



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Action Minutes

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting

August 18, 2022

10:30 a.m.

No Location- Zoom Meeting

1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hernandez at 10:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

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| Gabriela Basua | City of Oxnard |
| Mike Judge | City of Simi Valley |
| Laura Hernandez | City of Port Hueneme |
| Bernardo Perez | Ventura County Community College District |
| Lynn Edmonds | Ventura Regional Sanitation District |
| Christina Villaseñor | City of Fillmore |
| Sofía Rubalcava | City of Ventura |
| Velma Lomax | Ventura Unified School District |
| Ed Jones | City of Thousand Oaks |
| Leon Shapiro | Ventura Regional Sanitation District- Alternate |

Directors Not Present:

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| Richard Araiza | City of Santa Paula |
| Scott Quady | Calleguas Municipal Water District |
| Matt LaVere | County of Ventura |

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA DIRECTORS

Director Leon Shapiro (alternate), representing the Ventura Regional Sanitation District, was sworn in by Executive Director Sue Hughes.

Chair Hernandez shared a few words regarding the passing of Carmen Ramirez. Director Ramirez (alternate) was an advocate for clean energy and reducing our dependency on fossil fuels. She was a strong advocate for the environment in areas of health, education, and coastal erosion. She served on the VCREA since 2015. Chair Hernandez hopes Carmen's passing will inspire us to carry on her mission and remember her in our decision-making process moving forward as the VCREA Board. Chair Hernandez extended, on

behalf of the Board, our condolences to her family for this great loss to our County. Chair Hernandez will be closing the meeting in Carmen's honor but wanted to frame the meeting around Carmen as she is so foremost on our minds right now.

The Board thanked Chair Hernandez for her words.

Director Jones moved that we forward Chair Hernandez's message and our condolences to the family on behalf of the VCREA Board. Director Edmonds seconded the motion.

5. MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 17, 2022 VCREA BOARD MEETING

Upon motion of Director Edmonds, seconded by Vice Chair Judge, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting.

6. AGENDA REVIEW

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were submitted.

8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

No Director Comments were made.

9. ADOPTION OF THE 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 Perez, seconded by Director Lomax, the Board approved the Resolution.

10. CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PROGRAM UPDATE

Clean Power Alliance (CPA) Joseph Cabral, External Affairs Manager for Ventura County, gave a brief presentation including who Clean Power Alliance is and their various programs that benefit the community. Such programs include Power Share Program, Community Solar Program, Power Response Program, Power Ready Program, Electric Vehicle Charger Program, and Green Leader Program. Information was also provided regarding the Community Benefits Grant.

11. RATIFICATION OF JAVIER SAUCEDO CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Staff member Alejandra Telléz provided a brief overview of Javier Saucedo's contract amendment that includes SB 1383 work in partnership with the County of Ventura's Public Works Agency (PWA). This state grant funding received by PWA is for the implementation of any aspect of Senate Bill 1383. Javier's role in this is to assist businesses and schools in implementation efforts.

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Jones, the Board approved the Ratification of Javier Saucedo contract amendment.

12. SERVICE RATES FY 22.23

Staff member Alejandra Telléz provided information pertaining to Service Rates. Staff is requesting approval for Service Rates for FY 22.23 which take in consideration the changes made to the County's FY 22.23 Service Rates recently adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Edmonds, the Board approved the Service Rates for FY 22.23.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Staff member Alejandra Telléz gave a brief overview of the changes made to the Conflict of Interest Code that updated information pertaining to staff.

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Villaseñor, the Board received and filed the Conflict of Interest Code.

14. PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff member Heather Allen made a few comments regarding information provided in the Program Update and answered any questions.

15. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this time.

16. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None at this time

17. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

This meeting was adjourned in memory of Carmen Ramirez. Chair Hernandez encouraged all to do our part in carrying on Carmen's legacy and to continue to address clean energy, reducing our use of fossil fuels, and protecting our environment. Rest in peace, rest in power. We love you Carmen and miss you very much.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022.