



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Action Minutes

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting

May 17, 2018

10:15 a.m.

County of Ventura Government Center
Hall of Justice
Pacific Conference Room
800 S. Victoria Ave
Ventura, California 93009

1. Welcome/ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ramirez at 10:20 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
Tim Holmgren	City of Fillmore
Mary Haffner	Ventura Unified School District
Arturo Hernandez	Ventura County Community College District
Jonathan Sharkey	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Scott Quady	Calleguas Municipal Water District
Will Berg	City of Port Hueneme

Not Present:

Rob McCoy	City of Thousand Oaks
Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oath of Office for New VCREA Board Members

Will Berg of the City of Port Hueneme and Scott Quady of the Calleguas Municipal Water District were sworn into office by Jessica Kam, Deputy Clerk of the Board, County of Ventura.

5. Minutes from the January 18, 2018 VCREA Board Meeting

Upon motion of Ms. Haffner, seconded by Mr. Hernandez, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting. Mr. Quady abstained. . Mr. Sharkey was not present to vote.

6. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.

7. Public Comments

Jan Dietrick congratulated Chair Ramirez on the Special Election victory in the City of Oxnard. She requested a status update on the 3CREN, which would be discussed later in the meeting. Ms. Dietrick also requested that community microgrids be discussed within the office of VCREA.

8. Board Member Comments

Ms. Parks shared that she sits on the California State University Channel Island Site Authority and that they are looking into forming their own Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in partnership with other upper education institutions.

Mr. Hernandez welcomed the new Board Members.

Chair Ramirez asked the new members to make comments about their interest in being on the VCREA Board.

Mr. Quady stated that VCREA's Mission Statement looks good and that he looks forward to his ongoing participation. Mr. Quady thanked Ms. Parks and the Board for welcoming him. The water-energy nexus is key to Calleguas and they have been doing hydroelectric power for a long time as well as solar.

Mr. Berg agreed with Mr. Quady previous statement and stated that energy is becoming more critical and accessing energy and keeping it sustainable is going to be an ongoing challenge. The decisions that the Board will be making will have to serve the people for a long time to come.

Chair Ramirez spoke about Dr. Lucy Jones' presentation to the City of Oxnard on the City's earthquake risk. Dr. Jones is a seismologist and has written a book titled Big Ones. Chair Ramirez serves on the Board of Southern California Association of Governments that has an initiative regarding earthquake resiliency. Chair Ramirez stated the importance for us to keep an eye on water infrastructure and the energy grid and how we need to plan for potential disasters as seen recently with the local wildfires and mud slides.

Mr. Procter spoke to Dr. Lucy Jones as well and stated that she started an organization called Center for Science and Society, promoting the idea that the use of science should be used in decision making.

Ms. Weir shared that Dr. Jones also spoke to the City of Ventura as well. The City is asking Dr. Jones for help with writing policies to address the concerns with the downtown Ventura area in terms of safety the ability to afford retrofits.

9. SCE-Local Capacity Presentation

Kevin Ross from TerraVerde Energy spoke in regards to SCE Local Capacity Requirements (LCR) Request for Proposal (RFP). Mr. Ross spoke on what TerraVerde Energy does and the services the company can offer followed by an overview of the RFP. In addition, Mr. Ross gave an overview of battery storage including behind the meter benefits, beyond demand charge savings benefits, and microgrid benefits. Energy storage feasibility approach as well as considerations for solar project development were discussed as well.

The presentation was followed by questions and answers.

10. 2017 Year In Review

Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, gave an overview of all the outreach activities that VCREA participated in during 2017 and shared a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of the events. Ms. Tellez also spoke to the 2017 Year in Review Report that was distributed, which highlighted all the activities and successes that VCREA accomplished in 2017.

11. 2018 General and Administrative Budget Update

Ms. Tellez presented the updated General and Administrative Budget, outlining in detail, VCREA's funding sources and expenditures by source.

Upon motion of Mr. Procter, seconded by Ms. Weir, the Board approved the 2018 Budget update. Mr. Quady abstained. Mr. Sharkey was not present to vote.

12. Partnership Program Update

Ms. Tellez gave an update on the Thomas Fire enhanced incentives offered by the utilities. Ms. Tellez spoke of the partnership with Santa Barbara County as well as VCREA's repeated requests to the utilities asking for enhanced incentives of some sort. The utilities are offering an enhanced incentive of 50% to victims of the fire or flood damage that incorporate certain energy efficient measures. Outreach and workforce training was also discussed.

Ms. Weir inquired about the Ventura Strong Re-Build Green Expo taking place on June 16 and stated that VCREA will be there, sharing information. Ms. Weir requested a simple, easy to understand handout for the homeowners containing things they can consider doing during the rebuilding process to be more energy efficient. VCREA is in the process of creating such a document to engage homeowners in considering to build green.

Ms. Tellez also shared that those homes that suffered partial damage are being served through the emPower program via site visits. During these site visits, staff inspects attic space, duct system, and insulation for ash and other containments and makes recommendation for replacement if needed.

13. General Updates and Announcements

Mr. Procter shared that the City of Santa Paula will be participating in the Lancaster CCA at some point in the future.

Ms. Tellez informed the Board about the recent developments in regards to the 3CREN, a tri county partnership including the counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. A business plan was submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting that 3CREN become its own designer and implementer of residential multifamily energy efficiency programs. The program will consist of Direct Install measures for multifamily construction as well as a training component that includes training for local contractors and staff.

Ms. Allen, VCREA staff, gave an update on the recent Electric Vehicle Ready Blueprint Grant awarded to VCREA by the California Energy Commission in the amount of \$196,000. VCREA will be partnering with Community Environmental Council Santa Barbara and EV Alliance to develop an implementation plan for the entire Ventura County region.

Ms. Tellez introduced Vivian Wang, VCREA's AmeriCorps Fellow that is assisting with the implementation of the Ventura County Green Business program.

14. Items for Future Agendas

VCREA staff mentioned that they are still working with the Navy to schedule a presentation at a future meeting.

15. Next Meeting- July 19, 2018

16. Adjournment

Chair Ramirez adjourned meeting at 11:41 a.m.