

**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**  
**Community Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**March 12, 2018**

The meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) began at 5:35pm in the Woodland Senior and Community Center, 2001 East Street, Woodland, CA.

**Committee Members Present:** Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Tom Flynn, Yvonne Hunter, Lorenzo Kristov, Christine Shewmaker, David Springer.

**Committee Members Absent:** Mark Aulman.

**Staff Members Present:** Emily Henderson, Mitch Sears, Kim Villa.

**SMUD Consultants Present:** Olaf Bystrom, Toni Hoang, Gary Lawson,.

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chair G. Braun at 5:35pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Y. Hunter moved, L. Kristov seconded approval of meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Brief VCEA Staff and Advisory Task Group Reports

- **Outreach task group:** M. Baird reported that the task force has not met, but has reviewed the notices that Circlepoint developed to go in PG&E bills. However, they have not seen what will go to NEM customers. M. Sears responded that Circlepoint is developing those. C. Shewmaker requested that outreach to NEM customers be on the agenda for the next CAC meeting.
- **Legislative/Regulatory task group:** Y. Hunter reported that the task group has prepared a document that is part of the consent agenda for approval by CAC -- the criteria the group will use to prioritize which leg/reg issues need their involvement. The group has agreed on a process for reviewing issues and comments and for making recommendations to the CAC. They will be discussing AB813. C. Shewmaker mentioned that they are also following AB1745 – all new cars being zero emission by 2040. Y. Hunter also said she is developing a layperson's guide to reading a bill that she will share with CAC.
- **Energy task group:** G. Braun reported that the task group had a conference call with M. Sears and G. Lawson to discuss many of the issues on today's agenda. They will be reporting on them as we go through the agenda.
- **Staff:** M. Sears reported that staff is nearing selection of a firm for the regulatory legal counsel. Outreach is continuing with more presentations to groups. Around 100 presentations have been conducted thus far. Y. Hunter suggested staff consider meeting with the new editor of the Davis Enterprise. M. Sears also reported that they have had three meetings with the Farm Bureau, and have been having discussions around rates, time of use and discounts. Staff is working with SMUD on an analysis of rates for ag customers. C. Shewmaker asked for an update

on hiring staff. M. Sears reported that they are looking for the outreach position first, then the clerk/analyst and finally the assistant general manager. SMUD has identified internal dedicated staff for key accounts and operations. They should be onboard by the end of the month. Staff has found temporary office space at the Hunt-Boyer Mansion in downtown Davis. G. Braun also updated the CAC of a status check meeting to be held with the new Board Chair (L. Frerichs) and Vice Chair (T. Stallard), and the Chair and Vice Chair of the CAC as well as Staff. If anyone on CAC has something they want to ask the new Board officers, let G. Braun know.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Approval of Minutes from January 29th Committee Meeting
6. Action. Approve Criteria to Prioritize Legislative/Regulatory issues for Increased Activity.

C. Shewmaker moved, Y. Hunter seconded approval of consent agenda. Approved unanimously.

C. Shewmaker noted that the vote on one of the motions at the last CAC meeting was not mentioned in the Staff report to the Board. She requested that the vote be recorded in the future. Y. Hunter commented that it would also be helpful to the Board, when the vote is split, to have a sentence stating why the motion was supported and why opposed.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. Action. Review Board Workplan and Approve Recommended CAC Workplan updates and Task Group Structure.

A new topic for the April 2<sup>nd</sup> CAC meeting will be the notifications to NEM customers. The date of today's meeting needs to be corrected on the chart. No changes to the task group structure.

C. Shewmaker moved, Y. Hunter seconded approval of Workplan with above changes. Passed unanimously.

8. Action. Recommendation to the Board on Adoption of an Enterprise Risk Policy for VCE.

Energy task group reviewed policy via conference call and provided feedback. L. Kristov provided additional feedback by email that has not yet been incorporated, but will be before Board meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

T. Hoang presented slides on the Enterprise Risk Policy. After presenting at the last CAC and Board meetings and gathering feedback, two sections were added to the policy. Business Practices has additional info on the process. And there is additional info on managing reputational risk.

L. Kristov asked when issues would rise to the Board. That would be something the Board will need to determine. Once the dashboard is developed, will have a dialog with the Board on handling of issues.

L. Kristov moved that the CAC support staff recommendation to adopt Enterprise Risk Policy with wordsmithing from his email. G. Braun seconded. Approved unanimously.

9. Action. Recommendation to the Board on adoption of the VCE UltraGreen Policy for the 100% Renewable Energy Customer Option.

G. Lawson reviewed slides on the 100% renewable product offering from VCE, UltraGreen. The slide comparing CCA products will include VCE product when presented to the Board. Other CCAs have experienced 3-5% enrollment for Opt Up products. Green-e certification is important to commercial customers with sustainability goals.

M. Baird asked how many current VCE customers are enrolled in PG&E's Solar Choice product. G. Lawson responded that they did not have lots of customer data.

C. Shewmaker made a motion to support staff recommendation regarding UltraGreen product. Y. Hunter seconded. Approved unanimously.

10. Action. Recommendation to the Board on Program Launch related to Energy Rates, Power Mix and Budgets.

G. Lawson presented slides on updated costs, financials and power mix. Y. Hunter requested that the word "generation" be inserted to read "PG&E generation rates" so it's not confusing.

Y. Hunter made a motion to support the staff recommendation. C. Shewmaker seconded. Approved unanimously.

11. Integrated Resource Plan – Introduction and Schedule (Informational)

Olaf Bystrom from SMUD presented slides on Integrated Resource Plan. It is a regulatory requirement to PUC for all CCAs that came from SB350. There is a very tight timeline to get the plan prepared, as it needs to be filed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a special meeting of the CAC in April to go into the details. SMUD is recommending a limited plan for this year due to short timeline. The plan will be filed again in 2 years.

12. Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements

None.

13. Adjournment

M. Baird moved, T. Flynn seconded meeting adjournment. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday, April 2, 2018 at 5:30pm at Davis Senior Center.**