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To: Citizens Advisory Committee, Valley Clean Energy

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Re: Public Comment on Item 10 on June 22, 2023 agenda - " Discussion of remaining 2023 CAC meeting dates and topics"

I am glad to see this item on the agenda. We used to have the long range calendar at the end of every meeting for discussion. It was then moved to the consent calendar a year or so ago. For me it was much preferable to have it at the end of the meeting and allow for input then and that input could include items that arose during the meeting that evening. Hopefully you will continue through this year and coming years to have it at the bottom at least at some but preferably all of the meetings. It makes it much easier to have discussions and one does not need to have to request during consent to have a discussion.

Below are a few items for consideration relating to the long range calendar. Some of these are things I have been thinking about for a while and/or made comments on them in the past. As a departing CAC member, these are suggestions I hope you will consider as you go forward, this year and years ahead.

Broadly I find the cancelling of meetings concerning. It appears from the calendar attached to this item that at least three of the meetings this year have been/will be cancelled. Most years prior to this we have had 12 or maybe 11 - but more than 9 to be sure.

- The CAC meetings are scheduled 2 weeks prior to the board meeting and this was done for a reason. This allows the CAC to comment/recommend on items to the board and allows the staff time to transmit those to the board. Cancelling a CAC meeting before a held board meeting, does not allow for any input from the CAC to the board for that meeting.
- If there are too few specific items that the staff has in mind for a particular month, in some senses that is an opportunity. There is a list of items at the bottom that include subjects the CAC would like to weigh in on. The list can be updated. In the past we have used that to talk about building electrification and resilience. There are others on the list such as NEM and more on resilience. The CAC could add others such as DER, advantages of local energy, etc. Items for discussion could be educational and/or could be used to make recommendations to the board. You could even have a meeting that was a workshop on a given area of interest. It does take a bit of planning for a workshop but it could be used maybe once a year.. I hope all the CAC will weigh in on items of interest to them, especially the newer members and the brand new member.

More specifically I do have a comment on the items on the calendar relating to the Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard update. That item was originally suggested towards the end 2019 to help the CAC keep track of what was happening with our RPS and GHG content and so we could monitor it through out the year.

- It was originally done 4 times a year, in 2021 it was done 4 times. In 2022, staff requested it go to three, February, August and November. That seems fine. This year I note it is on the calendar only twice - June ( item 6 on this agenda) and November. Not sure why that is, but I suggest three times a year at least would be good. And staff could say whether that is Feb, August, November or another three that were convenient to them. The trend is not good - 4(2021), 3(2022), 2(2023) - I would certainly not want to see it go to one and then zero. And this information is useful both to the CAC and general public that wants to follow what is happening.
- The slides in item number 6 just show the data for all of 2022. In the past, the mid year reports have also included info to date for that year (2023) comparing expected vs actual trends. It is important to see the trend during the year. Additionally in the past there has been a slide on long term RPS forecast/PPAs. That has been helpful as it often changes over time. So this is a specific ask to also include that data.
- Another suggestion I have had relating to this is to share this update with the board at times. It could be a consent item to them on the board meeting after the CAC has seen it. I again suggest that that should be done.

Again, these are suggestions from a departing long term CAC member who thinks the role of the CAC in the success of VCEA was important in the past and will be important in the future. The original goal of VCEA was cost competitive clean energy. That should still drive us. The climate crisis is here.

Thank you for having this on the agenda and reading my comments,

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