



## **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance**

### **Action Minutes**

### **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting**

**July 28, 2016**

**10:15 a.m.**

Ventura Regional Sanitation District  
Board Meeting Room  
1001 Partridge Drive, Suite 150  
Ventura, California 93003

#### **1. Welcome/ Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Long at 10.19 a.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Members present:

Kathy Long, Chair	County of Ventura
Mary Haffner	Ventura Unified School District
Jon Sharkey	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
John Procter	City of Santa Paula

Members not present:

Douglas Tucker	City of Fillmore
Carmen Ramirez	City of Oxnard
Cheryl Heitmann, Vice Chair	City of Ventura
Joel Price	City of Thousand Oaks
Larry Kennedy	Ventura County Community College District

#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4. Approve Minutes of October 22, 2015 Meeting**

Minutes were not approved as a quorum was not met. Minutes will be approved at the next board meeting.

#### **5. Agenda Review**

The agenda was approved as Modified #9- Emerging Technologies- Item removed and will be presented at a future date.

#### **6. Public Comments**



Emily Goodwin, representing Ygrene, spoke briefly regarding the PACE program and their efforts locally. Ygrene Energy Funds provides residential and commercial PACE financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy project throughout California. Ms. Goodwin provided Ygrene materials for those that were interested.

## **7. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Haffner shared the importance of alternative energy solutions/sources and the good work that VCREA is doing as she shared information pertaining to the recent oil spill in Ventura on June 23, 2016.

## **8. Solarize Program**

Jefferson Litten, representing the Community Environmental Council (CEC) gave a brief presentation on the CEC as a whole, more specifically on the Solarize program. Solarize is a limited time, group purchasing opportunity for solar electricity systems that started locally in 2011 in the City of Santa Barbara. Solarize has operated in various communities throughout the region and are looking to expand even more. Solarize is set to embark to cities along the 126 corridor.

## **9. Emerging Technologies**

Removed from agenda

## **10. CivicSpark**

Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, shared VCREA's partnership with CivicSpark, a Governor's Initiative Americorp program dedicated to building capacity for local governments to address climate change and water management issues in California. CivicSpark fellow will serve on the VCREA's team for 11 months, beginning in October, implementing important climate change mitigation and adaptation projects. Fellows have the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the sustainability field, build professional skills, and develop a strong network while creating a lasting difference in local communities.

## **11. Beacon**

Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, gave a brief overview of the Beacon program and the work that VCREA staff has done to apply for 32 awards for our partnering cities. Important dates were discussed for receiving those awards.

Ms. Long recommended submitting an Eye on the Environment article to the VC Star highlighting the Beacon award achievements.

John Brooks, City of Thousand Oaks, acknowledged and shared his appreciation to VCREA staff for the time in completing the applications on behalf of the cities. He stated had VCREA not taken the lead on this, city staff would not have had time to complete the application process.

## **12. Partnership Program Update**



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Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, gave a brief overview of what the partnership has been working on. She mentioned the LEAP grant that VCREA submitted an application for as well our recent partnership with the Green Business Network. Projects as well as the outreach events VCREA is participating in were highlighted.

John Brooks, City of Thousand Oaks and Chair of the California Green Business Network, shared the importance of a regional effort and the benefits to our cities within our region.

Chair Long suggested contacting Bruce Stenslie from EDC-VC and perhaps getting it on their Board agenda as their Board consists of 18 business partners.

PACE metrics were shared and discussed.

Ms. Goodwin, representing Ygrene, asked about Ygrene sharing metrics as well to include in our reporting. VCREA staff would appreciate the data.

Chair Long recommend that staff see if all the partnering cities websites have a link to the VCERA website.

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

Ms. Hughes, VCREA staff, recognized the posters displayed around the room. The posters were displayed at the recent SEEC conference in June.

Chair Long mentioned the importance of sharing successes to others outside our board room perhaps city council presentation and/or road tour.

Ms. Tellez mentioned the upcoming Second Annual Holiday LED Light Exchange. More details to come.

Mr. Procter, City of Santa Paula, shared the recent developments with the proposed peaker plant in Santa Paula as an alternative to the Oxnard location.

### **14. Items for Future Agenda**

Emerging Technologies

### **15. Next Meeting October 20, 2016**

### **16. Adjournment**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 11.04 a.m.