**EVSP Steering Committee Notes**

Ventura County Community Foundation Building

4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo, CA 93012

11/14/2019 9-10:30AM

In Attendance: Heather Allen (VCREA); Talia Barrera (HSA); Vanessa Bechtel (VCCF); Tully Clifford (City of Camarillo); Amanda Fagan (NBVC); Brian Ganley (ITSD); Tracy Hudak (Creativity Works); Rachel Linares (CEO); Melissa Livingston (HSA); Stacy Roscoe (Civic Alliance); Javier Saucedo (VCREA); Paul Stamber (CEO); Bruce Stenslie (EDC); Ed Williams (AGR); Georg Winkler (Russell Fisher Business Collection)

1. VCREA Green Business Program (Javier Saucedo)
   1. Individuals and businesses can contact Javier to schedule a home or business assessment.
   2. Business certification is available throughout the county
      1. Businesses that are certified can get a $500 rebate to help with green activities
      2. SoCal Edison offers installation of new LED lights to reduce energy costs
      3. SoCal Gas will do evaluation of gas usage (water heaters, etc.)
   3. Green Shop App – features all businesses that have gone through the certification
   4. [www.greenbusinessca.org](http://www.greenbusinessca.org)
   5. Encourage all cities, chambers and the county to promote green businesses
   6. Also can provide benchmarking for energy usage for businesses and multi-family units over 50,000 square feet.
2. Electric Vehicle Initiatives (Heather Allen)
   1. Need to build 3,000 charging stations at a cost of ~$14M dollars by 2030.
   2. Estimate that 35-42% of emissions throughout the County are due to vehicle emissions
   3. More people are buying full battery EVs than hybrids in 2018.
   4. Need help with streamlining EV permitting processes
      1. This is a legislative requirement – overall VC is not doing well with this compliance.
   5. Significant funding from the state for charging stations will be available in the next two years.
   6. Created an interactive EV map.
3. Broadband Initiative Update (Brian Ganley)
   1. County is working to connect to One Wilshire (One Wilshire is the hub for all internet access in Southern California).
   2. County will then connect all of the cities and municipalities to create a regional network.
      1. Identifying two routes for fiber connection (one through Santa Clarita Valley, one down the coast).
      2. Will allow the County to work with smaller telecommunications organizations
   3. Next Broadband Consortium of the Pacific meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 21st, 8:30am in the VCCF building
4. New Year, New Focus on EVSP Issues and Opportunities
   1. Want to spend some of this valuable time on problem solving.
   2. Propose that each Focus Area would look at their initiatives. Identify 1-2 that could benefit from this approach and discussion at each of the EVSP meetings. Send out information on the opportunity/problem/need and then have a discussion related to the topic.
   3. Vanessa has identified funds within the State Budget for funds allocated for Ventura County that are not being utilized. We need to figure out how to access this money together.
   4. Need to make sure that there is pre-work or pre-reading and will allow us to invite specific organizations to be present.
   5. Think about the format, then Rachel and Paul will make a call for volunteers for the meetings. Try to make more if a problem statement rather than a presentation. Do they want just awareness, or are there any actual action items?
   6. Be forward thinking – what do the people around the table need to think about from a strategic planning process?