



## **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance**

### **Action Minutes Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting October 19, 2017 11:00 a.m.**

County of Ventura Government Center  
Hall of Administration  
Multi Purpose Room- Third Floor  
800 S. Victoria Ave  
Ventura, California 93009

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Parks at 11:14 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
Helen Cox	City of Thousand Oaks- Alternate
Tim Holmgren	City of Fillmore
Mary Haffner	Ventura Unified School District
Arturo Hernandez	Ventura County Community College District

Not Present:

Jim Hensley	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
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#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4. Approve Minutes of the July 20, 2017 Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Weir, the Board approved the Minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting.

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

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus. However, after Item 8 presentation, it was determined to remove Item 9 and Item 12 from the agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Procter, seconded by Ms. Ramirez, agenda Items 9 and 12 were removed from the agenda.

## **6. Public Comments**

Jeremy Hutman from Renew Financial, administers the California First Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and provided an update California First offers financing to homeowners and business owners to install measures that make their properties more energy efficient. Mr. Hutman spoke about two newly enacted pieces of State legislation , SB 242 and AB1284, that provide stronger consumer protections for PACE customers.

## **7. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Ramirez provided an update on the Puente Power Plant project which the City of Oxnard and many others are opposing. The city received word that the two commissioners who heard all of the evidence are going to vote against the project. Ms. Ramirez also wanted to clarify that the power company asked for a suspension, which does not mean that they have withdrawn.

## **8. Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) Presentation**

Mr. Gary Gero, Chief Sustainability Officer from the County of Los Angeles, gave a presentation on the LACCE. An overview was given as to what is a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), the benefits of a CCA, and the risks and risk management of operating a CCA. Mr. Gero also spoke to the LACCE Business Plan and Joint Powers Authority (JPA) formation and governance, the schedule for the rollout of the program, as well as issues for consideration in Ventura county.

Questions and further discussion took place regarding the presentation including opting in/out, default offerings and tier selection, Life Line options, assumptions made in the Tri-County Feasibility Study, as well as details pertaining to the assumptions made in the LACCE Business Plan.

Upon motion of Ms. Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, and duly carried, the Board received and filed the LACCE presentation. Additionally added to the motion was that VCREA Board expressed an interest in LACCE as an option for the Ventura region and want to see it vetted.

Comments from the public audience were heard.

## **9. CivicSpark Introduction**

Removed from agenda

## **10. Community Environmental Council- Santa Barbara Contract**

Upon motion of Ms. Haffner, seconded by Ms. Ramirez, and duly carried, the Board approved the Contract with Community Environmental Council- Santa Barbara.

## **11. Local Government Partnership 2018 Contract Amendment**

Upon motion of Ms. Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Procter, and duly carried, the Board approved the 2018 Local Government Partnership Contract Amendment.



## **12. New Website**

Removed from agenda.

## **13. Partnership Program Update**

Ms. Hughes, Executive Director, provided to the Board an outline of where the JPA's funding comes from and what the JPA is able to do given their funding source.

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

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

## **14. Potential JPA Expansion**

Ms. Parks expressed interest in extending an invitation to all cities in the region to participate by appointing a council member to the Board. Ms. Hughes gave a brief historical background of the JPA, who has participated in the past, as well as who is eligible to participate. It was discussed that staff would contact those cities who are not currently Board members and extend an invitation to participate. For future consideration, it was decided to pursue other Special Districts as well.

Upon motion of Ms. Parks, seconded by Ms. Haffner, and duly carried, the Board approved extending an invitation to all cities within the region that currently do not hold a seat on the Board to participate.

## **15. 2018 Board Meeting Dates**

It was proposed to hold Board meetings every other month for 2018 as opposed to the current quarterly schedule.

Upon motion of Ms. Haffner, seconded by Mr. Procter, and duly carried, the Board approved the proposed every-other-month schedule for 2018 and to update the Bylaws accordingly.

## **16. General Updates and Announcements**

Mr. Procter gave an update on the city of Santa Paula's 5 megawatt solar project with battery backup in partnership with ZGlobal. Mr. Procter shared that ZGlobal is interested in other partnerships with others in the region to do similar work. Mr. Procter also spoke about Limoneria and the sustainability work they are doing.

## **17. Items for Future Agendas**

- CCA Update
- Battery Storage

## **18. Next Meeting- January 18, 2018 Location TBD**

## **19. Adjournment**

Chair Parks adjourned meeting at 12:49pm.