



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair Mark Aulman opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2023 beginning at 5:01 p.m. via videoconference pursuant to the Brown Act and Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361). The Board of Directors authorized the continuation of remote meetings.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Mark Aulman (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), David Springer, Marsha Baird, Christine Shewmaker (departed at 5:55 p.m.), Lorenzo Kristov, Gerry Braun, Jennifer Rindahl (departed at 5:25 p.m.), Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:38 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Keith Taylor, Kristin Jacobs

**Welcome and Approval of Agenda** Chair Aulman welcomed everyone. Motion made by Christine Shewmaker to approve the January 26, 2023 Agenda, seconded by Gerry Braun. Motion passed with Taylor, Jacobs and Rodriguez absent.

**Public Comment / Introductions** There were no written or verbal public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items. Chair Aulman moved on to the Regular Agenda.

**Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports** **Task Group Reports:**  
Legislative / Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group had a meeting a few weeks ago. He announced that the legislative session is just getting started and Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobbyist consultant, will be providing additional legislative information later on this agenda. Mr. Kristov provided regulatory highlights: status of proceedings on California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0, Microgrids, Demand Flexibility, and Distributed Energy Resource (DER's – State's utility infrastructure planning towards 100 percent clean energy).



Customer Experience: Chair Aulman informed those present that the group has not had an opportunity to meet to draft a charge. The Task Group will have more information at the next CAC meeting.

**January 19, 2023 Board Special meeting update**: Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel provided an update: three (3) new VCE Board Members; Tom Stallard is Chair and Gary Sandy is Vice Chair; oath of office was given to two (2) new Board Members; a long term portfolio update was given; the Board received a presentation on 2022 year end customer update; and, the Board directed staff to pursue hybrid meetings.

**Staff Report**: Mr. Samuel provided an update that the Board's February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be in person at the City of Davis Community Chambers at 5:30 p.m. with a 30 minute reception, open to the public, starting at 5 p.m. CalCCA's Annual Conference is scheduled for May 2023 in San Diego and a "save the date" was sent out to Board and CAC Members. Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that the CPUC ruled that PG&E's old extension application regarding Diablo Canyon was not appropriate.

## Consent Items

David Springer asked that the December 15, 2022 minutes be corrected to include an "r" to his name under Item 10 on page 2. Board Clerk announced that a correction to the minutes has been made on page 4, under Staff Report, to: that it was the "...Board subcommittee..." that decided not to address 100% renewable by 2030 at the December Board meeting.

Vice Chair Athalye confirmed that he would like to participate on the Customer Experience Task Group. Christine Shewmaker thanked VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles for updating the customer participation report. Marsha Baird has some suggested edits to the 2023 long range calendar, which she will provide to the Board Clerk, Chair and Vice Chair. Vice Chair Athalye asked for more information on Item 7 – 2023 Customer Rates and PCIA Update. VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a little more information about the adjusted rates and Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) costs.

(Jennifer Rindahl departed at 5:25 p.m.)

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

Marsha Baird made a motion to approve the Consent agenda with the December 15, 2022 Minutes as amended, seconded by Lorenz Kristov. Motion



passed with Taylor, Jacobs, Rodriguez, and Rindahl absent. The following items were:

5. approved December 15, 2022 meeting Minutes as amended;
6. received quarterly Customer Participation update;
7. received 2023 Customer Rates and PCIA;
8. received staff report on Traditional Brown Act / Brown Act-AB2449 – new legislation on teleconferencing meetings; and,
9. received 2023 long-range calendar.

**Item 10: Receive legislative summary / update from Pacific Policy Group. (Information)**

Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE’s lobby consultant, provided highlights of his staff report.

(Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:38 p.m.)

Mr. Fenstermaker reviewed upcoming legislative dates and deadlines, committee changes in seats on the Senate Energy: Utilities & Communications and the Assembly Utilities & Energy committees, and, proposed budget cuts highlighting energy programs, including the status of SB 846 to extend Diablo Canyon. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 11: Receive presentation on forecasting customer Ag energy using hydrological conditions (research results). (Information)**

Mr. Samuel introduced this item and provided an overview of VCE’s Ag Load and forecasting potential by looking at the retail load by customer class. He introduced VCE’s Intern Scott Adler who looked at whether agriculture (Ag) energy demand (load) could be forecasted using hydrological conditions. VCE’s current forecasting methodology primarily uses historical trends and temperature data to forecast load. He provided information that showed that the Ag customers’ electricity consumption varies based on water demand, which is influenced by the growing season, reservoir levels, precipitation, and drought conditions.

(Christine Shewmaker departed at 5:55 p.m.)

Questions were asked about: growth by ag sector and crop, the possibility of using historical trends to forecast, and, recharge potential. There were no written or verbal public comments.



**Item 12 – Review  
draft 2023  
Community  
Advisory  
Committee Task  
Group Charges.  
(Discussion/Action)**

The CAC were reminded that the newly formed Customer Experience Task Group has not had an opportunity to meet and will provide a draft charge for review for the CAC’s February meeting.

The CAC reviewed the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group (LRTG) Charge and suggested an addition to clarify that the Task Group is focusing on 2023 legislation.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Marsha Baird made a motion to approve the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group Charge as amended, seconded by Gerry Braun. Motion carried with Taylor, Jacobs, Rindahl and Shewmaker absent.

**Item 13: Advisory  
Committee  
Member and Staff  
Announcements.**

There were no announcements from CAC Members or Staff.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

The CAC’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 5 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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