



## Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

### Action Minutes

## Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting February 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.

### No Location- Zoom Meeting

#### 1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme
Christina Villaseñor	City of Fillmore
David Newman	City of Thousand Oaks
Scott Quady	Calleguas Municipal Water District
Matt LaVere (Joined at 10.58)	County of Ventura
Andy Sobel	City of Santa Paula
Sabrina Rodriguez	Ventura Unified School District
William Ulrich (Audio Issues)	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Fred Thomas (Alternate)	City of Simi Valley
Raul Avila (Alternate)	Calleguas Municipal Water District

Directors Not Present:

Gabriela Basua	City of Oxnard
Bernardo Perez	Ventura County Community College District
Liz Campos	City of Ventura

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Sobel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA DIRECTORS

The following individuals received the Oath of Office

- Director Sobel
- Director Newman
- Director Thomas (Alternate)
- Director Rodriguez

#### 5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Upon motion of Vice Chair Judge, seconded by Director Quady, the Board elected Director Hernandez as Chair of the Board.

Upon motion of Director Sobel, seconded by Chair Hernandez, the Board elected Director Judge as Vice Chair of the Board.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2022, VCREA BOARD MEETING**

Upon motion of Director Villaseñor, seconded by Vice Chair Judge, the Board approved the Minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting. Directors Sobel, Newman, and Rodriguez abstained.

**7. AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes to the Agenda.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were submitted.

**9. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Director Quady was appreciative of the Welcome Packet and thanked staff.

**10. 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 Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Chair Judge, the Board approved the Resolution.

**11. APPROVAL OF BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

Staff Alejandra Telléz and Kelly Cattnach provided an overview of these items.

Director Quady inquired about language in the Contract for Javier Saucedo. Staff will contact County Counsel for further clarification and report back to the Board.

Upon motion of Director Villaseñor, seconded by Director Newman, the Board approved Business Items.

**12. RECEIVE AND FILE THE VCREA 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW**

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

Director Sobel inquired about the potential for electric vehicle events in Santa Clara Valley and that he would reach out to Nancy Clarin, VCREA's EV Coach, to further coordinate.

Upon motion of Vice Chair Judge, seconded by Director Rodriguez, the Board Received and Filed the VCREA 2022 Year in Review.

### **13. RECEIVE AND FILE THE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Staff member Heather Allen made a few comments regarding information provided in the Program Update including electrified transportation updates and regional collaboration. Ms. Allen offered EV outreach and support where needed.

Chair Hernandez inquired about the success of the Induction Cooktop program. Ms. Allen provided an update including demonstration events taking place as well as new library participation.

Chair Hernandez shared that the City of Port Hueneme is celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and proposed that as a possible event for VCREA to conduct EV outreach.

Director Villaseñor inquired about the Central Coast grant opportunities, specifically the Planning and Research (OPR) ICARP Adaptation Planning Grant. Ms. Allen shared that VCREA is working on an application with the grant partners listed in the Update and staff is reaching out to our cities' energy champions and others for input. The Scope of Work is still being drafted and we will have more information on that soon. VCREA is looking forward to partnering with our cities. Director Villaseñor offered the City of Fillmore's support.

Upon motion of Director Villaseñor, seconded by Director Newman, the Board Received and Filed the Program Update.

### **14. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Joseph Cabral, External Affairs Manager for Clean Power Alliance (CPA), provided an update. Mr. Cabral's comments and shared Press Release will be distributed to the Board of Directors.

Staff Alejandra Telléz shared that future VCREA Board of Director's meetings will be held in person. The first in person meeting will be held at the County of Ventura Hall of Administration and we are open to other locations for future meetings. Staff will provide a survey to see what the best time and place for everyone is.

### **15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None at this time

### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10.30 a.m. 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



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