



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Action Minutes

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting

July 18, 2019

10:15 a.m.

City of Ventura – City Hall
Community Room
501 Poli Street
Ventura, California 93001

1. Welcome/ Call to Order

Moment of silent for Jose Luis Enriquez Esquivel of Oxnard, who died in a forklift accident.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Parks at 10:20 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Carlos Juarez	City of Santa Paula
Thomas Slosson	Calleguas Municipal Water District-Alternate
Carmen Ramirez	City of Oxnard
Christy Weir	City of Ventura- Alternate
Bernardo Perez	Ventura County Community College District
Linda Parks	County of Ventura
Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme

Not Present:

Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Tim Holmgren	City of Fillmore
Jackie Moran	Ventura Unified School District
Ed Jones	City of Thousand Oaks
Bert Perello	Ventura Regional Sanitation District

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oath of Office for New VCREA Board Members

Laura Hernandez of the City of Port Hueneme was sworn into office by Sue Hughes, Senior Deputy Executive Officer, County of Ventura.

5. Minutes from the March 21, 2019 VCREA Board Meeting

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Juarez, the Board received and filed the Minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting. Mr. Slosson abstained.

6. Agenda Review

Item 13 was discussed

7. Public Comments

Michelle Sevilla, Field Representative for Assembly member Monique Limón's Office was present and spoke.

Ms. Ramirez wanted to convey her thanks to Assemblymember Monique Limón as she has been a terrific champion in the region.

8. Board Member Comments

Ms. Parks attended a meeting with the Clean Air Coalition and their Clean Air Day will take place October 2nd. They are offering \$1000 grants to entities in Ventura County that want to help support Clean Air Day.

Ms. Ramirez, along with others, attended the retreat for Clean Power Alliance (CPA). She also discussed a recent wildfire report that came out that stated that there is a 500% increase in the chance of California wildfires due to climate change.

Ms. Weir shared Santa Barbara County's recent decision to join Monterey Bay Community Power. Ms. Weir also discussed SCE's recent billing issues.

9. TRC and Abraxas Contract Amendments

Heather Allen, VCREA staff, gave a brief overview of TRC and Abraxas' roles in the Local Government Challenge Grant and the need to amend the contracts.

Outreach efforts for these programs were discussed.

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Juarez, the Board approved the contract amendments.

10. Wyatt Stoker Contract

Heather Allen, VCREA staff, gave a brief recap of Mr. Stoker's previous involvement with VCREA as a student intern. Now as a college graduate, Wyatt will continue his work with VCREA on various programs as a Program Specialist.

Upon motion of Ms. Ramirez, seconded by Mr. Juarez, the Board approved the contract.

11. Program Update

Alejandra Tellez, VCREA staff, provided a brief overview of the update provided, calling attention to information provided regarding the impacts to wildlife from solar generation.

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Ramirez, the Board received and filed the Program Update.

12. Requests for Letters of Support Guidelines

Alejandra Tellez, VCREA staff, requested guidance from the Board on the process for responding to requests for letters of support from various organizations, partners, and stakeholders.

Ms. Ramirez suggested trusting the judgment of staff and if something is in question, then check in with the Board.

Ms. Parks suggested placing a phone call or email to the Chair and Vice Chair for approval of providing a letter of support.

Upon motion of Ms. Weir, seconded by Ms. Parks, the Board approved the guidelines for requests for letter of support.

13. 2020 Local Government Partnership Funding and Letter to SCE

Sue Hughes, VCREA Executive Director, provided an overview of Southern California Edison's proposed funding plans for 2020. SCE is proposing to eliminate funding for all Local Government Partnerships (LGPs). Discussions have been taking place surrounding this issue. The LGPs are currently funded by both SCE and SoCalGas and SoCalGas will continue funding VCREA in 2020.

Alejandra Tellez, VCREA staff, discussed the activities that have taken place over the last few months and requested that the Chair of the Board of Directors sign the drafted letter, outlining the benefits of continuing the Local Government Partnership.

Chair Parks suggested that the members of the Board of Directors sign the letter as well, strengthening the intent of the letter by having representation from the entire region.

Upon motion of Ms. Parks, seconded by Mr. Ramirez, the Board approved submitting letter to SCE on behalf of the Board of Directors.

14. General Updates and Announcements

Heather Allen, VCREA staff, gave a brief update on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Community Readiness Blueprint Grant and asked for participation in the public comment period for the Blueprint.

Ms. Allen mentioned the Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive event taking place on September 17, 2019.

Ms. Parks suggested holding a similar ride and drive event in the east county.

Ms. Parks mentioned the Clean Air Day again on October 2, 2019.

15. Items for Future Agendas

16. Next Meeting- September 19, 2019

17. Adjournment

Chair Parks adjourned meeting at 11:12 a.m.