



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023
CITY OF DAVIS COMMUNITY CHAMBERS
23 RUSSELL BLVD., DAVIS, CA 95616**

Chair Mark Aulman established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 5:05 p.m., held at the City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mark Aulman (Chair), David Springer, Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Lorenzo Kristov, Keith Taylor, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:16 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Jennifer Rindahl, Kristin Jacobs

Welcome and Approval of Agenda

Chair Aulman welcomed everyone. Motion made by Gerry Braun to approve the April 27, 2023 Agenda, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Athalye, Rindahl, Jacobs and Rodriguez absent.

Public Comment / Introductions

Verbal public comment was provided by Bob Hendron, manager at Frontier Energy located in Davis. Mr. Hendron informed the CAC and VCE Staff that Frontier is submitting a proposal to form a US DOE Building America team to address efficiency improvements to existing homes. He would like VCE to partner with Frontier on this proposal. Chair Aulman thanked Mr. Hendron and asked him to communicate with VCE Staff on this proposal.

There were no written comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items.

Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports

Task Group Reports:

Legislative / Regulatory: VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter informed those present that VCE took positions on two legislative bills: AB 50 (Interconnection) and AB 1373 (Central Procurement. Resource Adequacy). Ms. Hunter provided a brief review of the interconnectivity issues that customers have been having.

Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:16 p.m.



Lorenzo Kristov briefly talked about AB 205, which directed the CPUC to establish income-graduated fixed charges for default residential electric rates. He informed those present that there has been a lot of discussion on this Assembly Bill and the process by which it got through legislation.

Programs & Outreach: VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles informed those present that the Task Group met to discuss and bring together programs and outreach tasks and goals. The current programs have been reviewed and updated and the Task Group reviewed forthcoming programs for 2023/2024.

Strategic Plan: Chair Aulman reminded those present that the Task Group's draft Charge is being reviewed as Item 10 on this agenda.

April 13, 2023 Board meeting update: Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel deferred providing an update of the Board's April meeting until the end of the agenda during announcements.

Staff Report: Board Clerk Alisa Lembke mentioned two events coming up: CA Honey Festival in downtown Woodland on Saturday, May 6th and Celebrate Davis on Friday, May 12th.

Consent Items

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

David Springer made a motion to approve Consent agenda items, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. Motion passed with Athalye, Jacobs, and Rindahl absent. The following items were:

4. approved February 23, 2023 meeting Minutes;
5. received 2023 long-range calendar listing proposed topics;
6. received final 2023 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Programs and Outreach Task Group Charge; and,
7. received quarterly Customer Participation update.

Item 8: Gibson Power Purchase Agreement update. (Information)

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel and Jamie Nagel from Emeren (the developer of the Gibson project) provided the background and overview of the Gibson solar and battery storage project; reviewed the site details and multi-plan features; highlighted partnerships and labor agreements; provided the status of development; highlighted changes made to the Gibson Power Purchase



Agreement (PPA); and, informed those present that that there is a potential grant opportunity involving this project and the Capay Valley. Mr. Samuel informed those present that the Board approved the amended and restated Gibson PPA at their April 13, 2023 meeting.

The CAC and Staff discussed: the energy production of the Gibson project and whether it was enough to supply the grid/circuit; whether or not input on the project was received from the communities of Esparto and Madison and agricultural customers; what issues may result from the production delay of the project; future solicitations for energy projects; status of microgrid grant application; current 80% renewable by 2030 policy; and, relationship between public safety power shutoff events, the project and resiliency.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 9: CAC to consider a recommendation to the Board to approve extension of Phase 1 of VCE's Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebates program and provide feedback on Phase 2 program design elements.

(Discussion/Action)

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles reviewed the background of the EV Rebates Program; the funding source for this program; and the potential to increase program funding. Ms. Boyles reviewed Phase 2 design concepts; and the status of VCE's partnership application with Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) for the Vehicle-Grid Integration (VGI) Pilot Program; and provided highlights of the VGI Pilot Program. Ms. Boyles reviewed Staff's recommendation and asked for the CAC's feedback on Phase 2 design elements. The CAC suggested that Staff look into incorporating in future phases incentives for purchasing charging stations for both residential and commercial customers and used EVs. The CAC discussed vehicle to grid and the benefits of bi-directional power. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by David Springer for the CAC to make a recommendation to the Board to approve Phase 1 extension of VCE's Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez . Motion passed with Athalye, Jacobs, and Rindahl absent.

Item 10: Review, provide feedback and approve 2023 CAC Strategic Plan Task Group Charge. (Discussion/Action)

Marsha Baird reviewed the draft Strategic Plan Task Group charge and timeline of the Strategic Plan process. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Gerry Braun to approve the Strategic Plan Task Group Charge, seconded by Keith Taylor. Motion passed with Athalye, Jacobs, and Rindahl absent.



**Item 11: Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements.**

There were no announcements from the CAC Members.

VCE Executive Officer Mich Sears informed those present that at the Board's April 13, 2023 meeting, the Board approved amendments and task orders to the SMUD master service agreement; received the Calendar Year 2022 financial audit from James Marta & Company; received a Treasury and Financial update; and received a review of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Concerns were expressed by the CAC Members about cancelling the CAC's May meeting and, like last year, possibly cancelling the CAC's July meeting. It was suggested that proposed topic items from the CAC's 2023 Long Range Calendar be brought forward for discussion, rather than cancelling upcoming meetings. Staff informed those present that the Board's May meeting has been cancelled due to a schedule conflict with CalCCA's 2023 Annual Conference. Staff, the CAC Chair and Vice Chair are to review proposed topics to see if any items could be brought forward for discussion, possibly scheduled for the CAC's July meeting. A request was made that a summary of the CalCCA 2023 Annual Conference be made at the CAC's June meeting.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The May 25, 2023 meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst