

**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance**  
**Action Minutes**  
**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting**  
**May 20, 2021**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**No Location- Zoom Meeting**

**1. Welcome/ Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair LaVere at 10:31 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Directors Present:

Christina Villaseñor	City of Fillmore
Lynn Edmonds	City of Fillmore- Alternate
Carlos Juarez	City of Santa Paula-Alternate
Ed Jones	City of Thousand Oaks
Bob Engler	City of Thousand Oaks- Alternate
Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme
Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Scott Quady	Calleguas Municipal Water District
Raul Avila	Calleguas Municipal Water District- Alternate
Matthew Almaraz	Ventura Unified School District
Sofía Rubalcava	City of Ventura
Matt LaVere	County of Ventura
Carmen Ramirez	County of Ventura- Alternate

Directors Not Present:

Gabriela Basua	City of Oxnard
Richard Araiza	City of Santa Paula
Joshua Chancer	Ventura County Community College District
Mark Austin	Ventura Regional Sanitation District

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair LaVere led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Oath of Office for New VCREA Directors**

Director Bob Engler, alternate for the City of Thousand Oaks, was sworn in by Executive Director Sue Hughes.

**5. Minutes from the February 18, 2021 VCREA Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Director Villaseñor, seconded by Director Almaraz, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting.

#### **6. Agenda Review**

Upon motion of Chair LaVere, seconded by Director Villaseñor, the Board accepted the agenda with no changes.

#### **7. Public Comments**

Public Comments were submitted by the following individuals and/or organizations and were read aloud for the record:

Jan Dietrick, Policy Team Leader for 350 Ventura County Climate Hub  
Rose Ann Witt, Co-Founder of the Conejo Climate Coalition

#### **8. Directors' Comments**

None

#### **9. Presentation- Port of Hueneme- Sustainability and Community**

Staff member Heather Allen introduced Giles Pettifor, Environmental Manager at the Port of Hueneme. Mr. Pettifor presented on the Port of Hueneme's sustainability initiatives.

#### **10. Approval of the Financial Statements- Year End June 30, 2020**

Staff member Kelly Cattnach provided a brief overview of the purpose and processes of VCREA's annual audit. No instance of non-compliance or other matters were identified for FY ended June 30, 2020.

Upon motion of Director Quady, seconded by Director Villaseñor, the Board approved the Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2020.

#### **11. Approval of the General and Administrative Budgets**

Staff member Kelly Cattnach provided a brief overview of the proposed budgets for FY 2021/2022 and 2022/2023.

Upon motion of Director Judge, seconded by Director Jones, the Board approved the budgets.

#### **12. Presentation- Green Business Certification Recognition**

Staff member Alejandra Téllez presented on the Ventura County Green Business Program 2020 highlights with regards to business certifications.

#### **13. General Updates and Announcements**

Staff member Alejandra Telléz shared that the Program Update was included in the agenda packet.

Joseph Cabral from Clean Power Alliance (CPA) shared information pertaining to CPA's debt forgiveness program for customer's with at least \$500 in past due electricity bills. Mr. Cabral also shared about Power Share, providing eligible residential customers with 100 percent renewable



electricity from small-scale solar power and other renewable energy facilities that are locally developed and operated.

**14. Items for Future Agendas**

None

**15. Adjournment**

Chair LaVere adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021.