



**Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Joint Board of Directors and Energy Champions Meeting
AGENDA**

**Thursday, May 21, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

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

REGARDING MEETING PARTICIPATION:

Members of the public may join in person or by Zoom link below.

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| <u>Topic</u> | May Joint VCREA Board of Directors and Energy Champions Meeting |
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Halter

2. ROLL CALL

Heather Allen

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA BOARD MEMBERS

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026 VCREA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6. AGENDA REVIEW

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

See guidelines on page 1

8. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMENTS

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

9. RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ALLIANCE

Alelia Parenteau, City of Santa Barbara Sustainability & Resilience Director

10. RECEIVE AND FILE THE VCREA PROGRAM UPDATE

Heather Allen

11. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES (CPUC) EQUITY DISCUSSION

Erica Helson, 3C-REN Portfolio Manager

12. BREAK

13. STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION (45 MIN)

Heather Allen and Victor Briones

14. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

16. ADJOURNMENT

The next VCREA Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 11am. The next VCREA Energy Champions Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 11am. Both meetings will be held in the Pacific Conference Room in the Ventura County Government Center, Hall of Justice located at 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93009, with hybrid options for the public.



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 5

Subject: Minutes from the February 19, 2026 VCREA Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Requested Action:

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Feb 19, 2026 VCREA Board Meeting

Attachments:

1. Draft Summary Minutes from the Feb 19, 2026 VCREA Board Meeting
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Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance
Action Minutes
Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board Meeting
February 19, 2026
11:00 a.m.

1. WELCOME/ CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Halter at 11:11 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

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| Director Mario Rodriguez | City of Fillmore |
| Director Jenny Crosswhite | City of Santa Paula |
| Director Doug Halter | Ventura Regional Sanitation District |
| Alternate Director Scott Quady | Calleguas Municipal Water District |
| Director Laura Hernandez | City of Port Hueneme |
| Director Joseph Ayala | City of Simi Valley |
| Director Matt LaVere | County of Ventura |
| Director Valerie Mitchell | Ventura County Comm College District |
| Director Jerry Dannenberg | Ventura Unified School District |
| Alternate Director Christina Villasenor | City of Fillmore (<i>Remote attendance</i>) |
| Alternate Director Bob Engler | City of Thousand Oaks |

Directors Not Present:

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| Director Gabriela Basua | City of Oxnard |
| Director Reddy Pakala | Calleguas Municipal Water District |
| Director David Newman | City of Thousand Oaks |
| Director Alex Mangone | City of Ventura |

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Halter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW VCREA BOARD MEMBERS

The following individuals took the oath of office, administered by Mia Martinez, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board, County of Ventura:

Mario Rodriguez- Director
Jerry Dannenberg- Director

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 21, 2025 VCREA BOARD MEETING

Upon motion of Director LaVere, seconded by Vice Chair Crosswhite, the Board approved the minutes of the August 21, 2025, meeting. Director Dannenberg, Director Engler, and Director Quady abstained.

6. AGENDA REVIEW

Upon motion of Alternate Director Quady, seconded by Director LaVere, the Board approved the Agenda as is.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments were submitted.

8. BOARD OF DIRECTOR COMMENTS

No comments were made by the Directors.

9. APPROVAL OF THE 2026 AND 2027 MEETING SCHEDULE

Upon motion of Alternate Director Engler, seconded by Director Crosswhite, the 2026 and 2027 Meeting Schedule is approved.

10. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- YEAR END JUNE 30, 2025

Staff member Kelly Cattnach presented a brief overview of the financial statement report. Alternate Director Engler inquired about the significant decrease in the budget compared to the prior year; staff explained that this change is due to the conclusion of grant funding. Chair Halter inquired about the Federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant; there are no updates to report, as funding remains on hold pending court proceedings. Staff noted that other funding sources are being pursued to advance some of the projects.

Upon motion of Alternate Director Quady, seconded by Director Hernandez, the Board approved the Financial Statements- Year End June 30, 2025.

11. APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 26/27

Staff member Kelly Cattnach presented a brief introduction to the FY 2026–27 General and Administrative Budget. Staff will return at a later date to seek approval of the corresponding service rates.

Upon motion of Director LaVere, seconded by Alternate Director Engler, the Board approved the General and Administrative Budget for FY26.27. Alternate Director Quady abstained.

12. RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF GREEN BUSINESS PARTNER CONTRACTS

Staff member Kelly Cattnach provided a brief introduction to the Green Business Partner Contracts.

Upon motion of Director Crosswhite, seconded by Alternate Director Engler, the Board Ratified and Approved the Green Business Partner contracts.

13. RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM CLEAN POWER ALLIANCE

Sage Stone and Jack Hawley presented on Clean Power Alliance's Local Customer Programs supporting multifamily tenants, focusing on multifamily EV charging and efficient cooling initiatives. Directors engaged in discussion and asked several questions following the presentation.

14. RECEIVE AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM 3C-REN

Erica Helson, 3C-REN's Portfolio Manager, presented an overview of the organization and its services. The presentation emphasized that incentive funding has been replenished for 2026, including programs for single-family, multifamily, and commercial properties. Directors engaged in discussion and asked several questions.

15. RECEIVE AND FILE THE VCREA PROGRAM UPDATE

Staff member Heather Allen presented the Program Update, highlighting the upcoming VCREA reception and providing a grant update.

16. RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORT

Staff member Heather Allen provided background on VCREA's history, funding sources, and focus areas, and introduced the Strategic Planning exercise. She also discussed the Regional Climate Action Plan (RCAP), highlighting the seven primary focus areas identified by the RCAP Advisory Group and the Cornerstone Measure. Key areas of interest and potential funding opportunities were reviewed.

Sustainability staff member Roxane Beigel-Coryell presented two specific funding opportunities and solicited input on potential projects and needs.

Directors discussed potential areas of interest and project ideas.

17. GENERAL UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None provided.

18. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None provided.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Halter adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.
Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 11.00AM



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 9

Subject: Presentation on the Local Government Climate Alliance

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Requested Action:

1. Receive and file the presentation on the Local Government Climate Alliance

Attachments:

1. Local Government Climate Alliance One Pager
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Local Government Climate Alliance

Linking policy to progress

The Local Government Climate Alliance (LGCA) unites California cities and counties to advocate for impactful climate policies at the state level. LGCA leverages joint advocacy, knowledge sharing, and collective influence to accelerate action and deliver benefits to local communities across California.

VALUE PROPOSITION

Local governments lack a powerful voice in Sacramento to advocate for the nuanced and often technical climate solutions that are needed to reach local climate goals and keep communities safe. Existing municipal lobbyists are often underinformed about climate issues, and are necessarily spread thin across topical issues to represent the totality of local government priorities. LGCA brings the focus and expertise necessary to advance impactful equitable climate solutions in California's crowded advocacy space.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

To drive the impactful, equitable, and scalable solutions needed to significantly accelerate statewide climate action, deliver lasting benefits to local communities, and meet climate goals ahead of California's 2030 and 2045 targets, LGCA works to:

1. Expand cities' authority for local climate action and securing funding.
2. Accelerate affordable access to clean electricity, electrified transportation, zero-emission buildings, and low-carbon industry.
3. Remove barriers for local clean energy and climate strategies.
4. Ensure retraining, wage protection, and community reinvestment as cities and counties phase out fossil fuels.
5. Invest in wildfire prevention, water security, coastal resilience, habitat restoration, and urban greening, using nature-based solutions when possible.
6. Improve housing affordability, air quality, public transit access, public health and safety, and local economic development.

GOVERNANCE

The General Assembly of Core Members, Partners, and Affiliates and is led by a Chair and Vice Chair. The General Assembly meets with LGCA's lobbyist every other month, and optional office hours are held in the intervening months. The Executive Steering Committee meets twice per month. Equity is embedded in all decisions.

- Core Members: Cities/counties, full voting rights.
- Affiliates: Regional agencies, nonprofits, academics, tribal governments (advisors).

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Local Government (by population)

< 50,000: \$1,500

50,000 - 150,000 \$4,500

150,001 - 500,000 \$6,500

500,001+ \$8,000

Affiliate (by employee count)

1-20: \$1,500

20+: \$2,500

LGCA membership will consider a jurisdiction's population size and ability to pay and will make accommodations wherever practicable. This flexible approach recognizes that every city and county has different resources, priorities, and constraints, while ensuring we can sustain strong, coordinated climate advocacy together. The City of Santa Barbara will serve as LGCA's initial fiscal sponsor, with alternative sponsorship options to be explored in future years.



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 10

Subject: Receive and File the VCREA Program Update

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Requested Action:

1. Receive and File the VCREA Program Update

Attachments:

1. Program Update
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Program Update

VCREA Activities

VCREA Reception

On March 26th, more than 40 VCREA Board Members, Energy Champions, and partners attended the VCREA Reception at the Agriculture Museum located in Santa Paula. Attendees enjoyed a taco bar while perusing the Agriculture Museum displays, networking, and receiving an update on VCREA and Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) actions over the past year; click [here](#) to view the presentation.

Reception attendees were also invited to participate in activities to help share the future of VCREA, including a dot exercise and a word cloud activity. Attendees ranked the following project focus areas in order of priority: Fire Resiliency; Mobility Hubs; Medium- and Heavy- Duty Transportation; and Resiliency/Cooling Centers. Attendees also identified several potential projects in each focus area. For the word cloud activity, participants chose collaboration, sustainability, innovative, climate, resilience, and community as the top themes.

Help Shape the Future of VCREA Survey

In April, VCREA launched a survey to receive additional feedback from Board Members, Energy Champions, and partners on their top project priority areas, ideas for the next iteration of VCREA's mission and goals, and a preferred option for renaming VCREA. The survey received twenty responses from sixteen partner organizations. Respondents ranked the following project focus areas in order of priority: Fire Resiliency; Mobility Hubs; Resiliency/Cooling Centers; and Medium- and Heavy- Duty Transportation. Ventura County Resilience & Sustainability Alliance (VCRSA) received 45 percent of the vote for VCREA's new name.

Regional Initiatives Updates

Tri-County Benefits of Electrification for Air Quality, Comfort, and Health (3C-BEACH)

3C-BEACH is a research project to explore the benefits of home electrification and energy efficiency upgrades, including indoor air quality. Participants will receive a \$500 incentive and free energy-efficiency upgrades to their home. Families who join agree to have their home's air quality monitored for 9 to 12 months before and after they receive special upgrades. These upgrades help make the air inside cleaner, keep the temperature steady during hot days, and make cooking safer by using electric appliances instead of gas.

Single-family homes in Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties (3C-REN territory) are eligible to participate in 3C-BEACH. Each home/unit must have separate electric and gas meters and cannot be master-metered. The home/unit must receive electric distribution service from PG&E or SCE, and natural gas service from PG&E or SoCalGas.

To learn more about 3C-BEACH, click [here](#).

Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN) Update

3C-REN released their annual report detailing 2025 program activities, outcomes, savings, training, budgets, and future opportunities across residential, commercial, code, workforce, critical facility, and agriculture initiatives. The report can be found [here](#).

To learn more about 3C-REN and the incentives they have to offer, click [here](#).

Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program Grant

Ventura County's Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program Grant project continues to advance development of the County's Heat Action Plan. As part of this effort, we are currently gathering broad community input through a public survey, open through the end of June. We encourage all city and special district partners to share this survey within their communities. Social media assets can be made available upon request to support your outreach efforts. The survey link is included at the end of this section.

Over the coming year, the project team will conduct targeted outreach to city staff, community groups, neighborhood councils, and other stakeholders to better understand how extreme heat affects Ventura County residents and what solutions would be most effective. If you have questions, would like to discuss this project further, or wish to share ideas, please contact Roxane Beigel-Coryell at roxane.beigelcoryell@venturacounty.gov.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VTACoEHAP>

Flyers: [Survey Flyer](#) [Project Flyer](#)

To learn more about the Ventura County Extreme Heat Action Planning project, click [here](#).

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Update

The County of Ventura received approval of the Regional Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (RCAP) from the U.S. EPA on January 13, 2026. Staff are currently exploring ways to utilize remaining grant funds to support implementation of regional projects identified in the RCAP.

The final RCAP can be found [here](#).

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) Clean Air Fund Grant: Air Purifier Pilot Project

The County of Ventura Sustainability Division, in partnership with Ventura County Public Health, has secured \$28,333 in funding from the VCAPCD's Clean Air Fund and from a Clean Air Day Microgrant to implement an air quality education and indoor air quality improvement project at four schools in Ventura County. This project targets schools located in areas with poor air quality or near pollution sources such as major roadways or agricultural fields. Funding will be used to purchase portable air purifiers with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filtration systems, along with replacement filters, for classrooms in the selected schools. The initiative also includes age-appropriate educational assemblies led by Ventura County Public Health, aimed at informing students, teachers, and administrators about the health impacts of air pollution and how to properly use the purifiers. Staff is

currently working with the schools to coordinate delivery of the portable air purifiers and replacement filters during the summer so that the equipment can be utilized at the start of the next school year.

Reliable, Equitable, and Accessible Charging for Multifamily Housing 2.0 (REACH 2.0) Grant

The REACH 2.0 grant, which contributes funding to install level 1 and level 2 charging stations at multifamily housing (MFH) or MFH adjacent sites, is looking for sites within Ventura County. Questions and potential sites can be sent to heather.allen@venturacounty.gov.

To learn more about the REACH 2.0 grant and the Equitable Charging Access for Renters in the 805 region (E-CAR 805) program, click [here](#).



Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 11

Subject: California Public Utilities (CPUC) Equity Discussion

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Requested Action:

1. CPUC Equity Discussion

Attachments:

1. None
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Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Board of Directors

Item 13

Subject: Strategic Planning Discussion

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Requested Action:

1. Strategic Planning Discussion

Attachments:

1. Strategic Planning Discussion Outline
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Strategic Planning Discussion

1. PROPOSED REBRANDING

- Rename: Ventura County Resilience & Sustainability Alliance
- Update website and logo
- Future resolution amending the Joint Powers Agreement and associated by-laws and financial documents

2. 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Update VCREA's mission
- Develop goals, strategies, and actions
- Project priorities areas: Fire Resiliency, Mobility Hubs, and Resiliency/Cooling Centers
- Data Hub GIS application and shared resource clearinghouse