



## Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

### Action Minutes

## Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting May 18, 2023 10:30 a.m.

### 1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hernandez at 10:38 a.m. Chair Hernandez called the meeting to order in honor of the Fallen Peace Officers who were being recognized at a ceremony outside the Government Center.

### 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
Matt LaVere (Joined at 10.50, Item 10)	County of Ventura
Andy Sobel	City of Santa Paula
William Ulrich (Joined at 10.48)	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Bert Perello (Alternate)	City of Oxnard
Bernardo Perez	Ventura County Community College District

Directors Not Present:

Gabriela Basua	City of Oxnard
Liz Campos	City of Ventura
Sabrina Rodriguez	Ventura Unified School District
Scott Quady	Calleguas Municipal Water District

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Newman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The following individuals received the Oath of Office:

Director Perello  
Director Ulrich

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2023, VCREA BOARD MEETING**

Upon motion of Director Newman, seconded by Director Sobel, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 16, 2023, meeting. Director Perello abstained.

**6. AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes to the Agenda.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments were submitted.

**8. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

No Director Comments were made.

**9. APPROVAL OF JAVIER SAUCEDO CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Staff Alejandra Telléz provided a brief overview of Mr. Saucedo's Scope of Work.

There was discussion regarding the language in the contract pertaining to extensions as well going out to bid for such work. The County requires that contracts more than \$60,000 go out to bid, Mr. Saucedo's contract is under the \$60,000 threshold. Additionally, going out to bid for any contract would be at the discretion of the Board. Chair Hernandez spoke highly of Mr. Saucedo and how he offers a unique experience and that VCREA would be very hard pressed to find elsewhere. His service to the community and VCREA, she believes, is irreplaceable.

Upon motion of Director Sobel, seconded by Vice Chair Judge, the Board approved the Amendment.

**10. APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FY 23.24**

Staff Kelly Cattanach provided an overview of the proposed Budget for FY 23.24.

There was discussion pertaining to the EV 2.0 grant funding, specifically for funding that may not be spent before the Grant's current term date due to supplier issues. Staff Heather Allen stated that VCREA is in discussion with the Energy Commission about such issues and possible resolutions, including a potential extension. Staff will report back to the Board once a resolution has been determined by the Energy Commission.

Director La Vere and Director Ulrich joined the meeting.

Service rates were discussed, and it was stated by staff that the proposed rates do take into account a cost-of-living adjustment. It was clarified that funding for the Local Government Partnership ended in December 2021. All-electric leaf blowers were also a topic of discussion.

Upon motion of Director Villaseñor, seconded by Director Newman, the Board approved the G&A Budget for FY23.24.

## **11. 3C-REN PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Sustainability Division staff Ian Logan, Program Manager with 3C-REN, provided a presentation on 3C-REN programs including Home Energy Savings (HES), Energy Code Connect (ECC), and Building Performance Training (BPT). The presentation was included in the Agenda Revision No.1.

Questions from the Directors were answered during the presentation pertaining to toolkits, collaborative efforts, training opportunities and sponsorships, Passive House, HES budget and project results.

The Business Plan submitted to the California Public Utility Commissions (CPUC) for 2024-2032 was outlined and includes three new sectors: public sector, commercial sector, and agriculture. It was discussed how to show support for the CPUC's approval of the Business Plan. Clean Power Alliance and other Community Choice Aggregation programs were mentioned and their role with regards to rate payer funding contributions and program incentives to support 3C-REN HES programs. Reach codes were discussed as well.

## **12. UPDATES FROM THE EV COACH**

Staff Nancy Clarin, EV Coach, provided a presentation on Electrified Transportation including workforce development and the *Power Your Future Scholarship*, purchase guidance with *EVs for Everyone*, and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant opportunity.

AB1550 and California Air Resource Board census tracts were discussed. Staff time restrictions and additional staff support were discussed as well as resources for additional electrician participation in *Power Your Future Scholarship* program.

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

Staff was available to answer questions regarding the Program Update provided in the Agenda Packet.

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

Staff Alejandra Telléz reminded the Board that VCREA will be hosting an Energy Champion Meeting on May 25, 2023.

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

None at this time

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 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