



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

**Thursday, February 17, 2022
10:30 a.m.**

**No Location
Meeting will be Conducted Via Zoom**

SPECIAL NOTICE: IN RESPONSE TO THE DECLARED STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCIES DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND LIMITED PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20, THIS VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM.

REGARDING MEETING PARTICIPATION: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCESS THE MEETING, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO VCREA.ADMIN@VENTURA.ORG BY 5.00 PM THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING AND ZOOM INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS: IF YOU WISH TO MAKE EITHER A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT OR COMMENT ON A SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEM BEING HEARD, YOU CAN SUBMIT YOUR COMMENT VIA EMAIL BY 9.00 AM THE DAY OF THE MEETING TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: VCREA.ADMIN@VENTURA.ORG. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL: (A) MEETING DATE, (B) AGENDA ITEM NUMBER, (C) SUBJECT OR TITLE OF THE ITEM, (D) YOUR FULL NAME. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA ITEM SPECIFIED IN YOUR EMAIL, YOUR EMAIL WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair LaVere

2. ROLL CALL

Kelly Cattanach

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA BOARD MEMBERS

5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021 VCREA BOARD MEETING

7. AGENDA REVIEW

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

See Guidelines above

9. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

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

10. ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE VCREA FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION (E), OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

11. APPROVAL OF JAVIER SAUCEDO CONTRACT AMENDMENT

12. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- YEAR END JUNE 30, 2021

13. TRANSITION TO 2022 DISCUSSION

14. PROGRAM UPDATE

15. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

16. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

17. ADJOURNMENT



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

Item 6

Subject: Minutes from the November 18, 2021 Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Requested Action:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 18, 2021 VCREA Board Meeting

Attachments:

1. Draft Summary Minutes from the November 18, 2021 Board Meeting
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Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Action Minutes

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting

November 18, 2021

10:30 a.m.

No Location- Zoom Meeting

1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair LaVere at 10:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Christina Villaseñor	City of Fillmore
Gabriela Basua	City of Oxnard
Velma Lomax	Ventura Unified School District-Alternate
Ed Jones	City of Thousand Oaks
Bob Engler	City of Thousand Oaks- Alternate
Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Scott Quady	Calleguas Municipal Water District
Raul Avila	Calleguas Municipal Water District- Alternate
Sofía Rubalcava	City of Ventura
Matt LaVere	County of Ventura

Directors Not Present:

Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme
Matthew Almaraz	Ventura Unified School District
Richard Araiza	City of Santa Paula
Joshua Chancer	Ventura County Community College District
Mark Austin	Ventura Regional Sanitation District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair LaVere led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA DIRECTORS

Director Velma Lomax, alternate for the Ventura Unified School District, was sworn in by Executive Director Sue Hughes.

5. MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2021 VCREA BOARD MEETING

Upon motion of Director Quady, seconded by Director Judge, the Board approved the Minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting.

6. AGENDA REVIEW

Upon motion of Chair LaVere, seconded by Director Villaseñor, the Board accepted the agenda with no changes.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were submitted.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

No Director Comments were made.

9. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Upon motion of Director Villaseñor, seconded by Director Judge, the Board approved the 2022 Meeting Schedule.

10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF VCREA FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION (E), OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT

Upon motion of Director Judge, seconded by Director Rubalcava, the Board approved the Resolution.

11. TRANSITION TO 2022 PRESENTATION

Staff member Alejandra Telléz presented Transition to 2022 including the history of VCREA, funding sources, changes for 2022 including decreased funding and gaps in services, as well as potential future funding opportunities. After some discussion, staff was directed by the Board to return in February 2022 with potential funding options including member contributions.

12. PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff member Heather Allen gave a brief overview of the Program Update and addressed questions from the Board.

13. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Sue Hughes thanked the Directors for their service this year on the Board and expressed hope in seeing everyone again next year.

14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

2022 Funding Options

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chair LaVere adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022.



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 10

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2021

Requested Action:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the VCREA for a 30-day period pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act

Attachments:

1. Resolution
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE
VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE FOR A 30-DAY PERIOD
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, SUBDIVISION (e), OF
THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT**

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura (“County”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (“VCREA”);

WHEREAS, Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act, authorizes the legislative body of a local agency to use remote teleconferencing in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions;

WHEREAS, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558;

WHEREAS, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing;

WHEREAS, VCREA previously adopted a Resolution on November 18, 2021, finding that the required conditions set forth in Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3) exist;

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of remote teleconference meetings pursuant to Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), the Board must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists, and the Board has done so;

WHEREAS, emergency conditions persist in Ventura County, specifically, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 4, 2020 (“State of Emergency”);

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, Dr. Robert Levin, Ventura County Health Officer, issued a recommendation to continue practicing social distancing measures throughout Ventura County communities, including to continue to implement 100 percent remote meetings of all legislative bodies in Ventura County, to prevent and minimize the spread of COVID-19 (“Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing”);

WHEREAS, VCREA does hereby find that it has reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency, the State of Emergency remains active and continues to directly impact the ability of its members and attendees to meet safely in person, and that the Ventura County Health Officer, Dr. Robert Levin, continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing to minimize the spread of COVID-19 including that all legislative bodies in Ventura County continue to meet remotely, as further explained in his Recommendation to Promote Social Distancing, which has not been rescinded and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, VCREA does hereby find that it shall conduct its meetings without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3), as authorized by subdivision (e) of Government Code section 54953, and that the Board shall comply with the requirements set forth in Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(2); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. Staff supporting VCREA are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including continuing to conduct open and public meetings of VCREA in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e), and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) March 19, 2022, or such time the Board adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (e)(3), to extend the time during which VCREA may continue to teleconference without compliance with Government Code section 54953, subdivision (b)(3).

Upon motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and duly carried, VCREA hereby adopts this resolution on ____ day of _____, 2021.

TBD, Chair
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

ATTEST: Susan Hughes
Executive Director
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

By: _____
Kelly Cattnach, Program Administrator



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

Item 11

Subject: Javier Saucedo Contract Amendment

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Requested Action:

1. Approval of Javier Saucedo Contract Amendment

Attachments:

1. Javier Saucedo Contract Amendment
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Ventura County Regional Energy

Alliance Amendment #10 for

Consulting Services

As per page 6, item 14 the Scope of Services is hereby amended as seen in Exhibit C that now replaces Exhibit A

Time is of the essence in the performance of this contract.

Continuation of the contract is subject to the appropriation of funds for such purpose by the VCREA Board of Directors. If funds to affect such continued payment are not appropriated, VCREA may terminate this project as thereby affected and Contractor will relieve the VCREA of any further obligation therefore.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Contract.

VCREA

CONTRACTOR

By: _____

By: _____

Sue Hughes

Luis Javier Saucedo

VCREA Executive Director

Contractor

Date: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit C

SCOPE OF WORK

VCREA recognizes the need to contract for project site analysis and technical assistance to develop introductory and in-depth strategies to position energy efficiency projects for public agencies, non-profit organizations and residential or commercial utility customers served throughout the region. This contractor has demonstrated expertise with energy efficiency contracts, energy efficiency installation programs and services for residential, municipal and commercial customers, and can add value to the VCREA and its various programs as funded through contracts, grants and utility ratepayer funds.

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES/DELIVERABLES

Green Business Program

- Provide technical support to businesses wishing to enroll in Green Business Program including initial site visit, evaluation of energy consumption patterns and equipment operations as well and data collection.
- Assist businesses with the completion of the Green Business Certification Measures and rebate application.
- Support marketing and outreach efforts required to advance the Ventura County Green Business Program to all cities including unincorporated Ventura County to all commercial, small businesses and home-based businesses.
- Support marketing and outreach to Spanish-speaking business owners, communities of color as well as those businesses experiencing financial distress and disinvestment in the region.
- Recruit local manufacturing companies that supply green, recyclable or reusable options and connect them with businesses applying for Green Business certification.
- Engage, support, and participate in Stakeholder outreach and partnership, including the California Green Business Network (CAGBN).
- Monitor and report Green Business participating businesses for emission reduction measures including water, wastewater, solid waste, pollution, transportation, and energy as well as community strategies and initiatives.
- Provide support services to the CAGBN in meetings, strategy development, planning efforts or other services as deemed appropriate to the CAGBN

mission and its programs.

- Bring in utility support to provide additional resources, incentives and rebates to reduce energy costs to participating businesses including Southern California Gas and Southern California Edison.
- Update GreenBiz Tracker to report on success of program.
- Support all activities and deliverable associated with California Green Business Network's Service Agreement for 2021-2023.
- Other duties as needed

General Deliverables that advance VCREA' s Mission

- Provide technical support for project site surveys, energy consumption patterns and data collection from sites, and equipment operation at various sites.
- Stakeholder outreach, support and partnership.
- Emission reduction strategies and initiatives.
- Provide support services to the VCREA in meetings, strategy development, planning efforts or other services as deemed appropriate to the VCREA mission and its programs.

Grant Funded Deliverables

If any grant funding is managed by VCREA and the tasks and or deliverables for such grant fit the deliverables mentioned above. Javier Saucedo can be asked to participate in those as long as full cost recovery is identified.

General and Administrative Tasks

- Will follow all IT policies when using email and calendar of VCREA
- The Contractor will be responsible for providing a monthly invoice for services by the 5th of each month and will provide a monthly status report that includes dates of work, number of hours worked, and detailed description of task completed.

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Contractor will be reimbursed at the rate of \$65 per hour.

Contractor will be reimbursed for travel at the rate of \$0.58 cents per mile.

Contract is month-to-month, based on the needs of VCREA and as funds are available.

Contractor compensation will not exceed \$35,000.

TERM

As per Amendment #9, the term of the Contract in effect from June 1, 2014 through December 31, 2021 subject to all the terms and conditions set forth; may, upon mutual agreement, be extended for additional one (1) year period. Contract is now in force through December 31, 2022.



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

Item 12

Subject: Financial Statements Year-End June 30, 2021

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Requested Action:

1. Approval of the VCREA Financial Statements Year-End June 30, 2021

Attachments:

1. Financial Statement Year-End June 30, 2021
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***VENTURA COUNTY
REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE***

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended June 30, 2021

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VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended June 30, 2021

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Financial Section

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Ventura, California

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise VCREA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We previously audited VCREA's 2020 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated December 23, 2020. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis* be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 31, 2021 on our consideration of VCREA's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering VCREA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Davis Firm LLP

Irvine, California
December 31, 2021

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

As management of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA), we offer readers of VCREA's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities and performance of VCREA for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the accompanying basic financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- VCREA's net position increased by \$44,875 from \$123,509 to \$168,384 resulting from the completion of several contracted programs and grant projects in the current year.
- Total revenues from all sources decreased by 20.58% or \$86,481, from \$420,299 in 2020 to \$333,818 in 2021. The decrease is due to the reduction of funding from the Local Government Partnership agreement, as well as the conclusion of Electrical Vehicle Readiness Communities Challenge grant in early 2021.
- Total expenses for VCREA's operations decreased by 31.93% or \$135,541, from \$424,484 in 2020 to \$288,943 in 2021. The decrease is directly related to the reduction in contracted services revenue to support VCREA's involvement with various projects.

Using This Financial Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities and performance of VCREA using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of VCREA's investments in resources (assets) and its obligations to creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for computing a rate of return, evaluating the capital structure of VCREA and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of VCREA. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities. This statement measures the success of VCREA's operations over the past year and can be used to determine VCREA's profitability and creditworthiness.

Financial Statements

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about VCREA's finances is, "Is VCREA better off or worse off as a result of this year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about VCREA in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies and public enterprise agencies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Financial Statements (continued)

Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities (continued)

These two statements report VCREA's net position and changes in net position. Think of VCREA's net position – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure VCREA's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in VCREA's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, you will need to consider other non-financial factors such as changes in VCREA's grant funding and availability to assess the overall health of VCREA.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found on pages 11 through 14.

Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of VCREA, assets of VCREA exceeded liabilities by \$168,384 as of June 30, 2021, compared to the \$123,509 at the end of the fiscal year 2020.

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Assets			
Current Assets	\$ 182,060	155,377	26,683
Total	<u>182,060</u>	<u>155,377</u>	<u>26,683</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	<u>13,676</u>	31,868	(18,192)
Total liabilities	<u>13,676</u>	<u>31,868</u>	<u>(18,192)</u>
Net position			
Unrestricted	<u>168,384</u>	<u>123,509</u>	44,875
Total net position	<u>\$ 168,384</u>	<u>123,509</u>	<u>44,875</u>

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

**Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Financial Analysis (continued)

Condensed Statement of Activities

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Expenses			
Energy program	\$ 288,943	424,484	(135,541)
Total Expenses	<u>288,943</u>	<u>424,484</u>	<u>(135,541)</u>
Program revenues	<u>333,818</u>	<u>420,299</u>	<u>(86,481)</u>
Total revenues	<u>333,818</u>	<u>420,299</u>	<u>(86,481)</u>
Change in net position	44,875	(4,185)	49,060
Net position - beginning	<u>123,509</u>	<u>127,694</u>	<u>(4,185)</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 168,384</u>	<u>123,509</u>	<u>44,875</u>

The statement of activities shows how the government's net position changed during the fiscal year. In the case of VCREA, net position increased by \$44,875 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Requests for Information

VCREA's basic financial statements are designed to present users with a general overview of VCREA's finances and to demonstrate VCREA's accountability. If you have any questions about the report, annual financial statement or need additional information regarding operating activities please contact the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, County of Ventura, 800 South Victoria Ave L #1940, Ventura, California 93009.

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Basic Financial Statements

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VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2021
(with comparative data for 2020)

	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 97,397	\$ 92,392
Accounts receivable	76,493	45,826
Grants receivable	8,170	17,159
Total assets	182,060	155,377
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,308	23,385
Accrued salaries and wages	7,368	8,483
Total liabilities	13,676	31,868
Net position		
Unrestricted	168,384	123,509
Total net position	\$ 168,384	\$ 123,509

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Year Ended June 30, 2021
(with comparative data for 2020)

	2021	2020
Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 149,584	\$ 277,691
Grant revenue	184,234	142,608
Total revenues	333,818	420,299
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	78,521	156,435
Professional services	209,693	261,663
General and administrative	729	6,386
Total expenditures	288,943	424,484
Change in net position	44,875	(4,185)
Net position - beginning		
Unrestricted	123,509	127,694
Net position - ending	\$ 168,384	\$ 123,509

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2021
(with comparative data data for 2020)

	2021	2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers for services	\$ 118,917	\$ 341,581
Receipts from operating grants	193,223	215,368
Payments to employees for goods and services	(79,636)	(186,773)
Payments to vendors for materials and services	(227,499)	(321,605)
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,005	48,571
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	5,005	48,571
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	92,392	43,821
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 97,397	\$ 92,392
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 44,875	\$ (4,185)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accounts receivable	(30,667)	63,890
Grants receivable	8,989	72,760
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(17,077)	(53,556)
Accrued salaries and wages	(1,115)	(30,338)
Total adjustments	(39,870)	52,756
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 5,005	\$ 48,571

There were no significant noncash activities for the current year.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
Year ended June 30, 2021

Note 1: Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Organization and Operations of the Reporting Entity

Formed in July 2003, the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) composed of public agencies working in collaboration to approach the availability, reliability, conservation and innovative use of energy resources in the Ventura County region. The current JPA consists of the County of Ventura and the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Santa Paula, Fillmore, Port Hueneme, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks, along with the special districts of the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, Calleguas Municipal Water District, the Ventura County Community College District and the Ventura Unified School District.

Formed as a JPA, each member in VCREA has designated a locally elected public official to serve as a Member of the Board.

B. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

VCREA reports its activities as an enterprise fund, which is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise. Revenues and expenses are recognized on the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

Operating revenues result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of VCREA. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues result from non-exchange transactions in which VCREA gives (receives) value without directly receiving (giving) value in exchange.

C. Financial Reporting

VCREA's basic financial statements are presented in conformance with the generally accepted accounting principles. VCREA has elected to follow all pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position

1. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
Year ended June 30, 2021

**Note 1: Reporting Entity and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies,
continued**

**D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of
Resources, and Net Position, continued**

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

VCREA considers all highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources are transactions that result in the consumption of net position in one period that are applicable to future periods and are not considered assets. Deferred outflows of resources are required to be presented separately after assets on the statement of net position.

Deferred inflows of resources are transactions that result in the acquisition of net position in one period that are applicable to future periods and are not considered to be liabilities. Deferred inflows of resources are required to be presented separately after liabilities on the statement of net position.

4. Net Position

The financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as follows:

- **Net investment in capital assets** – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation reduced by any debt outstanding against the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
- **Restricted net position** – This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position use through external constraints imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted net position** – This component of net position consists of net position that do not meet the definition of *restricted* or *net investment in capital assets*. VCREA's policy is to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position.

5. Comparative Data

Selected information regarding the prior year has been included in the accompanying financial statements. This information has been included for comparison purposes only and does not represent a complete presentation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the government's prior year financial statements, from which this selected financial data was derived.

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
Year ended June 30, 2021

Note 2: Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2021 consist of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Deposits held with financial institution	<u>\$ 97,397</u>

Authorized Deposits and Investments

VCREA's investment policy only authorizes investments in the local government investment pools administered by the Ventura County Treasurer – Ventura County Pooled Investment Fund (VCPHF) and financial institutions.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for *deposits* is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The California Government Code and VCREA's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits, other than the following provision for deposits: The California Government Code requires that a financial institution secure deposits made by state or local governmental units by pledging securities in an undivided collateral pool held by a depository regulated under state law (unless so waived by the governmental unit). The market value of the pledged securities in the collateral pool must equal at least 110% of the total amount deposited by the public agencies. VCREA had deposits with a bank in the amount of \$103,724 at June 30, 2021. Bank balances are federally insured up to \$250,000.

The custodial credit risk for *investments* is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The Code and VCREA's investment policy do not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for investments. With respect to investments, custodial credit risk generally applies only to direct investments in marketable securities. Custodial credit risk does not apply to a local government's indirect investment in securities through the use of mutual funds or government investment pools.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The longer the maturity an investment has, the greater its fair value has sensitivity to changes in market interest rates. VCREA's investment policy does not discuss interest rate risk.

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)
Year ended June 30, 2021

Note 2: Cash and Investments, continued

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Concentration of Credit Risk

VCREA's investment policy contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one governmental agency or non-governmental issuer.

Fair Value Measurement

VCREA has no investments subject to the fair value measurement hierarchy.

Note 3: Employee Benefits and Pension Plan

The County of Ventura has contracted to provide staff to VCREA. As employees of the County of Ventura, they will continue to participate in the cost sharing employer contributory defined benefit pension plan administered by the Ventura County Employees' Retirement Association and other post-employment benefits plan. These benefits are handled by the County of Ventura. Payroll for these employees is processed by the County of Ventura Auditor-Controller's Office payroll section. Total costs of payroll and benefits are reimbursed by VCREA to the County of Ventura throughout the year.

Note 4: Contingencies

Litigation

In the ordinary course of operations, VCREA is subject to claims and litigation from outside parties. As of June 30, 2021, VCREA believes the ultimate outcome of such matters, if any, will not materially affect its financial condition.

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Report on Internal Control and Compliance

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Ventura, California

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise VCREA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered VCREA's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of VCREA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of VCREA's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether VCREA's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Davis Farr LLP

Irvine, California
December 31, 2021



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 13

Subject: Transition to 2022 Discussion

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Requested Action:

1. None

Attachments:

1. None
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During the November 18, 2021 VCREA Board of Director's meeting, staff was directed to report back to your Board with potential funding options for VCREA in 2022. After conducting strategy sessions to further evaluate and examine all possible funding options, staff is proposing the following recommendation.

After exploring options including short-term microgrants as well as performing a financial analysis to determine potential contribution amounts of each VCREA member agency, staff recommends that 2022 be considered a "transition year" and that VCREA forego requesting funds from member agencies at this time.

The Ventura County Green Business Program will continue operation with \$60,000 grant funding received from the California Environmental Protection Agency for 2022 and 2023. EV Blueprint implementation will continue through 2024 with \$2.5M grant funding received from the California Energy Commission. The County of Ventura will continue to offer in-kind support for staff time not covered by current grants to ensure VCREA continues to function beyond 2022. Staff will continue participating in regional stakeholder meetings with a priority to seek additional funding opportunities as well as closely monitoring both State and Federal funding opportunities. Staff is confident we can identify and competitively apply as the opportunity arises.



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

Item 14

Subject: Program Update

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Requested Action:

1. None

Attachments:

1. Program Update
 2. 2021 Year in Review
 3. Letters of Support (3)
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VCREA Program Update



Electrified Transportation Updates

EV Blueprint 2.0 Update

Since our last update in November on the ~\$3.9M grant funded [Ready, Set, Go Electric Ventura County EV Blueprint](#) implementation project, VCREA staff has hired Nancy Clarin as the part-time bilingual EV Outreach Coach. Nancy will join Kent Bullard, the part-time EV Technical Coach, in conducting outreach to increase EV access and adoption as well as being a resource to community members, businesses, organizations, and agencies to help them in the transition to electrified transportation.

Since November, the EV Blueprint team has also completed the following:

- Conducted outreach for the South Central Coast Inceptive Project (CALeVIP) and SCE's Charge Ready 2.0., including coordinating with SCE and Electric Drive 805 to host a Multi-Family Charge Ready Incentive Webinar.
- Worked with the Ventura County Community College District and Workforce Development Board of Ventura County's Clean/Green Working Group to identify gaps in local EV-related trainings/jobs. The Clean/Green Working Group is in the process of forming a sub-committee to develop local EV-focused workforce education and training opportunities.
- Received MICOP's plug-in hybrid minivan and are working with the City of Oxnard to obtain Land Use and Building Permits for a standalone, solar charging station.
- Expanded County of Ventura's remote motor pool fleet to include 18 Chevrolet Bolts and nine standalone, solar charging stations.
- Investigated applying for an Energy Commission Rural EV Infrastructure grant for a Mobile EV Charging Infrastructure pilot project.

Meet the New EV Technical Coach – Nancy Clarin

Nancy moved to Ventura County in January from her hometown, Watts, in South Los Angeles. In her previous position with the US Forest Service, she enjoyed working with individuals who were passionate about conserving the Country's forests. Nancy is excited to work on projects to improve Ventura County's sustainable infrastructure. In her free time, Nancy enjoys walking her dog, playing the cello, and horseback riding. For questions about EVs and charging stations and potential outreach events, e-mail Nancy at Nancy.Clarin@Ventura.org.



Drive Electric Earth Day

Drive Electric Earth Day ([DEED](#)) is a national campaign to promote EVs as better driving options for the environment, more fun to drive, more convenient to fuel, and less expensive to operate than gasoline vehicles. For the second year, VCREA will apply for a Plug-in America and Southern California Edison (SCE) DEED microgrant for online and small in-person EV-related events. VCREA received similar microgrants from Plug-in America



and SCE over the past three years for both DEED and National Drive Electric Week. We are currently developing our list of events and microgrant application for DEED, but events may include an EV activity with Ventura County STEM program participants, cohosting an online EV 101 webinar, EV movie night, and two small static EV car shows at Arbor Day at the Janss Library in Thousand Oaks and at a private site within the City of Ojai.

South Central Coast Incentive Project (CALeVIP) Update

The South Central Coast Incentive Project launched in August 2021 with the goal to install 1,173 Level 2 and 20 Level 3 (aka DC Fast Chargers) chargers in Ventura County. Approximately \$5M in incentive funding was initially provided by the California Energy Commission, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, and Clean Power Alliance with VCREA handling outreach efforts in Ventura County. The following table summarizes applications, as of January 2022, for Level 2 (L2) and DC Fast Chargers (DCFC).

City	Application Type (each application may include multiple charging stations)			Applications in Underrepresented Communities	
	L2	DCFC	Combo of L2 and DCFC	Low Income (LIC)	Disadvantaged (DAC)
Camarillo	5	3	1	1	
Fillmore	6	3	2	11	
Moorpark	3	2		1	
Ojai	2				
Oxnard	23	8	1	13	9
Port Hueneme	1	1		2	
Santa Paula	1			1	
Simi Valley	7	2	5	3	
Thousand Oaks	8	4	2	5	
Ventura	25	2	6	20	7
Unincorporated	2	1	4		

*Unincorporated includes Newbury Park and Westlake Village

Currently 130 incentive applications for ~\$11.5M have been received, which includes 83 applications for Level 2 sites (~\$2.7M in incentives), 26 DC Fast Charging sites (~\$8.8M in incentives), and 21 combination sites (L2 and DCFC). To date, ~\$2.4M in funds have been reserved/approved for ~\$1.2M in DC Fast Charging incentives and ~\$1.2M for Level 2 charging incentives. Lastly, applications have been submitted

for charging infrastructure at 16 sites in CalEnviroScreen 3.0 designated Disadvantaged Communities and 57 sites in California Climate Investment Priority Populations 3.0 designated Low-income Communities.

Currently, the South Central Coast Incentive Project is not accepting DC Fast Charging incentive applications. However, Level 2 incentive applications are accepted and ~\$1.2M in funding is still available. VCREA expects for funding to be available for DC Fast Charging and Level 2 incentives later this calendar year.

Energy Efficiency Updates

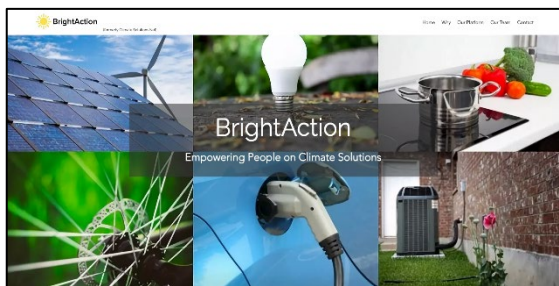
EE Toolkits Update

As of January 2022, 36 [Do-It-Yourself \(DIY\) Home Energy Savings Toolkits](#) have been checked out by more than 140 Ventura County Library customers. VCREA's Energy Coach, Javier Saucedo, has conducted three in person DIY Toolkit presentations at the Ojai, Piru, and Hill Road libraries as well as one virtual Toolkit presentation. Javier is working with Library staff to schedule five more in-person presentations at County libraries in 2022.



The toolkits are a collaboration between VCREA, 3C-REN, and Ventura County Libraries that started in 2021. For 2022, we are hoping to expand the DIY toolkit program to offer an induction cooktop lending program for Library customers so they can reserve a cooktop as well as compatible cookware. An instruction guidebook in both English and Spanish will also be provided with each reservation.

Central Coast Community Action Campaign/Bright Action Platform



VCREA is participating in the Central Coast Community Action Campaign, which comprises six central coast counties from Ventura to Santa Cruz working together to achieve measurable progress towards reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from four areas (home energy use, transportation, food choices, and waste). The Campaign utilizes an online organizing platform called [BrightAction](#) and provides training and marketing materials and assistance.

The Campaign's goal is to engage micro-community leaders (e.g., neighborhood groups, church groups, Girl Scout troop leaders, civic clubs, university groups, etc.) by providing bilingual training, marketing materials, and other resources to encourage them to use their social networks to help achieve community building, GHG emissions reductions, and increased resiliency. The Campaign will be rolled out in two phases. Phase 1 will launch in Spring 2022 to support public agencies currently conducting climate action/adaptation outreach with the central online platform and regional campaign landing pages with engagement resources. Phase 2 will include support and funding for paid micro-community leaders with emphasis on funding equity groups to contribute to development and implementation of the campaign.

Website Update

Staff recognizes the need to update the VCREA website to better align with our current programs and projects. Staff will begin working on the website update in the coming month.

Letters of Support

VCREA would like to share the following letters supporting climate mitigation and electrified transportation efforts in our region:

- To Electrify America, on behalf of [Electric Drive 805](#), to support Ecology Action's proposal entitled EVs for Everyone / EVs Para Todos, submitted in response to Electrify America's Request for Proposals for a Cycle 3 Brand Neutral Campaign: Boosting ZEV Adoption through Education and Awareness Program for Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities.
- To the Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), on behalf of [Electric Drive 805](#), to support County of Santa Barbara Parks Department's proposal in response to 3CE's Energy Electrification and Innovation Grant Program to purchase two Ford F-150 Lightning electric trucks.
- To the US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 to support the Central Coast Community Action Campaign Environmental Education Grant proposal to support and fund micro-community leaders.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2021

Taking the lead in addressing good energy stewardship and sustainability practices in the region.



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WHAT WE DO



Residential

Improve Energy Savings, Home Comfort and the Environment



Local Government

Support Public Agency Collaboration for Healthy and Sustainable Communities



Business

Provide solutions to Save Energy, Improve Efficiency, and Increase Profit Margins



Education and Special Districts

Assistance in Achieving Sustainability Goals

WHAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON

Transportation Electrification



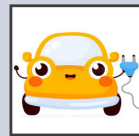
Ready, Set, Go Electric

Received an Energy Commission grant for ~\$4M and are working to implement five projects identified in the Ventura County EV Blueprint.



Drive Electric Earth Week

Collaborated with Electric Drive 805 and EV Advocates of Ventura County to host several EV-related activities, including an Evie McWheeler coloring Contest, EV Movie Night, and Virtual Green Car Show.



National Drive Electric Week

Hosted an EV Car Show and Ride n' Drive event at the Channel Islands Harbor with more than 650 people and 64 EVs participating in the event.



Electric Drive 805

Participated in the Steering Committee to conduct multi-lingual EV outreach and electrified transportation advocacy to develop new charging infrastructure in the South Central Coast Region.



Clean Air Day

Partnered with EV Advocates of Ventura County and the Ventura County STEM Network to develop fun EV-related Clean Air Day activities, including the Evie McWheeler Coloring contest where 25 teachers and more than 360 students from Oak Park, Oxnard, and Camarillo participated.



Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition

Joined C5 and successfully advocated for Electrify America to include the Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura metro area in their Cycle 3 charging infrastructure investments.



CALeVIP

Partnered with Ventura County Air Pollution Control District and Clean Power Alliance to initially bring ~\$5M in charging infrastructure incentives to the Ventura County Region. To date, more than 130 applications have been submitted.



VENTURA COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM

2021 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

&
SAVINGS







52 TOTAL CERTIFICATIONS

TOTAL RECERTIFICATIONS

9

71 ON THEIR WAY TO CERTIFICATION

-  **MORE THAN 346,500 LBS OF GHG EMISSIONS AVOIDED**
-  **MORE THAN 540,000 KWH AND 21,000 THERMS SAVED**
-  **NEARLY 2.2 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER SAVED**
-  **MORE THAN 13 LARGE GARBAGE TRUCKS WORTH OF SOLID WASTE DIVERTED FROM OUR LANDFILLS**



FIND LOCAL CERTIFIED GREEN BUSINESSES AT

GREENBUSINESSCA.ORG

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON CONTINUED...



Local Government Partnerships

Promoted energy efficiency services and resources to local governments, K-12, higher ed, and local businesses.

Local Government Challenge Grant

Completed the ~\$428,000 Energy Commission grant to launch the kWh Countdown Pilot program, providing businesses energy audits and benchmarking services at no cost. Additionally, developed Energy Action Plans (EAP) and greenhouse gas inventories for local jurisdictions.



Home Energy Savings DIY Toolkit



Collaborated with 3C-REN and Ventura County Libraries to launch a DIY Home Energy Savings program that enables residents to checkout a toolkit that includes items to measure their home's energy use and install free energy and water saving devices to help them save money. To date, more than 140 community members have checked out the toolkits.

Climate Adaptation Initiatives

Participated as Vice Chair on the Central Coast Climate Collaborative's (4C) Steering Committee. Hosted listening sessions with each Central Coast county and a team of Federal Partners for Coastal Resilience to discuss county projects, gaps and needs, and received feedback and technical assistance from federal partners. 4C also built a web-based communication platform and collaborative tool to facilitate connecting academic, public and private sector practitioners working on climate change in the Central Coast.



Net Zero

Co-hosted the Road to Net Zero workshop with Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN).



PARTICIPATING MEMBERS



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Collaborating to address good energy stewardship in the Ventura County region

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Participating Cities

City of Camarillo

City of Moorpark

City of Ojai

December 1, 2021

Eileen Shanahan

U.S. EPA, Region 9

75 Hawthorne Street

Mail Code: OPA-1

San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: Central Coast Community Action Campaign Environmental Education Grant Proposal

Dear Ms. Shanahan:

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) is a Joint Powers Authority representing the County of Ventura, ten incorporated cities, and four special districts working in collaboration to address good energy stewardship and achieve climate goals.

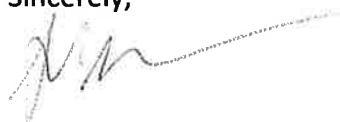
To help achieve our goals, VCREA has joined as a founding member of the Central Coast Community Action Campaign and has contributed feedback to the design of the campaign. VCREA is pleased to submit this Letter of Support and to confirm our commitments to the Environmental Education Grant program scope and budget, as follows:

- **Funding Match:** County of Ventura and our incorporated cities are contributing \$29,000 to fund the customized BrightAction platform for Ventura County. The BrightAction platform will be the backbone instructional resource to train micro community leaders, and the primary education tool to support community members to learn and take action for climate response.
- **Campaign Partner:** VCREA will be an active collaborator with our local academic and nonprofit partners to: 1) provide specific resource and program information to add into the BrightAction platform for our region; 2) participate in campaign coordination meetings to provide guidance on community engagement and how students can succeed in enrolling residents off campus; 3) promote campaign leadership training and environmental education and action opportunities to the community; 4) post a Community Action Campaign description and link to the BrightAction platform on our webpage; and 5) promote climate action challenges and educational opportunities to VCREA partners.

Action at all levels of society will be necessary to meet our national goal of 52 percent emissions reductions by 2030 and adequately prepare for climate change impacts. The Central Coast Community Action Campaign achieves this through generating measurable reductions in the 40 percent of emissions that come from daily household activities. Additionally, the campaign will train climate leaders, strengthen social infrastructure, and grow political will for climate-friendly systems change policies.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Allen, Program Administrator, at (805) 654-2871 or heather.allen@ventura.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Allen', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Heather Allen
VCREA Program Administrator



air pollution control district
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



Air Pollution Control District
San Luis Obispo County



Ventura County
Air Pollution
Control District



February 4, 2022

Tessa Tobar
Energy Program Analyst
70 Garden Court, Suite 300
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Letter of support for County of Santa Barbara's Proposal for the Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) Electrification and Innovation Grant Program

Dear Ms. Tobar,

The steering committee members of the Electric Drive 805 coalition – a partnership to encourage and support the adoption of zero emission vehicles in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties – are pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposal from County of Santa Barbara Parks in response to 3CE's Energy Electrification and Innovation Grant Program. An award of funding from 3CE will allow the County of Santa Barbara to purchase two Ford F-150 Lightning electric trucks, which will be used for maintenance functions at county parks and will be highly visible. The purchase of this equipment will be leveraged by the County's Sustainability Division for consumer education and awareness throughout the tri-county region.

The Electric Drive 805 coalition, formerly branded as Plug-in Central Coast, was initiated by the joint efforts of the Community Environmental Council, the Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition, and the Air Pollution Control Districts of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. Since its founding in 2011, the Electric Drive 805 coalition's steering committee has grown to include the County of Santa Barbara and the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance.

Through our long-standing partnership, we have worked with more than 100 local governments, businesses, schools, and other site hosts to help install hundreds of charging stations. In the past year, we have delivered free EV charging station site assessments to locations in our region's disadvantaged communities and low-income communities. For example, we have built new partnerships with organizations, such as the City of Ventura Housing Authority, to secure local grant funds to install EV charging stations at their affordable housing developments. We also host annual outreach and education events that reach more than 35,000 people annually and are developing a growing body of multilingual outreach materials to ensure that everyone in our communities can access information about the benefits of EVs.

Electric Drive 805 partners are excited to offer our support to the County of Santa Barbara for this proposal. If awarded 3CE funding, our coalition will assist with organizing outreach events including community EV

showcases at Earth Day celebrations and National Drive Electric Week events and will assist agencies that are encouraged by the purchase of the Ford F-150 Lightnings to convert their fleet trucks to battery electric.

We strongly encourage you to award funding to the County of Santa Barbara and thank 3CE for your consideration of their proposal.

Sincerely,

Members of the Electric Drive 805 Steering Committee:



Alex Economou
Coordinator
Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition (C5)



Ali Ghasemi
Engineering/Planning/Rules/Incentives Division
Manager
Ventura County Air Pollution Control District



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Garrett Wong
Climate Program Manager
County of Santa Barbara, Sustainability Division



January 28, 2022

Ms. Misty Jappa
Electrify America
2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive
Herndon, VA 20171

RE: Letter of Support for Ecology Action’s 2022 EVs for Everyone / EVs Para Todos Proposal

Dear Misty Jappa:

The steering committee members of the Electric Drive 805 coalition – a partnership to encourage and support the adoption of zero emission vehicles in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties – would like to express our support for Ecology Action’s 2022 proposal entitled EVs for Everyone / EVs Para Todos, submitted in response to Electrify America’s Request for Proposals for a Cycle 3 Brand Neutral Campaign: Boosting ZEV Adoption through Education and Awareness Program for Disadvantaged and Low-Income Communities. Electric Drive 805 welcomes the opportunity to work with and support the Ecology Action team in providing EV education, awareness, and adoption activities in partnership with Community Environmental Council (CEC). We are committed to advancing EV education with low-income and disadvantaged communities in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties.

CEC is an environmental nonprofit that has developed environmental solutions across the South-Central Coast for over 50 years. The Electric Drive 805 coalition, formerly branded as Plug-in Central Coast, was initiated by the joint efforts of CEC, the Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition, and the Air Pollution Control Districts of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties. Since its founding in 2011, the Electric Drive 805 coalition’s steering committee has grown to include the County of Santa Barbara and the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance.

Through our long-standing partnership, we have worked with more than 100 local governments, businesses, schools, and other site hosts to help install hundreds of charging stations and have delivered free EV charging station site assessments to locations in our region’s disadvantaged and low-income communities. For example, we’ve built partnerships with organizations, such as the City of Ventura Housing Authority, to secure local grant funds to install EV charging stations at their affordable housing developments. We also conduct various outreach and education events annually in a multilingual capacity, ensuring no community gets left behind.

Electric Drive 805 was also successful in securing co-funding for a \$12 million CALeVIP South Central Coast grant with the California Energy Commission to install Level 2 and DC Fast Chargers to help meet our region's anticipated 2025 EV charging needs. This grant provided preferential funding for projects located in disadvantaged and low-income communities. The Ecology Action led proposal will provide targeted education about low-cost options for our disadvantaged and low-income community members to get into EVs, understand their benefits, and to know how and where to charge.

Ecology Action and Community Environmental Council have demonstrated their ability to design and deliver effective engagement campaigns through their work on Electrify America's previous Cycle 2 Equity project. They are respected program implementers and trusted partners with our agencies and constituents. Ecology Action's EV equity work is crucial for delivering transportation justice and clean mobility choices to our underserved residents. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with these dynamic community-based organizations as we collectively work to reduce GHG emissions and build healthier communities.

Thank you for your consideration of the Ecology Action led proposal. We look forward to the benefits that this project will bring to the Central Coast Region.

Sincerely,

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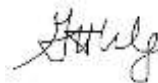
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