



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance

Action Minutes

Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting

September 19, 2019

10:15 a.m.

City of Ventura – City Hall
Community Room
501 Poli Street
Ventura, California 93001

1. Welcome/ Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Carmen Ramirez at 10:20 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Carlos Juarez	City of Santa Paula
Thomas Slosson	Calleguas Municipal Water District-Alternate
Carmen Ramirez	City of Oxnard
Christy Weir	City of Ventura- Alternate
Bernardo Perez	Ventura County Community College District
Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme
Tim Holmgren	City of Fillmore
Jackie Moran	Ventura Unified School District
Ed Jones	City of Thousand Oaks

Not Present:

Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Bert Perello	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Linda Parks	County of Ventura

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Sue Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oath of Office for New VCREA Board Members

None at this time.

5. Minutes from the July 18, 2019 VCREA Board Meeting

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Juarez, the Board received and filed the Minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting. Mr. Quady and Mr. Holmgren abstained.

6. Agenda Review

7. Public Comments

Michelle Sevilla, Field Representative for Assembly member Monique Limón's Office was introduced along with Christopher Moore, Southern California Local Government Liaison for the California Public Utilities Commission and Rachel Wagner, Regional Affairs Officer with Southern California Association of Governments. Mr. Andy Sobel, alternate board member for the City of Santa Paula was also introduced.

8. Board Member Comments

Ms. Ramirez shared the upcoming Global Climate Strike taking place in Ventura on September 20, 2019 in Mission Park.

9. Local Government Partnership Funding- Letter to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

Sue Hughes, VCREA Executive Director, gave a brief overview concerning the recent developments surrounding Southern California Edison's (SCE) decision to discontinue funding for the 2020 Local Government Partnership (LGP) as well as VCREA's response to that decision.

A letter has been drafted to send to the CPUC on behalf of VCREA's Board of Directors respectfully requesting that the CPUC direct SCE to continue funding local government activities beyond 2019.

Members of the Board asked questions regarding VCREA's historic operational funding sources, state mandated energy efficiency targets and goals, reasons why SCE states that they no longer want to fund LGPs, and deadlines and the appeal processes.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Perez, the Board approved and signed the letter to the CPUC.

10. Ventura County Green Business Presentation

Javier Saucedo, VCREA contractor, gave a presentation regarding the Ventura County Green Business program and recent activities related to the program, including the successful implementation of the program.

The Board asked questions regarding certification for contractors, marketing and outreach strategies, business chamber involvement, sources of funding for the implementation of various measures, recognition for certified businesses, and future presentation opportunities.

11. Program Update

Sue Hughes, VCREA Executive Director, mentioned that plans were being made for VCREA's Awards Reception and more details will be coming.

Heather Allen, VCREA staff, provided a recap of the recent Electric Vehicle (EV) Ride and Drive Event that took place at the Ventura County Government Center on September 17, 2019.

Ms. Allen also provided an update on the recent funding of \$300 for Clean Air Day. These funds will support an EV Lunch and Learn at the Thousand Oaks Library on October 4, 2019 as well as stock kiosks in the region with EV outreach material.

Discussions occurred regarding power generation and the environmental impacts of increased power generation needed for EVs versus the amount of pollutants from gas powered vehicles. Clean power generation was discussed and cities' participation in the Clean Power Alliance.

Renewable power generation was discussed and CAISO.com was shared by Vice Chair Ramirez as a resource. Oslo Norway was shared by Ms. Weir as an excellent example of a green city.

CALeVIP was discussed as a potential future funding opportunity for the region. This program would potentially bring funding for charging infrastructure to the region in 2021. The feasibility of this program and what the program would entail is being assessed at this time and more details will be provided in November.

Mr. Perez gave an update regarding recent plans to have parking lot solar developed at Moorpark, Oxnard, and Ventura Community Colleges.

A summary was requested for the Program Update material presented.

12. Electric Vehicle Interactive Map Presentation

Wyatt Stoker, VCREA contractor, introduced himself and provided an overview of the recently developed electric vehicle interactive map that was developed with funding from the Electric Vehicle Blueprint Grant.

Ms. Weir stated that this tool will be very helpful for cities.

The link to the map will be provided.

13. 2020 Board Meeting Dates

Upon motion of Ms. Weir, seconded by Mr. Holmgren, the Board approved the 2020 Board Meeting dates.

14. General Updates and Announcements

15. Items for Future Meetings

16. Next Meeting- November 21, 2019

17. Adjournment

Vice Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.