

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report - Item 5

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** CAC May 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** June 23, 2022

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#### **Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached May 26, 2022 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair David Springer opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, May 26, 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), Yvonne Hunter, Christine Shewmaker, Mark Aulman (departed at 7:00 p.m.), Gerry Braun, Lorenzo Kristov, Keith Taylor, Kristin Jacobs

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Rindahl, Cynthia Rodriguez

**Welcome and  
Approval of  
Agenda**

Chair Springer welcomed newest CAC Members Keith Taylor and Kristin Jacobs and those in attendance. Both Mr. Taylor and Ms. Jacobs introduced themselves and provided information about their background.

Motion made by Mark Aulman to approve the May 26, 2022 meeting agenda, seconded by Yvonne Hunter. Motion passed with Jennifer Rindahl and Cynthia Rodriguez 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**

**Task Group Reports**

Leg/Reg: Yvonne Hunter informed those present that they met last Friday and discussed SB 881 (Min), which makes changes to the procurement and the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). CalCCA asked for several amendments to this bill, which were declined and now the bill is “dead”. SB 833 (Dodd) relates to grants for local energy resilience planning, which was passed in the Senate and is now in the Assembly. California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) proceeding on Provider of Last Resort (POLR) is continuing to move forward with CalCCA involved in the proceeding. She noted that at the Board’s May meeting, VCE’s lobbyist consultant Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group gave a legislative update and Beth Vaughan of CalCCA gave a presentation on



CalCCA. If interested, the recording of the Board meeting containing these updates is available on VCE's website.

Outreach: Mark Aulman informed those present that he attended the California Honey Festival held in downtown Woodland to assist Staff at VCE's booth. He reminded those present that on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, VCE will have a booth at the Celebrate Davis event, volunteers to help with outreach are welcomed. The Task Group has been working on publicizing and outreach efforts for the upcoming heat pump webinar for contractors. He reported that VCE programs are being advertised on Yolo Buses; updates are being made to the Energy Efficiency graphic and to the website; and, outreach efforts to Spanish speaking customers is being discussed.

Programs: Marsha Baird informed those present that VCE's Electric Vehicle (EV) program was presented to the Board at their May meeting and was approved. The Heat Pump (HP) program webinar for contractors is scheduled for next week. TECH HP rebates were so successful that monies have run out; however, the webinar and outreach efforts are moving forward. Staff have been busy working on all programs and will provide an update on the 3-Year Programs Plan to the CAC at their July meeting. The Task Group is in discussion about how to best reach out to CARE/FERA customers who have large bills to see how to assist them in lowering their bills.

Energy Resilience: Lorenzo Kristov reminded those present that this Task Group was formed to look into what measures could enhance resilience in our jurisdiction and how VCE can assist. The Task Group is trying to identify a school or schools that could possibly be converted into an energy hub to provide services to the community when energy goes down. Two meetings with the Davis School District have occurred. Contacts with other school districts within our jurisdiction are being pursued. He informed those present that the City of Davis Council voted to move forward with the idea of getting a hub started within the city.

**May 12, 2022 Board meeting update:** Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that the Board at their May 12, 2022 meeting: approved CC Power Tumbleweed project; received a CalCCA update from Beth Vaughan, Executive Director; received a legislative update from Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group; adopted the EV Program; and appointed Keith Taylor and Kristin Jacobs to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) At-Large seats.



**Staff Report:** VCE Staff Gordon Samuels informed those present that the CAC Class 1 seats are set to expire June 2022, all except Yvonne Hunter are seeking reappointment. VCE is currently seeking applications for all jurisdictional seats. He provided an update on the Department of Commerce circumvention case, which has impacted developers of solar projects. If this circumvention case moves forward, the cost of solar panels could increase substantially. VCE's Resurgence Project, located in San Bernardino County, may be delayed, which would cause VCE to backfill the energy resource. Staff are monitoring the case and are in contact with the Developer on a frequent basis. VCE's Request for Proposal (RFP) for Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) portfolio modeling closes tomorrow. Proposals will be brought to the CAC in August or September. Mr. Sears informed those present that there are two legislative bills (AB 1844 and AB 1849) addressing the ability to meet remotely are currently going through the process. Staff are monitoring and there will be more information to come.

Christine Shewmaker informed those present that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors held a hybrid meeting and the platform they used worked well.

### **Consent Items**

Chair Springer informed those present that Item 5 – April 28, 2022 meeting Minutes at the bottom of page 2 under Staff Report needs to be corrected to reflect that CAC Member Marsha Baird asked Mitch Sears to provide an update on the Board's appointment of At-Large members to the CAC. This correction has been made to the Minutes. As identified above, there were no written or verbal public comments.

Yvonne Hunter made a motion to approve the Consent agenda with Item 5 – April 28, 2022 meeting Minutes amended with corrections, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Keith Taylor and Kristin Jacobs abstaining and Jennifer Rindahl and Cynthia Rodriguez absent. The following items were:

5. approved April 28, 2022 meeting Minutes as amended; and,
6. received 2022 long-range calendar; and,

### **Item 7 – Receive information on VCE forecasting – financial modeling. (Information/Discussion)**

Mr. Sears provided a brief background on this item, reminding those present that this is the second of two informational reports on financial and load forecasting. This informational item focuses on total power costs and revenue modeling. VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided an overview of the report, answered questions and received feedback from the CAC Members. Items discussed were: long term forecasting and how to improve; challenges of forecasting Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and PG&E rates; reviewing differences in load forecasting if 10-year (vs. 20-year) average



temperatures are used; and, subsidized investments and potential ways to reduce costs. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 8: Receive report and provide feedback on draft Customer Rate structure. (Information/Discussion)**

Mr. Sears introduced this item and reminded those present that an additional rate option was brought to the CAC after analysis was provided to the CAC and Board in 2021, then postponed until mid-2022. Mr. Burnham provided an updated draft customer rate/product options, incorporating the CAC's input from their April 2022 meeting. Staff and the CAC discussed the additional detail on adding another rate option and the CAC provided further input. Items discussed were: differences of Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets of the three (3) rate options; the need for sensitivity analysis on customer tolerance of price and renewable content; impact on VCE messaging; and, marketing outreach and implementation of rate options, focusing on education and retention. Staff reminded those present that over time RPS targets would expire and San Jose Clean Power did not see that many opt downs after implementing their customer rate structure. There were no written or verbal public comments.

(Mark Aulman departed the meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

**Item 9: Review and consider recommendation on updating VCE's Legislative Bill process. (Discussion/Action)**

Mr. Sears provided a brief overview of the staff report informing those present that Staff worked with VCE's lobbyist consultant and the CAC's Leg/Reg Task Group to update VCE's Legislative and Regulatory Action Policy. As a result, the CAC was presented with a draft updated Legislative and Regulatory Policy and Procedure. Yvonne Hunter, Leg/Reg Task Group chair informed those present that she noticed a few things that need to be corrected in the draft updated policy and procedure. She will communicate those corrections to Staff. Christine Shewmaker expressed concern that possibly the policy and procedure as written with the Leg/Reg Task Group identified in the procedures may violate the Brown Act since the CAC annually forms task groups. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Yvonne Hunter made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the updated VCE Legislative and Regulatory Policy and Procedure with corrections and to confirm that the policy and procedure does not violate the Brown Act and the annual formation of CAC Task Groups, seconded by Marsha Baird.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Baird, Hunter, Shewmaker, Kristov, Aulman, Taylor, Jacobs, Springer

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rindahl, Rodriguez

ABSTAIN: None



**Item 10: Update on Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0. (Information)**

Mr. Sears provided a verbal update on Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 CPUC proceeding. Staff informed the CAC that opening comments are due to the CPUC by June 10<sup>th</sup> with reply comments due by June 24<sup>th</sup>. Staff informed those present that VCE is not a party to this proceeding but that CalCCA is. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Advisory Committee Member and Announcements**

Mr. Sears announced that VCE program advertisements (ads) are travelling on the sides of Yolo buses throughout Yolo County, showing the value and benefits that VCE brings to the community in rebates and programs. The bus ads are both in English and Spanish and will run for three (3) months.

Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that next Wednesday, on June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Energy Commission will be holding a hybrid meeting to kick off energy resource workshops, which will span over a year covering the value and benefits of bringing resources to communities. He will provide the notice to the Board Clerk for distribution.

CAC Members invited both Keith Taylor and Kristin Jacobs to think about joining one of the CAC's Task Groups.

**Adjournment to Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 5 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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