

**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Board of Directors
AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 19, 2019
10:15 a.m.**

**City of Ventura- City Hall
Community Room
501 Poli Street
Ventura CA 93001**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Linda Parks

2. ROLL CALL

Kelly Cattanach

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA BOARD MEMBERS

5. MINUTES FROM THE JULY 18, 2019 VCREA BOARD MEETING

Requested Action: Approve

6. AGENDA REVIEW

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time members of the public can address the VCREA Board regarding any items with the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board that are not separately listed on this agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak on agenda items at the time the item is called for discussion. No action may be taken on items not listed on the agenda unless authorized by law. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing and only pertinent points presented orally.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

At this time members of the VCREA Board of Directors may comment on matters pertaining to VCREA

9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP FUNDING- LETTER TO CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

Requested Action: Receive and File

10. VENTURA COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS PRESENTATION

11. PROGRAM UPDATE

- Ride and Drive Event Recap
- Introduce Wyatt Stoker
- VCREA Awards Reception
- Clean Air Funding
- CALeVIP

Requested Action: Receive and File

12. ELECTRIC VEHICLE INTERACTIVE MAP PRESENTATION

13. 2020 BOARD MEETING DATES

Requested Action: Approve

14. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

16. NEXT MEETING- TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2019

17. ADJOURNMENT



**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Board of Directors**

Item 5

Subject: Minutes from the July 18, 2019 Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Requested Action:

1. Approve

Attachments:

1. Summary Minutes from the July 18, 2019 Board Meeting
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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.

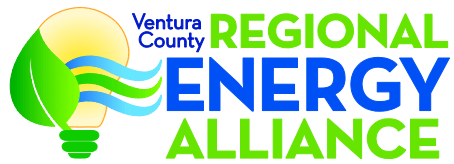
Ms. Parks mentioned the Clean Air Day again on October 2, 2019.

15. Items for Future Agendas

16. Next Meeting- September 19, 2019

17. Adjournment

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



**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Board of Directors**

Item 9

Subject: Local Government Partnership Funding-Letter to CPUC

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Requested Action:

1. Receive and File

Attachments:

1. Letter to the Public Utilities Commission
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Collaborating to address good energy stewardship in the Ventura County region

September 19, 2019

California Public Utilities Commission
Commissioner Liane Randolph
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Rulemaking 13-11-005 – Local Government Partnerships SCE

Dear Commissioner Randolph:

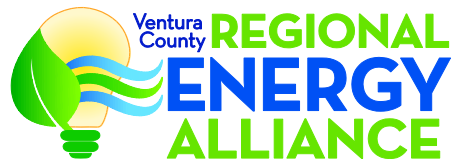
The Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, a Joint Powers Authority comprised of public agencies across Ventura County, writes to you today to request your assistance in ensuring continued funding from Southern California Edison (SCE) for our Local Government Partnership (LGP) program. We believe that continuing to fund local government programs will increase the region's energy savings potential in line with state and local goals.

SCE Advice letter 4068-E filed on September 3, 2019 proposed program and portfolio changes that recommends major budget cuts¹ to local government partnerships. Our Local Government Partnership has been afforded the stability of funding since 2012. SCE's ongoing support has allowed our region to engage with leadership from our region's jurisdictions and with private sector partners and community members to provide innovative, comprehensive, and collaborative tools that have resulted in successfully building a market that supports lasting energy savings capacity. We have built robust programmatic systems, local community and workforce connections, and possess the knowledge centered around helping customers through the complex process of completing measurable energy efficiency work.

In the same Advice Letter, SCE mentions SoCalREN as a resource for local governments; we believe it would be beneficial for PUC to look at the feasibility of allowing all Regional Energy Networks to fill the gaps left by SCE budget cuts to LGPs. RENs currently have limited scopes, so allowing all of them the ability to support public sector and local government programs would help to minimize the impacts of the loss of funding recommended by SCE.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the PUC direct SCE to continue to fund local

¹ SCE Advice Letter 4068-E (U-338-E) filed on September 3, 2019 Attachment E page 10



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Item 10

Subject: Ventura County Green Business Presentation

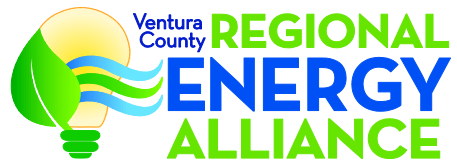
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Requested Action:

1. None

Attachments:

1. None
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Item 11

Subject: Program Update

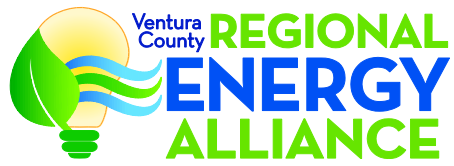
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Requested Action:

1. Receive and File

Attachments:

1. None
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Item 12

Subject: Electric Vehicle Interactive Map Presentation

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Requested Action:

1. None

Attachments:

1. None
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Item 13

Subject: 2020 Board Meeting Dates

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Requested Action:

1. Approve

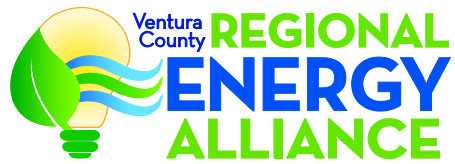
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1. Recommended Schedule
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Thursday, January 16, 2020
Thursday, March 19, 2020
Thursday, May 21, 2020
Thursday, July 16, 2020
Thursday, September 17, 2020
Thursday, November 19, 2020

Location:

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



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Item 14

Subject: General Updates and Announcements

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019

Requested Action:

1. None

Attachments:

1. None
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