

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 25, 2021

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached February 25, 2021 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Chair Christine Shewmaker opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 beginning at 5:02 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: Christine Shewmaker (Chair), Cynthia Rodriguez (Vice Chair), Yvonne Hunter, Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Christine Casey, Jennifer Rindahl, Peter Meyer (telephonically attended)

Committee Members Absent:

Approval of Agenda Jennifer Rindahl made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 meeting Agenda, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed.

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

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

Leg/Reg Task Group: Yvonne Hunter informed those present that the Task Group continues to meet every other week.

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman informed those present that the Task Group discussed website improvements, customer surveys and focus groups. There is interest in surveying VCE rate payers to determine focus groups.

Programs Task Group: David Springer informed those present that they are close to finalizing a 3 year Programs Plan and hope to have it ready for the CAC review at the April meeting. In addition, they are looking to enhance the programs portion of the VCE website with additional tabs to cover other programs and provide additional information.

Rates Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the group met to go over a number of items that may be a part of future discussions.



Carbon Neutral and Decarbonization Task Group: Cynthia Rodriguez informed those present that a one year work plan has been designed for the group. The group defined carbon neutral and decarbonization and continue to work on a timeline for 1 year up to ten (10) years.

2/11/2021 Special Board meeting summary: Interim General Manager Mitch Sears provided a summary of the Board's February 11, 2021 meeting informing those present that the Board adopted the 2021 Outreach and Marketing Plan, approved VCE joining the California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority (CC Power JPA), and received an update on Time of Use (TOU).

Staff Report: Mr. Sears informed those present that he and CAC Member Christine Shewmaker gave an information al presentation to Cool Davis. He gave a presentation on VCE's Strategic Plan to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. Recently, Staff gave a presentation and scenario to graduate students at UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute, invited by Director Ben Finkelor, and discussed their responses. Staff have been working with Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) on getting information to customers on the Arrearage Management Plan (AMP). Staff has also been working with consultants on reporting diversity within our power purchase agreements (PPA) - the report is due to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) soon. CalCCA is working on resource adequacy structural reforms and submitted a joint proposal with Southern California Edison (SCE).

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Consent Items

There were no written or verbal public comments. Yvonne Hunter made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 Consent Agenda items with corrections to the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes on first page: name of Chair and meeting date, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Mark Aulman abstaining. The following items were:

1. approved January 28, 2021 meeting Minutes as amended;
2. received customer enrollment update as of February 17, 2021; and,
3. received update on Time of Use (TOU) Rates and implementation schedule.

Item 8: Recommendation on Legislative Bills SB612 and AB843 (Action)

Mitch Sears introduced this item and Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobbyist consultant. Mr. Fenstermaker reviewed the highlights of the staff report on two legislative bills: 1) SB 612 (Portantino) / Electrical Corporations / Allocation of Legacy Resources and 2) AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) / California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program: Renewable Feed-in-Tariff.

Several questions and comments were discussed, such as: co-authors of the legislative bills; procurement and defining bio-energy products; and, biomass and other organic waste products and its emissions. There were no written or verbal public comments.



Yvonne Hunter made a motion to confirm support of SB 612 (Portantino) / Electrical Corporations / Allocation of Legacy Resources, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion made by Yvonne Hunter to confirm support of AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program: Renewable Feed-in-Tariff, seconded by Peter Meyer. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Rodriguez, Hunter, Baird, Braun, Aulman, Kristov, Springer, Casey
Rindahl, Meyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Shewmaker

**Item 9: Approval of
2021 CAC Task
Group Charges
(Discussion/Action)**

Mr. Sears introduced this item. Chair Shewmaker asked that each Charge have the Staff contact identified. The CAC reviewed, discussed and suggested changes and/or additions to the draft Task Group Charges for 2021. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Yvonne Hunter to approve the draft Charges with minor changes including the deletion of "Charge 2" listed on the draft Carbon Neutral and Decarbonization Task Group Charge, and incorporation of Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice in all charges, with final Charges to be provided to the Board at their March 11th meeting, seconded by Lorenzo Kristov. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Board Clerk was asked to notify the Task Group Chairs when the final Charges are due for the Board's March meeting packet. In addition, the Board Clerk is to email the final Charges to all of the CAC Members.

**Item 10:
Recommendation on
VCE's policy
supporting new**

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel reviewed slides summarizing this item. The CAC discussed Staff's recommendation. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Gerry Braun made a motion that the CAC recommends that the VCE Board approve the following actions by VCE:



**building
electrification.
(Discussion/Action)**

1. Adopt a policy supporting and encouraging electrification of new buildings;
2. Share information regarding new building electrification broadly with the member jurisdictions upon request;
3. Join the Building Decarbonization Coalition.

This motion was seconded by Yvonne Hunter. The motion was discussed. Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to modify Mr. Braun’s motion slightly by using the word “...statement...” instead of “...policy...” in #1 action listed above, all other parts of the motion (#2 and #3) remain the same. Both Mr. Braun and Ms. Hunter accepted the modification to action “1. [a]dopt a statement supporting and encouraging electrification of new buildings;”. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The CAC would also like to address at a future meeting: ad hoc task groups.

**Item 11: Receive
update on SACOG
Electrify Yolo
(Electric Vehicle)
Grant.
(Informational)**

Mr. Sears introduced this item. VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles reviewed the history of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Green Region grant given to VCE called the “Electrify Yolo” project. The project is to install public networked electric vehicle charging stations in the Yolo region, including the areas of Davis, Woodland, Winters and unincorporated Yolo County. There were no written or verbal comments.

**Item 12: Long Range
Calendar**

Chair Shewmaker pointed out that Carbon Neutrality (presentation by SMUD) has been placed on the calendar as a placeholder for the April and May CAC meetings. Types of energy discussion has also been added to the June CAC meeting. She asked if there were any Task Groups who wanted to be placed on the calendar to provide an update/report. There were none at this time.

**Advisory Committee
Member and
Announcements**

Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Climate Center was successful on getting a bill into the legislature regarding community resiliency [Senate Bill 99 (Dodd) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021] . Another bill was introduced, that provides for the implementation of funding grants into disadvantage communities [Assembly Bill 1325 (Burke) Microgrids: Clean Community Microgrid Incentive Program].

Chair Shewmaker informed those present that Assembly Bill 345 [(Muratsuchi) Natural resources: environmental justice: oil and gas: regulation of operations] aims to establish setbacks on wells, create an environmental justice program to identify and address gaps in existing programs in disadvantage communities, and ban fracking.



Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Climate Center held a webinar recently on oil extraction and refinery in California. It was excellent. He will send the link to the Board Clerk for distribution to the CAC Members.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. via videoconference.

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