



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair Hunter opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a special meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020 beginning at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to the Provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspends certain provisions of the Brown Act and the Orders of the Public Health Officers with jurisdiction over Yolo County, to shelter in place and to provide for physical distancing.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Yvonne Hunter (Chair), Marsha Baird (Vice Chair), Chris Casey (departed 6:45 p.m.), Christine Shewmaker, Mark Aulman, Peter Meyer, Gerry Braun, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived 5:02 p.m.), Lorenzo Kristov (arrived 5:03 p.m.), David Springer (arrived 5:06 p.m.), Jennifer Rindahl (arrived 5:08 p.m./departed 6:58 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: None

Approval of Agenda Chris Casey made a motion to approve the August 27, 2020 meeting Agenda with Item 7 (draft statement on environmental and social justice) being addressed after Item 8 (Strategic Plan), seconded by Mark Alman. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment / Introductions Chair Yvonne Hunter asked if there were any public comments.

Juliette Beck of the Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition provided a verbal public comment and informed the CAC that their group has been working on a climate emergency resolution that they hope to have before the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on September 29, 2020. She requested the CAC look at it and consider recommending support. It was suggested she send the final version to VCE's Board Clerk for distribution as soon as it is ready. It was noted that numerous jurisdictions, including the City of Davis, have passed climate emergency resolutions.

There were no other verbal or written public comments.

Brief task Group and VCE staff Reports **Task Group Reports**

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman informed those present that the task group met on Monday and initiated regular meetings once a month. The task group is working on procedural modifications to include the group's input on draft documents before being sent out; synchronizing and developing outreach on the draft Strategic Plan; and working on message development. The group is being proactive by planning six (6) months out and concentrating on message alignment.



Programs Task Group: Marsha Baird informed those present that the task group continues to work on the programs plan and coordinating programs in alignment and timing of the 3 year Strategic Plan. In addition, the group has been working on researching the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Self-generation Incentive Program (SGIP) which supports existing, new, and emerging distributed energy resources and the “flattening the duck curve” article provided by CAC Member David Springer to encourage VCE customers to use energy earlier in the day to reduce usage and load in the late afternoon and evening.

Rates Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the task group has had one meeting and plan on meeting again. Interim General Manager Mitch Sears added that conversations with the SMUD rates team have occurred asking to build a model to assess a few different rate options for VCE.

Strategic Plan Task Group: Gerry Braun informed those present that the task group met earlier in the week to review and discuss the draft Strategic Plan and the next steps. The task group plan on meeting again soon.

Leg/Reg Task Group: Chair Hunter informed those present that the task group continues to meet and that the Legislature will adjourn on Monday, August 31st. However, she speculates that the Legislature will meet in a special session to handle a few urgent and outstanding items.

8/13/2020 Board meeting summary: Mr. Sears provided a summary to those present of the Board’s August 13, 2020 meeting, including the Board adopting the Integrated Resource Plan.

VCE Board Chair and Yolo County Board of Supervisor Don Saylor was present and announced that VCE allocated \$1,500 as a donation to the Greater Winters Relief Fund through the Winters Rotary group for LNU fire victims. The hardest hit is in the Putah Creek area, Cache Creek Canyon and Rumsey. VCE Staff Tessa Tobar informed those present that the need for donations are on Twitter and Facebook social media and that the donation goal was only \$300 short. Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE Staff are looking for another donation platform in the other areas of Yolo County effected by the fire.

Staff Report: Mr. Sears informed the CAC that prior to the next request for offers (RFO) solicitation, Staff will provide information and request for input from the CAC on prioritizing types of energy technologies to consider in the next RFO solicitation. VCE Staff Gordon Samuel provided a brief update on responses to the local RFO.



Christine Shewmaker reminded Staff that she and others would like to see the Board adopt a long term goal of working towards carbon neutrality by 2030. Interim General Manager Mitch Sears informed those present that Staff are looking to incorporate this goal into the Strategic Plan.

Chair Hunter informed those present that Staff consulted legal counsel on the CAC Meeting Procedures summarized at the July 23, 2020 meeting. Staff are finalizing the Meeting Procedures guide, which will be distributed to the Members and used when new Members are appointed to the CAC.

There were no verbal or written public comments.

Consent Items

David Springer made a motion to approve the consent items, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed unanimously. The following items were:

1. approved July 23, 2020 special meeting Minutes; and
2. received customer enrollment update as of August 19, 2020.

There were no verbal or written public comments.

Item 7: VCE Strategic Plan Process (Informational)

Mr. Sears introduced Shawn Marshall of LEAN Energy, VCE's consultant to the Strategic Plan effort. Ms. Marshall guided the CAC Members through the review and discussion of the draft 3-year Strategic Plan. CAC Members provided valuable input on the draft plan, focusing on the goals outlined in the draft. Comments and suggestions were provided to staff and Ms. Marshall, some of which may be incorporated into the plan as appropriate. A subsequent draft will be presented to the CAC at their September meeting to be considered for making a recommendation to the Board for adoption in October. VCE Staff George Vaughn invited Members to provide via e-mail any additional comments, specifically on key goals 6 (Organization and Workplace) and 7 (Information Systems and Technology).

Chris Casey departed the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

There were no verbal or written public comments.

Item 8: VCE Draft statement on current environmental and social justice issues (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Sears introduced VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles. Ms. Boyles provided an overview and status of the draft VCE statement on environmental and social justice. CAC Members suggested a number of additions and clarifications to the statement. Their feedback will be shared with the Board working group. The CAC requested that a redraft of the statement be provided at their next meeting for review and to be considered for recommendation to the Board for adoption in October.

There were no verbal or written public comments.



**Long Range 2020
Calendar**

Staff noted that a quarterly update on renewable content has been added to the calendar for the month following the quarter when the data is available, with the first update to be provided in October 2020.

An item to be included on a future CAC meeting is a discussion of VCE working towards a long term goal for carbon neutrality by 2030 with an invitation to SMUD to attend and provide additional information on SMUD's statement.

Staff informed the CAC that the next request for offers (RFO) is scheduled to go out in mid-2021. Prior to the next RFO being finalized and submitted for solicitation, Staff will schedule several meetings for the CAC to discuss the types of energy technology to be considered as well as prioritizing those technologies.

There were no verbal or written public comments.

**Advisory Committee
Member and
Announcements**

Chair Hunter thanked Staff for distributing information about rotating blackouts.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Baird. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting for Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5 p.m. via teleconference.

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