

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE****Staff Report – Item 10**

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee January 26, 2023 Meeting Summary

DATE: February 9, 2023

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This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee's meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

- A. Legislative Summary / Update from Pacific Policy Group.** Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobbyist consultant, provided highlights of his staff report. He reviewed upcoming legislative dates and deadlines, committee changes in seats on the Senate Energy: Utilities & Communications and the Assembly Utilities & Energy committees, and, proposed budget cuts highlighting energy programs.
- B. Received presentation on forecasting customer Ag energy using hydrological conditions (research results).** VCE Staff Gordon Samuel introduced this item and reviewed VCE's retail load by customer class. He introduced VCE's Intern Scott Adler who looked at whether agriculture (Ag) energy demand (load) could be forecasted using hydrological conditions. VCE's current forecasting methodology primarily uses historical trends and temperature data to forecast load. He provided information that showed that the Ag customers' electricity consumption varies based on water demand, which is influenced by the growing season, reservoir levels, precipitation and drought conditions. Questions were asked about: growth by ag sector and crop, the possibility of using historical trends to forecast, and, recharge potential.
- C. Draft 2023 Community Advisory Committee Task Group Charges.** The CAC reviewed the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group (LRTG) Charge and suggested an addition to clarify that the Task Group is focusing on 2023 legislation. The CAC approved the draft LRTG Charge as amended. (7-0-0) The CAC were informed that the newly formed Customer Experience Task Group has not had an opportunity to meet and will provide a draft charge for review for the CAC's February meeting.