

**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance  
Board of Directors  
AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 17, 2020  
10:30 a.m.**

**No Location  
Conference call-in only**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** VENTURA COUNTY REGIONAL ENERGY ALLIANCE HAS DETERMINED THIS MEETING TO BE AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC MEETING THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-29-20 AND N-33-20 AND VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER

In response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Governor Newsom has temporarily suspended the requirement for local agencies to provide a physical location from which members of the public can observe and offer public comment and has ordered all Californians to stay home except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of certain critical infrastructure.

**REGARDING MEETING PARTICIPATION:**

If you would like to access the meeting telephonically, please send an email to [VCREA.admin@ventura.org](mailto:VCREA.admin@ventura.org) by 5.00 PM the day before the meeting and call-in information will be provided.

**REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

If you wish to make either a general public comment or comment on a specific agenda item being heard, you can submit your comment via email by 9.00 AM the day of the meeting to the following address: [VCREA.admin@ventura.org](mailto:VCREA.admin@ventura.org). Please include the following information in your email: (a) meeting date, (b) agenda item number, (c) subject or title of the item, (d) your full name. During public comment on the agenda item specified in your email, staff will read aloud your comment for the record.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ramirez

**2. ROLL CALL**

Kelly Cattanach

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2020 VCREA BOARD MEETING**

Requested Action: Approve

## **5. AGENDA REVIEW**

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*See Guidelines above*

## **7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*At this time members of the VCREA Board of Directors may comment on matters pertaining to VCREA*

## **8. EL RIO BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY PRESENTATION**

## **9. 3C-REN PRESENTATION**

## **10. PROGRAM UPDATE**

- CAlLeVIP Update
- Electric Vehicle Blueprint Phase 2
- National Drive Electric Week
- Clean Air Day
- 2020 Beacon Awards Virtual Event
- Letters of Support

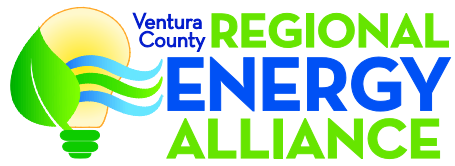
Requested Action: Receive and File

## **11. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

## **13. NEXT MEETING - TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**



**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance  
Board of Directors**

**Item 4**

**Subject: Minutes from the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, September 17, 2020**

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**Requested Action:**

1. Approve

**Attachments:**

1. Summary Minutes from the May 21, 2020 Board Meeting
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**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance**  
**Action Minutes**  
**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting**  
**May 21, 2020**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**No Location- Zoom Meeting**

**1. Welcome/ Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Linda Parks at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present:

Carlos Juarez	City of Santa Paula
Thomas Slosson	Calleguas Municipal Water District-Alternate
Carmen Ramirez	City of Oxnard
Bernardo Perez	Ventura County Community College District
Laura Hernandez	City of Port Hueneme
Jackie Moran	Ventura Unified School District
Ed Jones	City of Thousand Oaks
Mike Judge	City of Simi Valley
Mark Austin	Ventura Regional Sanitation District
Linda Parks	County of Ventura

Not Present:

Lynn Edmonds	City of Fillmore
Erik Nasarenko	City of Ventura

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Linda Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

None at this time. Oath of Office for Al Fox, Andy Sobel, Mark Austin, Matt Almaraz, and Mike Judge were performed on May 19 and May 20, 2020.

**5. Election of New VCREA Chair and Vice Chair**

Upon motion of Ms. Ramirez, seconded by Ms. Parks, the Board elected Carmen Ramirez as Chair of the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Parks, seconded by Ms. Moran, the Board elected Linda Parks as Vice Chair of the Board.

**6. Minutes from September 19, 2019 VCREA Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Slosson, the Board received and filed the Minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Austin abstained.

## **7. Agenda Review**

## **8. Public Comments**

None

## **9. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Ramirez shared that with all the changes in our society and the economy as a result of pandemic, these times give us an opportunity to look at energy, climate, and cleaning our air and gives us a chance to look at what we can do to make the air cleaner and people healthier.

## **10. Local Government Partnership 2020 SoCalGas Contract**

Alejandra Tellez, VCREA staff, provided a brief overview of what the Partnership has looked like historically compared to what it is now without Southern California Edison as a funding partner. The SoCalGas' contract is very similar to what it was previously with the exception of SCE budget contributions. VCREA is happy to continue the partnership with SoCalGas and support our region's local governments, businesses, and residents.

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Parks, the Board approved the Local Government Partnership Calendar Year (CY) 2020 contract with SoCalGas.

## **11. Javier Saucedo Contract Extension**

Ms. Tellez provided a brief overview on the services and program support that Javier provides including Ventura County Green Business (VCGB) program and the recent virtual certifications he has been doing.

Ms. Ramirez asked Javier what it has been like with the inability to conduct site visits and do program outreach as usual with the Stay at Home Order. Javier said he is keeping in touch via phone, email, and in some cases, virtually by conducting assessments and certifications.

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Mr. Juarez, the Board approved Javier Saucedo's Contract Extension for CY 2020.

## **12. Annual Financial Audit Fiscal Year (FY) 18/19**

Upon motion of Mr. Perez, seconded by Ms. Moran, the Board received and filed the Annual Financial Audit FY18/19.

## **13. General and Administrative Budgets**

Kelly Cattanach, VCREA staff, provided a brief overview of the budgets presented for approval. Historically the budgets have been presented on a calendar year basis to align with funding sources however, with the recent shift in funding, it made sense to shift VCREA's budget from calendar year to fiscal year.

Ms. Ramirez clarified that if other funding sources become available, adjustments to the budget can be made at a later date.

Upon motion of Mr. Juarez, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved the January-June 2020 Budget and the FY 20/21 Budget.

#### **14. Program Update**

Heather Allen, VCREA staff, provided an overview and update of CALeVIP Project Area, 4C and ARCCA, 2019 VCREA Awards Reception, kWh Countdown, Municipal and AB 802 Benchmarking, and recent Letters of Support. Information was provided in the agenda packet.

Ms. Ramirez asked Heather to explain what a Level 2 charger is.

Ms. Moran asked Heather to review again the proposed launch dates of CALeVIP.

Ms. Moran asked if public schools will benefit from CALeVIP.

Staff will be communicating with the Board about CALeVIP as updates become available.

Ms. Hernandez asked about Benchmarking and AB 802 and if there is a deadline as well as if it is something that is voluntary or required.

Ms. Ramirez asked about the City of Oxnard's benchmarking data and how many facilities have been benchmarked.

Ms. Parks recommended that with so many great programs and opportunities available, including free services and grants, VCREA should include all this information in one place like VCREA's website. Then perhaps have the County and the Cities provided a link on their sites to the information on VCREA's website.

Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Perez, the Board received and filed the Program Update.

#### **15. 2019 Year in Review**

#### **16. General Updates and Announcements**

Ms. Tellez shared about the Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3CREN) and its first Annual Report to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Ms. Allen shared information pertaining to CPUC's upcoming Self Generating Incentive Program (SGIP) webinar on May 28, 2020.

#### **17. Items for Future Agendas**

Ms. Ramirez asked that staff organize a presentation about the battery storage facility that is going to be built in El Rio. Perhaps a representative from Strata Solar could speak to the community benefits of such a facility.

Ms. Tellez suggested, if the Board is interested, VCREA can provide an update on impacts to residents in regard to their energy bills with the recent Stay at Home Order. 3CREN is tracking data to see what programs and incentives might be most useful in the future.

Ms. Moran asked that the Alliance advocate for a more fair way to charge for water. With the recent Stay at Home Order, families are using more water. Currently, water bills are tiered per household and not per person so families with, say, six people are utilizing the amount of water for tier one at a much quicker pace than that of a family with two people.

#### **18. Next Meeting- Tentatively Scheduled for July 16, 2020**



**19. Adjournment**

Chair Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.