



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020**

Chair Braun opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2020 beginning at 5:32 p.m. at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Woodland, California.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Gerry Braun (Chair), Christine Shewmaker (Vice-Chair), Marsha Baird, Mark Aulman, Yvonne Hunter

Committee Members Absent: Lorenzo Kristov, Christine Casey, David Springer

**Approval of Agenda** Chairperson Gerry Braun made motion to approve the January 23, 2020 Agenda, seconded by Christine Shewmaker, motion passed with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent.

**Public Comment** Chair Braun opened the floor for public comment. No public comments.

**VCEA Staff and Advisory task Group Reports** Task Group Updates: Yvonne Hunter informed those present that she will be scheduling photos of CAC and Board members some time in February or March. She also suggested that members come to VCE public events, even if it is for an hour.

Legislative / Regulatory Task Group: Ms. Hunter will be following up with VCE Staff Jim Parks to have a new tab with legislative information added on the VCE website.

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman informed those present that there are a number of areas on the website that the Task Group would like to improve.

Rates and Services Task Group: Marsha Baird informed those present that the new programs tab for electric vehicles (EV) has been added and an EV postcard will be coming out as well.

Board Meeting Recap: Interim General Manager Mitch Sears reviewed the highlights of VCE's January 9, 2020 Board meeting. Ms. Hunter asked that a page be added to the website updating information about the potential acquisition of PG&E's assets in our service territory.

Mr. Sears informed those present that PG&E is offering Greenhouse Gas (GHG)-free, large hydro and nuclear, resources to Community Choice Aggregators (CCA). Currently, the PCIA pays for those attributes but the individual CCA does not benefit from them. It is likely that each load serving entity will be able to accept or reject those attributes which are GHG free



but not renewable portfolio standard (RPS) eligible. It is anticipated that an advice letter will be issued the first part of February then we will have 30 days to respond. It was agreed that a special meeting of the CAC be scheduled for them to discuss this issue and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

**Approval of  
Items on  
Consent Agenda**

Chairperson Braun made a motion to approve the Consent items, seconded by Ms. Hunter. Motion passed with Mr. Aulman abstaining and Kristov, Casey and Springer absent. The following items were approved:

- Item 4: December 5, 2019 meeting minutes; and
- Item 5: Customer Enrollment Update as of January 16, 2020

**Discussion of  
Task Groups –  
structure for  
2020**

The CAC members and staff discussed task groups, their 2019 “charge”, the formation of new task groups, and projects/tasks to be addressed.

Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve Task Group names, seconded by Ms. Baird. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent. The following Task Groups were formed:

1. Regulatory and Legislative Task Group – Hunter and Kristov
2. Outreach Task Group – Baird, Aulman, Hunter, Casey (TBD)
3. Programs Task Group – Baird, Shewmaker, Springer (TBD)
4. Strategic Planning Task Group – Braun, Aulman, Kristov (TBD)
5. Rates Task Group (As needed) – Gerry, Lorenzo (TBD)

Ms. Hunter asked that Staff send out a list of the Task Groups to all CAC members as a reminder and to confirm participation of those members that are not present tonight.

**Review of Vision  
Statement**

Mr. Sears suggested that the vision statement be reviewed and revised, if necessary, after the strategic plan has been finalized. The CAC members discussed ideas of a few things that should be included in the vision statement. It was agreed that the vision statement would be reviewed after the strategic plan has been finalized as this seems the most logical sequence.

**Update on  
potential  
acquisition of  
PG&E’s local  
electricity  
distribution  
system.**

Mr. Sears provided an updated on the potential acquisition of PG&E’s local electricity distribution system; the efforts made by other CCAs and agencies; and, the status of PG&E’s bankruptcy. Mr. Sears informed those present that many lessons have been learned about the local energy system and VCE is positioned well for future opportunities. Mr. Sears will be speaking to Santa Rosa about VCE’s experience with how VCE made the offer to PG&E. Collectively, CCAs are raising the “energy IQ” in the state.

Members suggested that the process be documented and summarized to be shared with CalCCA and others. Mr. Sears informed those present that the offer letter sent to PG&E is public.

**Election of  
Officers for 2020**

Ms. Shewmaker made a nomination of Yvonne Hunter as the Chair of the CAC, seconded by Ms. Baird. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent.



Ms. Shewmaker made a nomination of Marsha Baird as Vice Chair of the CAC, seconded by Ms. Hunter. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent. Ms. Baird reminded those present that her term would be expiring in June 2020.

Ms. Hunter made a motion to eliminate the Secretary position of the CAC, seconded by Ms. Baird. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent.

Ms. Hunter thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for their service as the Committee has matured into a well-oiled machine.

**Long Range 2020  
Calendar**

The CAC members agreed that a special meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Valley Clean Energy's administrative offices. It is anticipated to be an 1-1/2 hour meeting to discuss PG&E's offer of GHG-free attributes and to make a recommendation to the Board for their meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020.

In addition, it was confirmed that the next CAC meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> would also be a workshop on the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

**Advisory  
Committee  
Member and  
Staff  
Announcements**

Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE has hired an Assistant General Manager and Director of Power Services. He will start on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. His name is Gordon Samuel and he is currently the Power Director at MCE.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. to the special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at VCE's administrative offices located at 604 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Davis, California. The CAC's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center – Senior Activity Room, located at 646 A Street, Davis, California.

Alisa M. Lembke  
VCE Board Secretary

