

# 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 April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** May 27, 2021

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### **Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached April 22, 2021 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair Christine Shewmaker opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2021 beginning at 5:01 p.m. via videoconference 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), Mark Aulman, Chris Casey (departed at approximately 6:30 p.m.), Yvonne Hunter, Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Jennifer Rindahl (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Peter Meyers

**Approval of Agenda** Yvonne Hunter made a motion to approve the April 22, 2021 meeting Agenda, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Jennifer Rindahl and Peter Meyer absent.

**Public Comment** Chair Shewmaker opened the floor for general public comments and public comments on Consent Agenda items. 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 meets every two weeks and there is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow. She noted that CalCCA's press release on Senate Bill 612 was well written with a clear explanation of the bill and why the legislative bill is needed.

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman informed those present that the Task Group and Staff have been speaking with the City of Woodland on coordinating outreach efforts on electrification and other topics that are in common. The Task Group has been reviewing message content for consistency. Mr. Aulman would like to provide a Task Group report to the CAC at their September or October meeting.



Programs Task Group: Marsha Baird informed those present that the Task Group continues to meet every 2 weeks and have been working diligently on the draft Programs Plan, with the hopes of providing a draft Plan to the CAC for their input and consideration.

Rates Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group have been looking at rate alternative options and revising the draft scope of work in the draft request for proposals for consultancy services to complete cost of service rate study.

Carbon Neutral Task Group: Cynthia Rodriguez informed those present that the Task Group continues to meet every other week. The Task Group has been working with Staff on the scope of work of the draft request for proposals for a carbon free portfolio study. In addition, the Task Group has been reviewing VCE's 2030 goals. Staff is working on load forecasting with the Task Group diving into this subject matter at their next meeting.

4/8/2021 Board meeting summary: Interim General Manager informed those present that the Board received and reviewed an updated draft Fiscal Year 2021/2022 preliminary Operating Budget. Staff received direction from the Board to provide suggested adjustments to VCE's policy strategies at the Board's June meeting and requested input from the CAC. At the CAC's May meeting, Staff will be seeking a recommendation to the Board.

Staff Report: Mr. Sears informed those present that Clean Power SF has a goal of 100% carbon free by 2025 on an annual basis, not hour by hour. VCE was accepted as a member of CC Power JPA and will become an official and active Board member at CC Power's May meeting. Mr. Sears expressed that he would like the CAC's input on possible projects for the CC Power JPA Board to consider for further discussion and analysis. Wednesday (yesterday), CC Power JPA, VCE was accepted as a member. Mr. Sears also mentioned that CAC seats will be expiring in June. A description of the CAC and application is available on the website. The Board will be reappointing/appointing at their June meeting.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

## **Consent Items**

Yvonne Hunter made a motion to approve the April 22, 2021 Consent Agenda items, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Mark Aulman



abstaining and Jennifer Rindahl and Peter Meyer absent. The following items were:

5. approved March 25, 2021 meeting Minutes;
6. received customer enrollment update as of April 14, 2021;
7. received list of legislative bills; and,
8. received SACOG Electrify Yolo Grant project update.

**Item 9:  
Presentation by  
VCE general  
counsel on  
Assembly Bill 992  
and the Brown Act.  
(Information)**

Harriet Steiner of Best Best Krieger, VCE's general legal counsel, provided an overview of Assembly Bill 992 (2020 Mullin Open meetings: local agencies: social media) and the Brown Act focusing on social media communications. Ms. Steiner answered numerous questions about what CAC Members can and cannot do on social media. Ms. Steiner informed those present that VCE's Board Clerk will distribute to the Board and CAC a searchable document of the Brown Act, which includes AB 992.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 10:  
Presentation by  
SMUD on its 2030  
Zero Carbon Plan.  
(Information /  
Discussion)**

Dr. Olof Bystrom of Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD), manager of resource planning, presented an overview of SMUD's 2030 Zero Carbon Plan, including their goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions for energy supply by 2030. Dr. Bystrom reviewed their flexible pathway to a firm commitment to zero carbon, research plan for new large-scale technologies, the expansion of existing technology, proven clean tech investment overview, distributed energy resource (DER), new business models, 12 month action plan, and outreach and engagement efforts. He emphasized that the plan is for "the electricity to be 100% carbon free 100% of the time." The CAC members asked questions and briefly discussed certain aspects of SMUD's plan.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 11: 2020 and  
2021 Power  
Content update  
(Information)**

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel updated the CAC on 2020 targets and actuals, a summary of 2020 renewable resources, targets for 2021 and a summary of VCE's evolving portfolio.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 12: Strategic  
Plan update  
(Information)**

VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided an update of Strategic Plan goals, objectives and metrics. For each of the six main goals key developments were noted. There were no written or verbal public comments.



**Item 13: Long Range Calendar**

The Outreach Task Group will provide their annual update to the CAC at their September or October meeting. This will be added to the long range calendar as a placeholder. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Advisory Committee Member and Announcements**

Status of the following legislative bills was provided: Senate Bill 99 (Community Energy Resiliency), Assembly Bill 525 and Senate Bill 612 (Power Charge Indifference Charge).

**Adjournment to Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 5 p.m. via video/teleconference.

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