposure of the portfolio, according to practices defined in VCE's Wholesale Energy Risk Manual;
- product categories; and,
- portfolio approach.

Mr. Samuel reminded those present that the Board has set minimum targets of 10% renewable and 20% carbon-free for 2021 VCE which will meet or exceed Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) compliance obligations for the period of 2021-2024. He reviewed VCE's evolving portfolio and next steps.

Numerous items were discussed: risks of projects through power purchase agreements not meeting their targets; compliance strategy and the budget; financial flexibility and procurement impacts to VCE; impacts from the renewable and carbon free energy markets; timing and meeting compliance requirements; and, impacts to VCE's power content label.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 8: GHG Free  
attributes large  
hydro and/or  
nuclear (2021 and  
beyond). (Discussion  
/ Action)**

Mr. Samuel informed those present that Staff is seeking CAC feedback and a recommendation to the Board regarding Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) GHG-free allocations (including large hydro and nuclear) for 2021 and beyond. Mr. Samuel reminded those present that the Board in May 2020 approved PG&E's allocation of large hydro (only) GHG-free attributes for the year 2020. If approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), PG&E will be offering GHG-free attributes for 2021.

David Springer departed at 6:23 p.m.

Numerous items were discussed: VCE's financial situation and uncertainties of the market value of GHG-free attributes; value of attributes within the power content label; uncertainty if VCE is receiving REQs or energy as the result of taking the large hydro GHG-free attributes; whether or not there is the same regulatory objection



limitation that the previous offer included; customer opinion on nuclear; and challenges due to Resource Adequacy (RA) market and power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) uncertainty.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Christine Shewmaker made a motion that the CAC recommend to the Board that VCE continues to take the PG&E's large hydro GHG-free attributes only, no nuclear, for 2021 only, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Baird, Shewmaker, Aulman, Casey, Rindahl, Rodriguez

NOES: Braun

ABSENT: Meyer, Springer

ABSTAIN: Kristov

Christine Shewmaker made a motion that the CAC recommend to the Board that this question on whether VCE should take PG&E's GHG-free attributes (hydro and/or nuclear) beyond 2021 be brought back to the CAC and Board for consideration and discussion with additional information that may include pricing, customer views on nuclear, and market viability, seconded by Gerry Braun. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Baird, Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Kristov, Casey, Rodriguez, Rindahl

NOES: None

ABSENT: Meyer, Springer

ABSTAIN: None

**Item 9: Review draft updated CAC Charge and make recommendation to Board. (Action)**

Chair Hunter informed those present that the draft updated CAC Charge presented, is the result of work done by Baird, Braun, Mr. Sears and herself. The redrafted and updated Charge includes input on policy level issues from the CAC Members and incorporates VCE's 3-year Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice statement. Vice Chair Baird reviewed the updates with those present. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Jennifer Rindahl made a motion to recommend to the Board to approve the revised and updated Charge, seconded by Gerry Braun. Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Baird, Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Kristov, Casey, Rindahl, Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Meyer, Springer

ABSTAIN: None



**Item 10: Review and discuss formation of CAC Task Groups for 2021. (Discussion)**

The CAC members and Staff had a preliminary discussion on what task groups are needed in 2021 to assist the Board and Staff. This discussion was continued to the CAC's January meeting. There were no written or verbal comments.

**Item 11: Receive and update CAC 2021 Long-Range Calendar. (Discussion)**

Chair Hunter reminded those present that due to the holidays in November and December, instead of meeting on the fourth Thursday, those meetings have been scheduled for the third Thursday. The CAC asked that a quarterly update on the Strategic Plan and SACOG grant project be added to the calendar. There were no written or verbal comments.

**Item 12: Election of 2021 CAC Chair and Vice Chair (Effective January 2021)**

Mark Aulman nominated Christine Shewmaker as Chair, seconded by Gerry Braun. Ms. Shewmaker informed those present that she would accept the nomination but that she would continue to meet via teleconference in 2021. Motion passed with Meyer and Springer absent.

Marsha Baird nominated Cynthia Rodriguez as Vice Chair, seconded by Christine Shewmaker. Motion passed with Meyer and Springer absent.

**Advisory Committee Member and Announcements**

Ms. Baird attended SMUD's webinar on their 2030 zero carbon vision. She encouraged all other Members to view the webinar on SMUD's website. Sacramento declared a climate emergency and adopted a 2030 carbon goal.

Mr. Sears on behalf of Staff and CAC, thanked Ms. Hunter and Ms. Baird for their work as Chair and Vice Chair and he thanked the CAC for all of their hard work this past year. Chair Hunter thanked the CAC Members for all of their hard work, dedication and input.

**Adjournment to Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 5 p.m. via teleconference.

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