



## **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance**

### **Action Minutes**

### **Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting**

**September 20, 2018**

**10:15 a.m.**

County of Ventura Government Center  
Hall of Justice  
Pacific Conference Room  
800 S. Victoria Ave  
Ventura, California 93009

#### **1. Welcome/ Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ramirez at 10:21 a.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

Present:

John Procter	City of Santa Paula
Carmen Ramirez	City of Oxnard
Christy Weir	City of Ventura
Tim Holmgren	City of Fillmore
Jonathan Sharkey	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Thomas Slosson	Calleguas Municipal Water District- Alternate
Will Berg	City of Port Hueneme
Linda Parks	County of Ventura
Mary Haffner	Ventura Unified School District

Not Present:

Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Arturo Hernandez	Ventura County Community College District
Rob McCoy	City of Thousand Oaks

#### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Haffner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **4. Oath of Office for New VCREA Board Members**

None at this time.

#### **5. Minutes from the July 19, 2018 VCREA Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Berg, seconded by Ms. Weir, the Board received and filed the Minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting.

#### **6. Agenda Review**

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus.

## **7. Public Comments**

No Public Comments

## **8. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Haffner announced that she will be stepping down from the Ventura Unified School District Board. Ms. Haffner thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve for the past 10 or so years. Ms. Haffner stated that she has learned so much during her time serving.

Chair Ramirez was selected as a delegate to attend the Global Climate Action Summit. She shared her thoughts on the event.

Ms. Parks shared briefly on the recent legislation that was passed leading up to the summit, specifically SB100.

Mr. Procter shared that he attended the recent League of California Cities Conference and that California is seen as a world leader and he applauds what is taking place at the state level.

Ms. Weir attended the League of California Cities Conference as well and spoke about Electric Vehicles and the numerous grants that are available, specifically Electrify America. Ms. Weir also shared about coastal planning and sea level rise and adaptation as well as the grant opportunities that are available for those programs.

## **9. SoCalREN Public Agency Program Presentation**

Chris Ford, project manager with the Energy Coalition, implementors of the SoCalREN Public Agency Program, was the presenter. Mr. Ford shared what the SoCalREN is, who is in the network, and what resources are available. Mr. Ford shared what achievements have been made in the Ventura County region and shared a few projects' highlights.

## **10. Climate Reality Leadership Training Presentation**

Leigh Walker, VCREA staff, shared about her recent attendance at the Climate Reality Leadership Training in Los Angeles. Ms. Walker shared what the Climate Reality Project is and the potential climate impacts for Ventura County such as extreme weather events as well as human health and economic impacts. Ms. Walker shared some thoughts in regard to local solutions such as VCREA efforts, GHG inventories, renewables, and green economy.

## **11. 2018 Conflict of Interest Code**

Upon motion of Ms. Weir, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, the Board adopted the 2018 Conflict of Interest Code.

## **12. Clean Power Alliance Update**

Ms. Parks shared that jurisdictions will soon be voting on the default rate for the residential sector. Details regarding the default rates were discussed as well as the opt out options and outreach and communication to the public.

A program similar to SCE's CARES program will also be offered by CPA to assist low income households with their utility bills.

The exit fee was discussed and the CPUC postponed the vote on this issue until next week.

VCREA will be working with CPA to ensure that staff will be communicating to the public properly.

Annabel Drayton, VCREA staff, gave an update on Community Solar Opportunity. CPA is partnering with GRID Alternatives to identify a potential host site for a solar array that would provide local renewable energy for a pilot community solar project. The pilot project would be funded by the California Department of Community Services and Development Grant and would help offset low to moderate income community members' electricity bills. VCREA has coordinated with the City of Oxnard, City of Ventura, and County of Ventura. Two sites were identified with the County and 10 sites with the City of Ventura through the Ventura Unified School District (VUSD). Two of the 10 VUSD sites were chosen for assessments. If either one of those two sites are identified as the most viable host site, GRID will champion that site for the grant application.

### **13. Program Update**

The Program Update was presented and Alejandra Tellez, VCREA staff, discussed a few of the items in more detail. SCE's proposed 2019 budget cuts were discussed. A brief update on 3C-REN was given, outlining the program's offerings and funding amount. A more detailed presentation will be given at the next Board meeting. VCREA Funding Matrix was presented to outline VCREA's current programs and the funding and non-funding sources.

Heather Allen, VCREA staff, gave an update on the community outreach component of the Local Government Challenge Grant. Round 1 Community Engagement was completed in August 2018, and included 560 completed EAP surveys, more than 580 community members engagements during three tabling events, presentations to student organizations and Earth Science classes, as well as neighborhood community groups and low-income housing advocacy groups. Round 2 Community Engagement to gather input on the draft EAP strategies and programs will be conducted in winter 2018.

Andrew Wakelee, VCREA's CivicSpark Fellow, introduced himself and briefed the Board on what his duties will entail with regard to the Electric Vehicle Ready Community Blueprint Grant.

Upon motion of Ms. Weir, seconded by Mr. Sharkey, the Board received and filed the Program Update.

### **14. General Updates and Announcements**

Chair Ramirez noted that neither Ms. Haffner, Mr. Procter, nor Mr. Sharkey will be on the ballot for next year. Ms. Ramirez thanked each one for their service and commitment on the VCREA Board and their respective Councils.

### **15. Items for Future Agendas**

Mr. Slosson requested an update on SCE Time of Use changes.

### **16. Next Meeting- November 15, 2018**

### **17. Adjournment**

Chair Ramirez adjourned meeting at 11:45 a.m.