



## Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

### Action Minutes Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting October 22, 2015 10:15 a.m.

County Government Center- Hall of Administration  
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

#### 1. Welcome/ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Long at 10.15am.

#### 2. Oath of Office for New VCREA Board Members

Chair Long administered the oath of office to Carmen Ramirez, Mayor Pro Tem of Oxnard.

#### 3. Roll Call

Members present:

Kathy Long, Chair	County of Ventura
Jon Sharkey	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Mary Haffner	Ventura Unified School District
Carmen Ramirez	City of Oxnard
Larry Kennedy	Ventura County Community College District

Members not present:

Cheryl Heitmann, Vice Chair	City of Ventura
Douglas Tucker	City of Fillmore
Joel Price	City of Thousand Oaks
John Procter	City of Santa Paula

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 5. Approve Minutes of August 13, 2015 Meeting

Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the Board approved Minutes of the August 13, 2015 meeting. Ms. Ramirez abstained.

#### 6. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.



## **7. Public Comments**

Alex Mitchell, representative of the Hero program, spoke about the program.

## **8. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Kennedy commented on energy efficiency work performed to his home through the emPower Ventura County program.

Chair Long also commented on energy efficiency work performed to her home.

Ms. Ramirez commented on energy efficiency and water tolerant work performed at her home. She is appreciative of financing options out there for those that need the assistance. Ms. Ramirez commented on the need for contract clarification and simplification so that the public is aware of what they are purchasing, what the ultimate cost is, as well as what the consequences are. Ms. Ramirez mentioned the increase of utility rates in the City of Oxnard and how it is our job to educate the public so that they understand the need to keep the infrastructure going.

Ms. Haffner commented on energy efficiency work and drought tolerant landscape that she has done at her home including Solatubes.

Chair Long mentioned that the County Board of Supervisors had a resolution recognizing Energy Efficiency Week. She invited Paul Grossgold, Director of the General Service Agency, up to commented on the solar projects in progress at the Ventura County Government Center as well as at the Juvenile Justice Center. Todd Road Jail as well as the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Moorpark, are completed solar projects.

As a result of the inquiry from Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Ramirez spoke to the subject of the Peaker Plant in Oxnard.

## **9. Solar Funding Models**

Kathleen Mallory, principle with Planning & Energy/Entitlement Services, spoke on the Oxnard School District Solar project as well as various solar financing options.

## **10. Climate on the Move Presentation**

Dr. Ann Hewitt presented on the Climate on the Move Report. The Climate on the Move contains a compilation of regional greenhouse gas inventories as well as provides each city with city specific templates. She spoke on what Climate Change means for us in California as well as provide some history on what the State's response has been. Dr. Hewitt gave an overview of what the emissions are for Ventura County for 2010-2012 and where we are headed. Dr. Hewitt discussed potential options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to specific levels and setting targets.

Ms. Hughes discussed next steps and further work with the cities.

Upon motion of Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, and duly carried, the Board received and filed the Climate on the Move Presentation.



**11. Partnership Program Update**

Ms. Tellez, VCREA staff, gave a brief overview of what the partnership has been working on. She discussed various projects as well as the Holiday Light Exchange. The Cool Planet Program and award recipients were also discussed.

**12. 2016 Board Meeting Dates**

**13. General Updates and Announcements**

**14. Items for Future Agendas**

Chair Long requested that Climate on the Move be brought back, perhaps when 2013/2014 data is available.

Ms. Haffner commented on a Community Choice Aggregation update. Ms. Hughes was able to give a brief update on the recent developments and it was requested that the Board be continually updated on the subject.

**15. Next Meeting- January 21, 2016**

**16. Adjournment**

Chair Long adjourned the meeting at 12.07 p.m.