



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Action Minutes Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting April 20, 2017 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 Ms. Parks at 10:18 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Linda Parks	County of Ventura
John Procter	City of Santa Paula
Carmen Ramirez	City of Oxnard
Christy Weir	City of Ventura
Rob McCoy	City of Thousand Oaks
Tim Holmgren	City of Fillmore
Jackie Moran	Ventura Unified School District- Alternate
Jim Hensley	Ventura Regional Sanitation District

Members not present:

Arturo Hernandez	Ventura County Community College District
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3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oath of Office for New VCREA Board Members

The following individuals were sworn in by Brian Palmer:

Rob McCoy- City of Thousand Oaks
Tim Holmgren- City of Fillmore
Jackie Moran- Ventura Unified School District- Alternate
Jim Hensley- Ventura Regional Sanitation District

5. Approve Minutes of the February 16, 2017 Meeting

Upon motion of Ms. Weir, seconded by Ms. Moran, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting.



6. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus

7. Public Comments

No public comments.

8. Board Member Comments

Ms. Ramirez shared that she, along with Mr. Hensley, attended the Association of Water Agencies Annual Meeting. Good forum to share and learn what other regions are doing to address water issues.

9. Ventura County Green Business Program Update

Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, gave an update on the progress of the Ventura County Green Business Program since the last Board meeting. VCREA is excited to bring this program to the area. Staff have met with all cities with the exception of three. All cities that staff have spoken to thus far are very supportive of the program. Ms. Tellez also shared that staff attended the Statewide Green Business Meeting to learn best practices. Additionally, staff will look to the cities of Ventura and Thousand Oaks as program mentors since they already have established programs.

Ms. Parks mentioned the County's Economic Vitality Plan and that a business can be green and it be good for business at the same time. Having one consistent program throughout the region will be great.

10. Local Government Challenge Grant

Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, shared exciting news that VCREA and the Community Environmental Council of Santa Barbara (CEC-SB) partnered together and were recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission in the amount of \$427,944. VCREA has worked with CEC-SB for the last few years with the Solarize programs as well as participated in joint Local Government Partnership meetings to further our collaborated efforts within the region.

Ms. Allen, VCREA staff, addressed the details of the grant's scope of work and time line. A portion of the requested funding will be used to develop Energy Action Plans (EAP) for three cities within the two counties as well as EAP templates to be used by other cities. Additionally, funding was requested to develop a Business Energy Efficiency Pilot Program that includes conducting benchmarking for multi-family and commercial buildings, and energy efficiency audits for small/medium sized business.

Mr. Procter inquired about the organizational structure of the CEC-SB.

Ms. Moran inquired about what an audit entails for a small and medium size business and what are the plans to solicit this program. Ms. Moran also asked if this grant would target a specific industry or type of business. Additional questions were asked regarding the audit report as well



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as if there would be any obligation to the business owners to act on the recommendations of the audit. Ms. Moran asked that a school site be considered as a possible recipient of an audit.

Ms. Ramirez asked if there could be any possible penalty or negative consequence for a business participating in the program. It was explained that the program is voluntary and the audit report is not reported to anyone besides being submitted to the CEC as part of our reporting requirements.

Ms. Parks suggested establishing a target industry, business type, or geographical target to be most effective. Ms. Park emphasized good outreach within the region.

Mr. Hensley asked if converting street light to LEDs for the City of Port Hueneme would be a component of the grant. Staff suggested that the City of Port Hueneme utilize the EAP template and incorporate the street light conversion as an energy efficient measure within the Plan.

Ms. Weir shared that several City of Ventura's Board members are proposing the development of a Climate Action Plan (CAP). Ms. Weir asked about consultants that other cities have used to develop similar documents. Ms. Allen explained that the EAP could be used as a component of the CAP.

Details of the program are still being established and the Board will be made aware of these developments as we approach more closely to the start date of the grant.

11. Partnership Program Update

Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, gave a brief overview of the Partnership Program Update.

Upon motion of Ms. Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Procter, and duly carried, the Board received and filed the Partnership Program Update.

12. General Updates and Announcements

Mr. Stewart, VCREA's CivicSpark Fellow, spoke in regards to the CivicSpark program and announced that applications for a CivicSpark Fellow are now being accepted for the coming program cycle. Mr. Stewart was asked to share more about his specific duties in relationship to VCREA as well as his personal plans after his fellowship is complete.

13. Community Choice Energy Update

Mr. Chapjian, Director of Community Services for the County of Santa Barbara, introduced the Community Choice Energy (CCE) program as well as introduced Ms. Cregar, also from the County of Santa Barbara, who presented an update on the CCE program.

Ms. Cregar presented an overview of what CCE means, statewide growth, potential risks and benefits, and who is Central Coast Power (CCP). Ms. Cregar spoke to the feasibility study, potential organizational options should the CCP move forward, and next steps.

Several questions were asked regarding opting in/out, energy outage management, level of regulations, rate fluctuation, local energy generation opportunities, economy stimulation, residential generation buy back, CARE program, organizational options, and Prop 218.



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Mr. Proctor shared Santa Paula's recent project dealing with battery storage.

Ms. Parks shared California State University Channel Island (CSUCI) steam generation project.

Ms. Ramirez shared that a CCE option allows for ratepayer input and local control, and better energy choices.

Upon motion of Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Holmgren, and duly carried, the Board received and filed the CCE Update.

14. Items for Future Agendas

- Update on CCE and Santa Barbara County Board presentation on June 20th.

15. Next Meeting- July 20, 2017

16. Adjournment

Chair Parks adjourned meeting at 11:44am.