

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 7

TO: Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors

FROM: Mitch Sears, Sustainability Manager, City of Davis
Regina Espinoza, Sustainability Manager, Yolo County

SUBJECT: Appointment of VCEA Advisory Committee Members

DATE: January 17, 2017

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Appoint members of the VCEA Advisory Committee for one year terms as detailed in this report.
2. Appoint two ex-officio VCEA Advisory Committee members representing the City of Woodland.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

At its December 13, 2016 meeting the VCEA Board approved the formation of the VCEA Advisory Committee. On January 17, 2017 the Board appointed two Advisory Committee members recommended by the Davis VCEA Board members and one recommended by the Yolo County VCEA Board members. The VCEA Board gave direction to recruit and appoint three additional members to fill the remaining positions.

Based on the respective recruitment processes, VCEA staff are recommending the following appointments for initial one-year terms:

Yolo County:

- Amanda Beck. Ms. Beck was previously considered for appointment at the January 17, 2017 VCEA Board meeting pending review by her current employer (SMUD). The review has been completed and action by the VCEA Board would confirm her appointment.
- Marsha Baird. Ms. Baird and her husband currently farm on their property off of County Road 102 in Yolo County. Ms. Baird has been involved in multiple sustainable agricultural projects throughout the County such as the pilot project, food bank farmers. She has collaborated with the Yolo Food Bank and California Farm Academy

as well as Cool Davis and brings a unique agricultural perspective to the Advisory Committee.

Davis:

- Yvonne Hunter. Ms. Hunter has decades of experience related to the development and adoption of energy legislation in California, including the legislation enabling the formation of CCE programs. She has served on the Davis CCE Advisory Committee since its inception in February 2015.

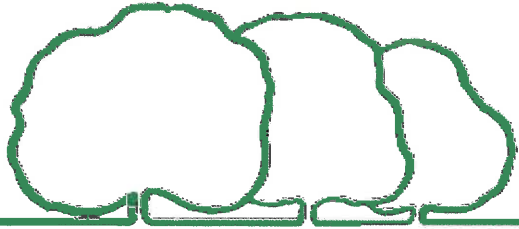
City of Woodland – Ex Officio Advisory Committee Appointment Request

As part of its continuing investigation of CCE and at the invitation of the VCEA Board, the Woodland City Council CCE Sub-Committee (Mayor Barajas and Council Member Davies), have submitted a letter requesting that VCEA add two ex-officio members to the VCEA Advisory Committee. If the ex-officio positions are created, the Woodland City Council CCE Sub-committee has requested that that the VCEA Board appoint Tom Flynn the Chair and Christine Shewmaker the Vice-Chair of the Woodland CCE community Advisory Committee to the newly created positions. Brief background information on the two potential appointees is included in the attached letter.

Staff supports this request to enhance the existing information sharing between VCEA and the City of Woodland.

Attachment

City of Woodland VCEA Advisory Committee Appointment Request Letter



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March 2, 2017

To: Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors

From: Woodland City Council Community Choice Energy Sub-Committee

Re: VCEA Advisory Committee

At the December 13, 2016 meeting of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) Board of Directors, the Board adopted a resolution approving the formation and scope of a VCEA Advisory Committee. The staff recommendation to the Board included offering Woodland the opportunity to participate on the committee in an ex-officio role.

As you know, Woodland staff has been engaged for many months in following the progress of VCEA program development, and the Woodland City Council has established both a Community Choice Energy (CCE) Sub-committee and a community CCE Advisory Committee to consider the potential risks and benefits of Woodland participation in VCEA.

The CCE Advisory Committee believes that having ex-officio representation on the VCEA Advisory Committee will help further the committee's understanding of the issues associated with VCEA program formation and improve its ability to communicate with the broader community about VCEA and present a well-informed recommendation to the City Council in the coming months. With this in mind, the committee asked that its chairperson Tom Flynn and vice-chairperson Christine Shewmaker be considered to represent Woodland on the VCEA Advisory Committee subject to the VCEA Board's approval.

Tom Flynn, a Woodland resident, has 30 years of technical and policy experience in California's electricity industry. He is currently a Senior Electrical Engineer with the California Energy Commission and has held positions with the California Independent System Operator, Southern California Edison, California Public Utilities Commission, California Power Authority, and California Electricity Oversight Board. Woodland resident Christine Shewmaker is retired from a career of more than 30 years in plant biology/plant molecular biology and is a long-standing community activist on climate change policy and greenhouse gas reduction.

As the members of the City Council CCE Sub-committee, we agree with the Woodland CCE Advisory Committee's request and recommendation, and we respectfully request that the VCEA Board of Directors approve the participation of Mr. Flynn and Ms. Shewmaker in an ex-officio role on the VCEA Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

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Angel Barajas
Mayor

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Marlin "Skip" Davies
Council Member