



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

**Thursday, February 16, 2023
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 Hernandez

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 10, 2022 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 BUSINESS ITEMS

- JAVIER SAUCEDO CONTRACT
- FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- YEAR END JUNE 30, 2022
- BYLAWS- REVISED

12. RECEIVE AND FILE THE VCREA 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

13. RECEIVE AND FILE THE PROGRAM UPDATE

14. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

16. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10.30am. This meeting will be held in person at the following location:

County of Ventura- Hall of Administration

Anacapa Conference Room- Lower Plaza

800 S. Victoria Ave

Ventura CA 93009



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 6

Subject: Minutes from the November 10, 2022 Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Requested Action:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the November 10, 2022 VCREA Board Meeting

Attachments:

1. Draft Summary Minutes from the November 10, 2022 Board Meeting
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Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Action Minutes

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting November 10, 2022 10:30 a.m.

No Location- Zoom Meeting

1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hernandez at 10:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Gabriela Basua	City of Oxnard
Mike Judge (present at 11.09)	City of Simi Valley
Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme
Bernardo Perez	Ventura County Community College District
Christina Villaseñor	City of Fillmore
Sofía Rubalcava	City of Ventura
Ed Jones	City of Thousand Oaks
Scott Quady	Calleguas Municipal Water District
Matt LaVere (present at 11.03)	County of Ventura

Directors Not Present:

Richard Araiza	City of Santa Paula
Velma Lomax	Ventura Unified School District
Lynn Edmonds	Ventura Regional Sanitation District

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA DIRECTORS

None

5. FROM THE AUGUST 18, 2022 VCREA BOARD MEETING

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Basua, the Board approved the Minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting. Director Quady abstained.

6. AGENDA REVIEW

No changes

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 Jones, the Board approved the Resolution.

10. 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Upon motion of Director Perez, seconded by Director Villaseñor, the Board approved the 2023 Meeting Schedule.

11. 2022 TRANSITION YEAR RECAP AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff member Alejandra Telléz provided a brief update on activities that took place in 2022.

Staff member Heather Allen provided an update on future funding opportunities as well as VCREA's meeting participation with other state agencies and regional partners to track all the future state and federal funding. Additional information can be found in the Program Update.

Staff asked that the Board provide feedback to help identify projects that their cities and/or organizations would like to see this future funding be used for.

12. CLIMATE RESILIENT VENTURA COUNTY

Staff member Heather Allen provided a demonstration on Climate Resilient Ventura County platform.

13. PROGRAM UPDATE

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

14. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Sue Hughes announced her retirement from the County of Ventura. Alejandra Tellez will assume the position of Executive Director effective January 28, 2023.

15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None at this time



16. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2023.



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 10

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

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 August 18, 2022, 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 17, 2023, 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 16 day of February, 2023.

TBD, Chair
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

ATTEST: Alejandra Tellez
Executive Director
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

By: _____
Kelly Cattnach, Program Administrator



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 11

Subject: Business Items

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Requested Action:

1. Approval of the following items:
 - a. Javier Saucedo Contract
 - b. Financial Statements- Year End June 30, 2022
 - c. Bylaws- Revised

Attachments:

1. Javier Saucedo's Contract
 2. Financial Statements- Year End June 30, 2022
 3. Bylaws
 - a. Tracked Changes
 - b. Final Revised
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Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

CONTRACT

This Contract entered into this first day of January, 2023, by, and between, the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA), a joint powers authority (JPA) established in the State of California, hereinafter called "VCREA" and Luis Javier Saucedo, hereinafter called "Contractor."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority granted in the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code, 6500, et seq., "the Act"), the VCREA Board of Directors has the authority to engage independent contractors to perform services for the JPA, with or without the furnishing of material; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that Contractor be engaged by VCREA for the purpose of performing consulting services hereinafter described:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by the parties as follows:

1. **SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR**

In consideration of the payments hereinafter set forth, Contractor will perform services for VCREA in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications set forth herein and Exhibit A, attached hereto.

2. **PAYMENTS**

In consideration of the services rendered in accordance with all terms, conditions and specifications set forth herein and in Exhibit A, VCREA will make payment to Contractor in the manner specified in Exhibit A.

3. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

No relationship of employer and employee is created by this Contract, it being understood that Contractor is an independent contractor, and neither Contractor nor any of the persons performing services for Contractor pursuant to this Contract, whether said person be member, partner, employee, subcontractor, or otherwise, will have any claim under this Contract or otherwise against VCREA for sick leave, vacation pay, retirement benefits, social security, workers' compensation, disability, unemployment insurance benefits, or employee benefits of any kind.

It is further understood and agreed by the parties hereto that, except as provided in this Contract, Contractor in the performance of its obligation hereunder is subject to the control or direction of VCREA merely as to the result to be accomplished by the services hereunder agreed to be rendered and performed and not as to the means and methods for accomplishing the results.

If, in the performance of this Contract, any third persons are employed by Contractor, such persons will be entirely and exclusively under direction, supervision and control of Contractor. All terms of employment, including hours, wages, working conditions, discipline, hiring and discharging or any other terms of employment or requirements of law, will be determined by Contractor, and VCREA will have no right or authority over such persons or the terms of such employment, except as provided in this Contract.

The Contractor will comply with all of the provisions of the Worker's Compensation Insurance and Safety Acts of the State of California, the applicable provisions of Division 4 and 5 of the California Labor Code and all amendments, thereto; and all similar State and Federal acts or laws applicable; and will indemnify and hold harmless VCREA from and against all claims, demands, payments, suits, actions, proceedings and judgments of every nature and description, including attorney's fees and costs, presented, brought or recovered against VCREA, for or on account of any liability under any of said Acts which may be incurred by reasons of any work to be performed under this Contract.

4. **NON-ASSIGNABILITY**

Contractor will not assign this Contract or any portion thereof, to a third party without the prior written consent of VCREA, and any attempted assignment without such prior written consent will be null and void and will be cause, at VCREA's sole and absolute discretion, for immediate termination of this Contract.

5. **TERM**

This Contract will be in effect from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 subject to all the terms and conditions set forth herein.

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 VCREA's Board of Directors. If funds to effect such continued payment are not appropriated, VCREA may terminate this project as thereby affected and Contractor will relieve VCREA of any further obligation therefor.

6. **TERMINATION**

The VCREA Board of Directors may terminate this Contract at any time for any reason by providing 10 days' written notice to Contractor. In the event of termination under this paragraph, Contractor will be paid for all work provided to the date of termination, as long as such work meets the terms and conditions of this Contract. On completion or termination of this Contract, VCREA will be entitled to immediate possession of and Contractor will furnish on request, all computations, plans, correspondence and other pertinent data gathered or computed by Contractor for this particular Contract prior to any termination.

Contractor may retain copies of said original documents for Contractor's files. Contractor hereby expressly waives any and all claims for damages or compensation arising under this Contract except as set forth in this paragraph in the event of such termination.

This right of termination belonging to VCREA may be exercised without prejudice to any other remedy which it may be entitled at law or under this Contract.

7. **DEFAULT**

If Contractor defaults in the performance of any term or condition of this Contract, Contractor must cure that default by a satisfactory performance within 10 days after service upon Contractor of written notice of the default. If Contractor fails to cure the default within that time, then VCREA may terminate this Contract without further notice.

The foregoing requirement for written notice and opportunity to cure does not apply with respect to paragraph 4 above.

8. **INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS AND WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**

All activities and/or work covered by this Contract will be at the risk of Contractor alone. Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and save harmless VCREA, including all of its boards, agencies, departments, officers, employees, agents and volunteers, against any and all claims, lawsuits, whether against Contractor, VCREA or others, judgments, debts, demands and liability, including without limitation, those arising from injuries or death of persons and/or for damages to property, arising directly or indirectly out of the obligations herein described or undertaken or out of operations conducted or subsidized in whole or in part by Contractor, save and except claims or litigation arising through the sole negligence or wrongdoing and/or sole willful misconduct of VCREA. Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against County for losses arising directly or indirectly from the activities and/or work covered by this Contract.

9. **INSURANCE PROVISIONS**

A) Contractor, at its sole cost and expense, will obtain and maintain in full force during the term of this Contract the following types of insurance:

- 1) General Liability "occurrence" coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL) bodily injury & property damage each occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, including personal injury, broad form property damage, products/completed operations, broad form blanket contractual and \$50,000 fire legal liability.
- 2) Commercial Automobile Liability coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 CSL bodily injury & property damage, including owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles. Also to include Uninsured/Underinsured

Motorists coverage in the minimum amount of \$100,000 when there are owned vehicles.

- B) All insurance required will be primary coverage as respects County and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by County will be excess of Contractor's insurance coverage and will not contribute to it.
- C) County is to be notified immediately if any aggregate insurance limit is exceeded. Additional coverage must be purchased to meet requirements.
- D) The County, and any applicable Special Districts are to be named as Additional Insured as respects to work done by Contractor under the terms of this Contract for General Liability Insurance.
- E) Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, Its Boards, Agencies, Departments, any applicable Special Districts, Officers, Employees, Agents and Volunteers for losses arising from work performed by Contractor under the terms of this Contract.
- F) Policies will not be canceled, non-renewed or reduced in scope of coverage until after sixty (60) days written notice has been given to the County of Ventura, Risk Management Division.
- G) Contractor agrees to provide County with the following insurance documents on or before the effective date of this Contract:
 - 1. Certificates of Insurance for all required coverage.
 - 2. Additional Insured endorsement for General Liability Insurance.
 - 3. Waiver of Subrogation endorsement (a.k.a.: Waiver of Transfer Rights of Recovery Against Others, Waiver of Our Right to Recover from Others) for Workers' Compensation.

Failure to provide these documents will be grounds for immediate termination or suspension of this contract.

10. **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

A) General.

No person will on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religious affiliation or non-affiliation, sex, age, handicap, disability, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits, or be subjected to discrimination under this Contract.

B) Employment.

Contractor will insure equal employment opportunity based on objective standards of recruitment, selection, promotion, classification, compensation, performance evaluations, and management relations, for all employees under this Contract. Contractor's personnel policies will be made available to VCREA upon request.

11. **SUBSTITUTION**

If particular people are identified in Exhibit A as working under this Contract, the Contractor will not assign others to work in their place without written permission from VCREA. Any substitution will be with a person of commensurate experience and knowledge.

12. **INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH**

Contractor by investigation and research has acquired reasonable knowledge of all conditions affecting the work to be done and labor and material needed, and the execution of this Contract is to be based upon such investigation and research, and not upon any representation made by VCREA or any of its officers, agents or employees, except as provided herein.

13. **CONTRACT MONITORING**

VCREA will have the right to review the work being performed by the Contractor under this Contract at any time during Contractor's usual working hours. Review, checking, approval or other action by the County will not relieve Contractor of Contractor's responsibility for the thoroughness of the services to be provided hereunder. This Contract will be administered by VCREA's Executive Director or his/her authorized representative.

14. **ADDENDA**

VCREA may from time to time require changes in the scope of the services required hereunder. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of Contractor's compensation which are mutually agreed upon by and between VCREA and Contractor will be effective when incorporated in written amendments to this Contract.

15. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Contractor covenants that Contractor presently has no interest, including, but not limited to, other projects or independent contracts, and will not acquire any such interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Contract. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Contract no person

having such interest will be employed or retained by Contractor under this Contract.

16. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any reports, information, data, statistics, forms, procedures, systems, studies and any other communication or form of knowledge given to or prepared or assembled by Contractor under this Contract which VCREA requests in writing to be kept confidential, will not be made available to any individual or organization by Contractor without the prior written approval of VCREA except as authorized by law.

17. **NOTICES**

All notices required under this Contract will be made in writing and addressed or delivered as follows:

TO COUNTY: Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
County of Ventura-Sustainability Division CEO
800 South Victoria Avenue, #1950
Ventura, CA 93009

TO CONTRACTOR: Luis Javier Saucedo
10834 Galvin Street
Ventura, CA 93004
805.321.6478

Either party may, by giving written notice in accordance with this paragraph, change the names or addresses of the persons or departments designated for receipt of future notices. When addressed in accordance with this paragraph and deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, notices will be deemed given on the third day following such deposit in the United States mail. In all other instances, notices will be deemed given at the time of actual delivery.

18. **MERGER CLAUSE**

This Contract supersedes any and all other contracts, either oral or written, between Contractor and VCREA, with respect to the subject of this Contract. This Contract contains all of the covenants and contracts between the parties with respect to the services required hereunder. Contractor acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises or contracts have been made by or on behalf of VCREA except those covenants and contracts embodied in this Contract. No contract, statement, or promise not contained in this Contract will be valid or binding.

19. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

This Contract supersedes all previous agreements, understandings and representations of any nature whatsoever, whether oral or written, and constitutes the entire understanding between the parties hereto.

This Contract may not be altered, amended, or modified except by written instrument signed by the duly authorized representative of both parties. In the event of an inconsistency in this Contract, the inconsistency shall be resolved in the following order:

20. **GOVERNING LAW**

The validity of this Contract and any of its terms or provisions, as well as the rights and duties of the parties under this Contract, will be construed pursuant to and in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

21. **SEVERABILITY OF CONTRACT**

If any term of this Contract is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, the remainder of the Contract terms will remain in full force and effect and will not be affected.

22. **CUMULATIVE REMEDIES**

The exercise or failure to exercise of legal rights and remedies by VCREA in the event of any default or breach hereunder will not constitute a waiver or forfeiture of any other rights and remedies, and will be without prejudice to the enforcement of any other right or remedy available by law or authorized by this Contract.

23. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

Each party to this Contract will comply with all applicable laws.

24. **CONSTRUCTION OF COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS**

Each term and each provision of this Contract will be construed to be both a covenant and a condition.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Contract.

COUNTY OF VENTURA

CONTRACTOR*

Authorized Signature

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Printed Name

Title

Title

Date

Date

Tax Identification Number

Secretary of State Entity Number

* If a corporation, this Contract must be signed by two specific corporate officers.

The first signature must be from either (1) the Chief Executive Officer, (2) the Chairman of the Board, (3) the President, or (4) a Vice President.

The second signature must be from either (a) the Secretary, (b) an Assistant Secretary, (c) the Chief Financial Officer(or Treasurer), or (d) and Assistant Treasurer.

In the alternative, a single corporate signature is acceptable when accompanied by a corporate resolution demonstrating the legal authority of the signatory to bind the company for this Contract.

CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

See Exhibit A Scope of Work

COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Payment terms are typically Net 30 Days, in arrears for services rendered or deliverables based. Upfront payments are allowed in limited situations. Reimbursement for travel and expenses are to be in accordance with the County's expense reimbursement policy (Administrative Manual).

Exhibit A
SCOPE OF WORK

Javier Saucedo

January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023

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

Business Outreach for SB 1383

- **Provide support to the County of Ventura Resource Management Agency's CalRecycle grant.**
 - Working primarily with unincorporated businesses and schools on compliance with state and local mandates related to the following: AB 341, SB 1383, AB 1276, and AB 847.
 - Outreach and education
 - Container distribution
 - Issuance of signage

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, for Green Business Program and general deliverables

\$70 per hour for SB 1383 outreach.

Contractor will be reimbursed for travel at the current approved IRS mileage rate.

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

NTE \$55,000

***VENTURA COUNTY
REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE***

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended June 30, 2022

**VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ended June 30, 2022**

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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 Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance ("VCREA") as of and for the year June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the VCREA's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the VCREA, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the VCREA and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The VCREA's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the VCREA's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 VCREA's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the VCREA's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that *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 Government 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.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the VCREA's 2021 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated December 31, 2021. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 20, 2023 on our consideration of the 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 the effectiveness of 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 the VCREA's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Davis Farr LLP

Irvine, California
January 20, 2023

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

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, 2022. 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 \$60,363 from \$168,384 to \$228,747 resulting from the continuation of the Clean Transportation Energy Program Grant agreement (ARV-20-009) spanning from April 2021 through June 2024.
- Total revenues from all sources increased by \$895,687 or 268.32%, from \$333,818 in 2021 to \$1,229,505 in 2022. The increase is a direct result of the 3-year Clean Transportation Energy Program (ARV-20-009).
- Total expenses for VCREA's operations increased by \$880,199 or 304.63%, from \$288,943 in 2021 to \$1,169,142 in 2022, directly related to the 3-year Clean Transportation Energy Program (ARV-20-009).

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, 2022

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 10 through 13.

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 \$228,747 as of June 30, 2022, compared to the \$168,384 at the end of the fiscal year 2021.

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Assets				
Current Assets	\$ 687,844	182,060	505,784	277.81%
Non-current assets	<u>115,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,476</u>	100.00%
Total	<u>803,320</u>	<u>182,060</u>	<u>621,260</u>	341.24%
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	524,907	13,676	511,231	3738.16%
Non-current Liabilities	<u>49,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,666</u>	100.00%
Total liabilities	<u>574,573</u>	<u>13,676</u>	<u>560,897</u>	4101.32%
Net position				
Unrestricted	<u>228,747</u>	<u>168,384</u>	<u>60,363</u>	35.85%
Total net position	<u>\$ 228,747</u>	<u>168,384</u>	<u>60,363</u>	35.85%

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Financial Analysis (continued)

Condensed Statement of Activities

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Expenses				
Energy program	\$ 1,169,142	288,943	880,199	304.63%
Total Expenses	<u>1,169,142</u>	<u>288,943</u>	<u>880,199</u>	304.63%
Program revenues	<u>1,229,505</u>	<u>333,818</u>	<u>895,687</u>	268.32%
Total revenues	<u>1,229,505</u>	<u>333,818</u>	<u>895,687</u>	268.32%
Change in net position	60,363	44,875	15,488	34.51%
Net position - beginning	<u>168,384</u>	<u>123,509</u>	<u>44,875</u>	36.33%
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 228,747</u>	<u>168,384</u>	<u>60,363</u>	35.85%

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 \$60,363 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, compared to a \$44,875 increase for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The increase is a result of the California Energy Commission awarding VCREA a Clean Transportation Program Grant (ARV-20-009) in the amount of \$3.9 million, spread over three years from April 2021 through June 2024.

VCREA was selected as the administrative lead and the County of Ventura on behalf of its General services Agency (GSA) as one of the key partners in the implementation of this program. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on September 14 2021 between VCREA and the GSA which will span over three fiscal years, expiring on June 30, 2024. The GSA will implement their Electric Remote Motor Pool Expansion by procuring electric vehicles (EVs), plug-in hybrid vehicles and the necessary connecting chargers and other infrastructure required to operate this program. Together VCREA and the GSA are working together to implement the Ventura County Electric Vehicle (EV) Ready Blueprint with the goal to accelerate the deployment of electrified transportation within the Ventura County Region.

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, 2022
(with comparative data for 2021)

	2022	2021
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 134,492	\$ 97,397
Accounts receivable	8,046	76,493
Retention receivable	115,476	-
Grants receivable	545,306	8,170
Total assets	803,320	182,060
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	466,100	6,308
Accrued salaries and wages	58,807	7,368
Retention payable	49,666	-
Total liabilities	574,573	13,676
Net position		
Unrestricted	228,747	168,384
Total net position	\$ 228,747	\$ 168,384

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, 2022
(with comparative data for 2021)

	2022	2021
Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 48,807	\$ 149,584
Grant revenue	1,180,698	184,234
Total revenues	1,229,505	333,818
Expenses		
Salaries and benefits	58,807	78,521
Professional services	1,103,717	209,693
General and administrative	6,618	729
Total expenditures	1,169,142	288,943
Change in net position	60,363	44,875
Net position - beginning		
Unrestricted	168,384	123,509
Net position - ending	\$ 228,747	\$ 168,384

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

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended June 30, 2022
(with comparative data data for 2021)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers for services	\$ 1,778	\$ 118,917
Receipts from operating grants	643,562	193,223
Payments to employees for goods and services	(7,368)	(79,636)
Payments to vendors for materials and services	(600,877)	(227,499)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>37,095</u>	<u>5,005</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	37,095	5,005
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>97,397</u>	<u>92,392</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 134,492</u>	<u>\$ 97,397</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ 60,363</u>	<u>\$ 44,875</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accounts receivable	68,447	(30,667)
Grants receivable	(537,136)	8,989
Retentions receivable	(115,476)	-
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	509,458	(17,077)
Accrued salaries and wages	51,439	(1,115)
Total adjustments	<u>(23,268)</u>	<u>(39,870)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 37,095</u>	<u>\$ 5,005</u>

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, 2022

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, 2022

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 assets 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 assets 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, 2022

Note 2: Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2022 consist of the following:

Deposits held with financial institution	<u>\$ 134,492</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 134,492</u></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 (VCPIF) 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 \$134,492 at June 30, 2022. 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, 2022

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. In order to meet monthly operating expenses during the Ventura County EV Ready Blueprint Grant Program (EV2.0) spanning from April 2021 through June 2024, VCREA has temporarily suspended reimbursements beginning July 2021, until EV2.0 is concluded in June 2024. At that time, the cumulative balance of payroll and benefits expenses from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024 will be transferred to the County of Ventura.

Note 4: Contingencies

Litigation

In the ordinary course of operations, VCREA is subject to claims and litigation from outside parties. As of June 30, 2022, VCREA believes the ultimate outcome of such matters, if any, will not materially affect its financial condition.

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 the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance ("VCREA") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the VCREA's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 20, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 the VCREA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 the 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 statement. 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 is 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
January 20, 2023

Date of Adoption:
January 15, 2004
Amended:
January 18, 2018
February 16, 2023

BYLAWS

VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE (VCREA)

ARTICLE I - PURPOSE

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) has been established as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) by its members in Ventura County, its communities, and neighboring regions to work as leaders in developing and implementing durable, sustainable energy initiatives that support sensible growth, a healthy environment and economy, an enhanced quality of life, and greater self-reliance for the region, by reducing energy demand, increasing energy efficiency, and advancing the use of clean, efficient and renewable local resources.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Member Agencies

In compliance with the JPA, any public agency which is located within the boundaries of Ventura County are eligible for membership in VCREA. Public agencies located within the boundaries of either Santa Barbara, Kern, or San Luis Obispo may become eligible for membership upon a 2/3 vote of the full VCREA Board of Directors. To become a member, the governing body of an eligible public agency must adopt a resolution approving membership and agreeing to all the terms of the JPA.

SECTION 2. Board Members

In compliance with the JPA, each member agency shall designate one person as a member of the VCREA Board, and one person as alternate, who can vote in the absence of the designated member. The term of each member shall be two years.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Date, Time, and Location

In compliance with the JPA, the Board shall establish dates, time, and places of its regular meetings. Board meetings will be held no less than four times during each calendar year unless a lack of agenda items merits a cancelation of a meeting. The date, time, and location of each meeting shall be announced at the immediately preceding meeting. ~~Board Meetings will be~~

~~conducted at the Ventura County Government Center, 800 S Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA beginning at 10:15 a.m. unless otherwise noted.~~ Additional or special meetings may be called as deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Board. All meetings will be publicly noticed and will be held in compliance with the Brown Act.

SECTION 2. Participation by Conference Telephone

Members of the Board may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment so long as it is in compliance with the Brown Act. Any member choosing to participate in such manner must ensure that as long as all members participating in such meetings can hear one another and locations have been publicly noticed in compliance with the Brown Act.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. General Description

In compliance with the JPA, the Board shall provide in its bylaws for the appointment of committees as it deems appropriate. The title, purpose, and authority of any such committee shall be determined by a majority of the Board then in office. The Board shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which proceedings of any such committee shall be conducted. In the absence of any such prescription, such committee shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which its proceedings shall be conducted. All such committees, if applicable, must be conducted in compliance with the Brown Act. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of each committee and results reported at the next VCREA Board meeting in accordance with the Brown Act, if applicable.

SECTION 2. Executive Committee

The Board has the authority to designate an Executive Committee composed of the officers as established in the JPA and will report committee activities to the full Board.

SECTION 3. Advisory Committee

The Board has the authority to appoint an Advisory Committee composed of public and private stakeholders for the purpose of advising the VCERA Board. The Advisory Committee will be composed of up to 16 members, with members selected from four categories: 1) public agencies with powers in common/potential members; 2) partners from utilities, and businesses; 3) research, development, innovation, or educational institutions; and 4) general interest in the energy sector. The VCREA Board will designate a chair for the Advisory Committee who will be empowered to call meetings and report findings to the VCREA Board. Committee members serve terms dictated by Board interest.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or repealed by a recommendation to the Board, publicly noticed and with a 2/3 vote by the Board Members.

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as deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Board. All meetings will be publicly noticed and will be held in compliance with the Brown Act.

SECTION 2. Participation by Conference Telephone

Members of the Board may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone or similar communications equipment so long as it is in compliance with the Brown Act., Any member choosing to participate in such manner must ensure that all members participating in such meetings can hear one another and locations have been publicly noticed in compliance with the Brown Act.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. General Description

In compliance with the JPA, the Board shall provide in its bylaws for the appointment of committees as it deems appropriate. The title, purpose, and authority of any such committee shall be determined by a majority of the Board then in office. The Board shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which proceedings of any such committee shall be conducted. In the absence of any such prescription, such committee shall have the power to prescribe the manner in which its proceedings shall be conducted. All such committees, if applicable, must be conducted in compliance with the Brown Act. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of each committee and results reported at the next VCREA Board meeting in accordance with the Brown Act, if applicable

SECTION 2. Executive Committee

The Board has the authority to designate an Executive Committee composed of the officers as established in the JPA and will report committee activities to the full Board.

SECTION 3. Advisory Committee

The Board has the authority to appoint an Advisory Committee composed of public and private stakeholders for the purpose of advising the VCERA Board. The Advisory Committee will be composed of up to 16 members, with members selected from four categories: 1) public agencies with powers in common/potential members; 2) partners from utilities, and businesses; 3) research, development, innovation, or educational institutions; and 4) general interest in the energy sector. The VCREA Board will designate a chair for the Advisory Committee who will be empowered to call meetings and report findings to the VCREA Board. Committee members serve terms dictated by Board interest.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or repealed by a recommendation to the Board, publicly noticed and with a 2/3 vote by the Board Members.



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 12

Subject: VCREA 2022 Year in Review

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Requested Action:

1. Receive and File

Attachments:

1. VCREA 2022 Year in Review
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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

DRIVE CLEAN

Drive Clean Newsletter

Launched a quarterly EV newsletter to increase awareness about incentives and rebates, news, and events in the region. The Drive Clean Newsletter has close to 400 subscribers to date.



Clean Air Day

Partnered with Ventura County elementary and middle schools to develop fun EV-related Clean Air Day activities, including the "Evie McWheelie" coloring contest and the "rEV Your Engines" EV model building activity.

Drive Electric Earth Week

Collaborated with Electric Drive 805 and EV Advocates of Ventura County to host several EV-related activities, including three static EV shows, and virtual EV Movie Nights.



Power Your Future Scholarship



Partnered with Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition (C5) to develop a scholarship for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP). The scholarship launches in February and will increase the number of EVITP certified electricians in the region.

National Drive Electric Week

Hosted the Ventura Government Center Ride & Drive event, featuring free EV and e-bike test-rides, a static EV showcase, two local food trucks, and educational booths from multiple community partners.



Electric Drive 805

Partnered with SCE to host the *Leveraging EV Charger Incentives* webinar and conducted multi-lingual EV outreach and advocacy to develop new charging infrastructure in the Region.

Community Tabling

Engaged with the community through multiple tabling events, including at Ventura Skate Night, PALS Kid's Fest, MICOP Health Fair, Gold Coast Transit Districts' Clean Air Summit, and the Government Center Health and Wellness Fair.



VENTURA COUNTY GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM

PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

&
SAVINGS



73 TOTAL CERTIFICATIONS

TOTAL RECERTIFICATIONS **5**

64 ON THEIR WAY TO CERTIFICATION

- **MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION LBS OF GHG EMISSIONS AVOIDED**
=planting 1,562 acres of trees
- **MORE THAN 2 MILLION KWH AND 65,000 THERMS SAVED**
=enough energy to run 180 homes for a year
- **NEARLY 7.1 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER SAVED**
=200,000 gallons fresh drinking water
- **JUST ABOUT 1.8 MILLION LBS. OF SOLID WASTE DIVERTED**
=110 garbage trucks worth of diverted waste



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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON CONTINUED...



Central Coast Grant Opportunities

Collaborated with partners from six Central Coast counties to develop three applications for the Strategic Growth Council's Regional Climate Collaboratives Program Round 1 grant funding and one regional application for the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) planning grant.

Resilient Central Coast Campaign

Launched the Ventura County Resilient Central Coast Campaign landing page along with twelve other Central Coast cities and counties. The goal of the Campaign is to achieve measurable progress towards reducing GHG emissions from four areas (home energy use, transportation, food choices, and waste).



Home Energy Savings DIY Toolkit & Induction Cooktop



Collaborated with 3C-REN and Ventura County Libraries to expand the DIY Home Energy Savings program to include electric-powered magnetic induction cooktops for residents to checkout to use at home. The program also increased the number of Energy Efficiency Toolkits for checkout. The Toolkits include items for patrons to measure their home's energy use and install free energy and water saving devices to help them save money. Hosted DIY Home Energy Savings program presentations at libraries in Thousand Oaks, Oxnard, Ventura, Oak Park, and Saticoy.



Climate Adaptation Initiatives

Participated as Chair on the Central Coast Climate Collaborative's (4C) Steering Committee. 4C co-hosted, along with the Santa Barbara County Regional Climate Collaborative, a five-part Carbon Sequestration Webinar Series titled Balance: Getting to Carbon Neutrality Through Sequestration and Offsets to educate participants about carbon sequestration and carbon offsets.



Central Coast Sustainability Summit

Partnered with the County of Santa Barbara, Community Environmental Council, UCSB, and the cities of Goleta, Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Ventura to plan the Central Coast Sustainability Summit



PARTICIPATING MEMBERS



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

Item 13

Subject: Program Update

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Requested Action:

1. Receive and File

Attachments:

1. Program Update
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VCREA Program Update

Electrified Transportation Updates

EV Blueprint 2.0 Update

In August 2021, VCREA began work on a ~\$3.9M grant to implement the [Ready, Set, Go Electric Ventura County EV Blueprint](#) Implementation project, which includes \$2.5M in funding from the California Energy Commission and ~\$1.4M (36%) match from the five grant partners. As a reminder, the grant involves the following:

- 1) Hiring a 3-year EV Coach to increase EV access and adoption;
- 2) Support development of local EV-focused workforce education and training;
- 3) Capacity building/support for EV-related grant opportunities;
- 4) Partnering with Mixteco/Indígena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) to implement a Community Electric Vanpool;
- 5) Partnering with Gold Coast Transit District's (GCTD) to provide a Low-income and Disadvantaged Community with a new GOnow Microtransit route;
- 6) Partnering with the City of Thousand Oaks to purchase two light duty electric bus for their public transit fleet; and
- 7) Partnering with County of Ventura General Services Agency (GSA) Fleet Services to expand their EV offerings at three RMP locations.

Since our last update in November 2022, the following activities have occurred:



Power Your Future Webinar



On February 9th, VCREA and Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition (C5) hosted the *Power Your Future* webinar announcing a scholarship opportunity for all state-certified general electricians in the central coast tri-county region. The National Energy Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) estimates that California will need nearly 1.2 million electric vehicle (EV) chargers to support the state's aggressive electrification goal of 8 million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2030. Thus, there is a critical need for an electrical construction workforce capable of building and maintaining a robust network of charging stations. Moreover, Assembly Bill 841 and CA Public Utilities

Code 740.20 require that up to 25 percent of installation crew members of any State-funded EV charging infrastructure be certified under the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP). The "Power Your Future" Scholarship will pay for electricians training and EVITP certification. To learn more about EVITP and this scholarship opportunity, click [here](#).

Future EV-related Workforce Development Trainings will include a Dealership Training to increase EV sales in the region and an EV safety course titled *Implications & Considerations for Emergency Responders*. The National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium (NAFTC) EV safety course will help firefighters and other emergency responders understand how a response involving these EVs is different than those with an internal combustion engine.

EV's For Everyone



VCREA is partnering with Community Environmental Council (CEC-SB) and Ecology Action to provide one-to-one, bilingual EV purchase guidance to the County's disadvantaged and low-income residents through the "EV's For Everyone/EV's Para Todos" program. As a purchase guidance advisor, VCREA's EV Coach schedules periodic check-ins with program participants, walking them through EV rebates, incentives, and vehicle options. To learn more about the "EV's For Everyone/EV's Para Todos" program, click [here](#).

Future Events

VCREA is planning four EV outreach events during Drive Electric Earth Month. First up is the April 15th Thousand Oak's Arbor Earth Day celebration featuring an EV display, EV painting activity, and an informational booth with promotional giveaways. Next, in partnership with Downtown Oxnarders, Port of Hueneme, and the MICOP, VCREA will deliver three additional mini-EV shows, designed to benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities in the cities of Oxnard and Port of Hueneme. These mini-EV shows will primarily showcase affordable EV models and will have additional bilingual staff at the event.

CycleMania

VCREA and the County of Ventura are planning to host a May e-bike-themed event at the Ventura County Government Center. The event will feature e-bike demonstrations, educational booths, and an employee-wide "Bike To Work" campaign.

Please email VCREA's EV Coach, [Nancy Clarin](#), if your city or agency has an upcoming event that you would like for VCREA to have a presence.

Other EV Activities



Electric Drive Open Meeting

Electric Drive 805, a coalition dedicated to achieving a rapid, equitable transition to EVs in the 805 region, will invite local governments and organizations to an open meeting in March 2023. The open meeting will engage new partners, spur new grant and event collaboration, highlight relevant EV policy, and existing resources that can be leveraged to advance EV adoption and EV charging infrastructure.

Electrified Transportation Resources

To receive information on VCREA's in-person events and online resources, visit the [Transportation Electrification webpage](#). To receive information about active EV incentives and rebates, EV News, and EV events, please sign up to receive the Drive Clean newsletter [here](#). The Winter Drive Clean newsletter can be found [here](#).

Regional Collaboration



Resilient Central Coast Campaign

The bilingual [Resilient Central Coast Campaign](#) showcases the landing pages for twelve Central Coast cities and counties partnering to achieve measurable progress towards reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from four areas (home energy use, transportation, food choices, and waste). The Climate Resilient Ventura County page can be found [here](#).

Starting this month, there will be monthly community workshops focusing on the four areas to reduce GHG emissions. The first workshop, titled *Creating Climate Resilience with Home Electrification & Energy Efficiency* is on February 16th from 6 pm to 7 pm via Zoom. To register, click [here](#). To learn about the Resilient Central Coast Community Workshop, click [here](#)

Central Coast Grant Opportunities

VCREA, in partnership with Counties of Ventura and Santa Barbara, Ventura County Community Foundation, Santa Barbara Regional Climate Collaborative, Central Coast Climate Justice Network, Legacy Works Group, and Community Environmental Council, is investigating applying for a [Governor's Office of Planning and Research \(OPR\) ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant](#) to develop a Central Coast Heat Action Plan as an overarching adaptation vision for extreme heat resilience through Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties and accompanied equitable action plan evaluation tool(s). This plan will enable existing regional community stakeholders to be ready to receive resources and funding to implement projects that adapt vulnerable neighborhoods to become resilient to extreme heat events. Applications are due on March 31, 2023.

VCREA is also an active partner in the six-county [Uplift Central Coast Coalition](#), which was awarded \$5 million in grant funding through [California's Community Economic Resilience Fund \(CERF\)](#). The Coalition is led by REACH, the Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) and Monterey Bay Economic Partnership with the goal is to create an inclusive economic development plan for the six Central Coast counties of Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura that focuses on equity, sustainability, job quality, economic competitiveness, and resilience. VCREA's role in the coalition may include technical assistance for developing climate change resilience projects and climate related workforce development. Stay tuned for more details.

VCREA is actively tracking [Resilience Funding and Financing Program Timelines](#) as well as participating in numerous grant guideline development sessions.

Letter of Support

VCREA submitted a letter of support (attached) to the California State Transportation Agency for the Port of Hueneme's application for the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program (PFIP) Grant to implement their PACED (Port Action, Climate, and Environmental Development) Project. The PACED Project serves as the overarching long-term development program for the Port of Hueneme. This program consists of multiple components, each of which will be executed over the coming five years and beyond.



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January 12, 2023

The Honorable Toks Omishakin
Secretary, California State Transportation Agency
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2340
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support of the Port of Hueneme's 2022 Port and Freight Infrastructure Program Application for the Port Action, Climate, and Environmental Development (PACED) Project

Dear Secretary Omishakin:

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA) is pleased to offer this letter of support for the Port of Hueneme's application for the Port and Freight Infrastructure Program (PFIP) Grant for their PACED (Port Action, Climate, and Environmental Development) Project. 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. We believe the proposed Project is of regional and national significance as it supports the PFIP grant principles of improving the economic vitality and job creation, port capacity, safety, efficiency, and resilience of goods movement to, from, and through California's maritime ports, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and public health impacts. The Project provides critical upgrades and investments to Port of Hueneme's terminals and facilities, maximizing function and operational capabilities to satisfy the customer demands for capacity, safety, efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

The PACED Project serves as the overarching long-term development program for the Port of Hueneme. This program consists of multiple components, each of which will be executed over the coming five years and beyond. For purposes of this PFIP grant application, sixteen of the Port's highest priority projects are presented as closely interconnected components of a single vision for the future.

The Port of Hueneme is requesting a grant in the amount of over \$107 million for its PACED Project that consists of sixteen distinct components, all of which will contribute significant benefits to the Port and its surrounding communities while sustaining supply chain fluidity, resiliency and ensuring continued operational excellence. The Project components include:

- Warehouse 1A demolition and on dock terminal modernization
- New electric reefer plugs capacity for the fruit and vegetables segment
- Fuel cell technology implementation for powering up the reefer plugs for perishable cargo in reefer containers

- Bonnet Barge for the vessels to cut emissions while at berth
- Structures demolition and on dock terminal modernization
- Wharf 2- deepening and creating capacity for larger vessels
- Wharf 2- fendering and wharf repairs
- Wharf 1, berth 3 deepening and creating capacity for larger vessels
- Workforce Development program
- Parking Structure study- on dock parking structure to support the auto capacity demand for more FPR/LPR space on Port
- Electric charging and UTRs- decarbonization infrastructure investment
- North Terminal cranes electrification project
- Umbrella EIR- updating the environmental impact study with the new projects
- Stormwater system- environmental sustainability project
- South terminal shore power upgrade-environmental project to sustain the infrastructure for vessels plugging in while at berth in state of good repair
- Squid Offloading relocation- working with our fishing industry partners to relocate operations that can be better supported at the Ventura Harbor

The Port of Hueneme is in the Top 10 percent of U.S. Ports for autos and fresh produce, 4th largest container port in California, 6th in the nation for auto imports and exports, and 6th on the West Coast in container shipments, and providing the only U.S. Port of Entry into California's central coast region.

Port of Hueneme is one of the most productive and efficient commercial trade gateways for niche cargo on the West Coast and serves as the only deep-water harbor between Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay area. The Port is governed by five locally elected Port Commissioners and consistently ranks among the top ten U.S. ports for automobiles and fresh produce. The Port is a significant economic contributor to Ventura County as well as to the Western United States. Port operations support the community by bringing \$2.2 billion in economic activity and trade through the Port generates more than \$173.2 million in direct and related state and local taxes, which fund vital community services. In 2017, the Port of Hueneme became the first port in California to become Green Marine certified and was voted the Greenest Port in the U.S. at the Green Shipping Summit.

For these reasons, VCREA strongly encourage the California State Transportation Agency's full consideration of the Port of Hueneme's application for Port Action, Climate, and Environmental Development Project. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Heather Allen, VCREA Program Administrator, at (805) 654-2871 or heather.allen@ventura.org.

Sincerely,



Heather Allen
VCREA Program Administrator