

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**

**Staff Report – Item 10**

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TO: Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors

FROM: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Community Advisory Committee Report – November 12, 2019 meeting

DATE: December 12, 2019

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This report transmits the Community Advisory Committee's Summary Report regarding its November 12, 2019 meeting.

**Attachment**

1. November 12, 2019 CAC Summary Report

**Valley Clean Energy Alliance**  
**Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report to the Board**  
**Summary of November 12<sup>th</sup> CAC Meeting**

- Planning for 2020 CAC Key Areas of Activity
  - M. Sears provided feedback to the CAC on what CAC activities Staff found helpful during 2019 and what activities Staff would like CAC to provide assistance with during calendar year 2020. In addition to the continuation of help with ongoing issues such as legislative/regulatory and outreach, M. Sears cited assistance with developing a 5 year Strategic Plan to be an area where CAC expertise would be appreciated.
  
- 2021 Short Term Procurement Planning
  - G. Lawson reviewed slides with information on VCE's power mix and long term renewables percentages. Staff will be presenting the information to the Board at their December meeting along with the following recommendations:
    - i. *Staff Recommendation 1:* For the 2020 Procurement Plan, Staff is proposing to recommend to the Board that staff will not seek any short term renewable procurements for 2021 until such time that staff may determine that anticipated deliveries from long-term project might fall below the current 42% renewable portfolio target. In the event that staff determines that long-term renewable deliveries would not satisfy the 42% target, staff would then procure enough short term PCC1 renewables to ensure that the renewable content of the portfolio at least equal 42%.
    - ii. *Staff Recommendation 2:* Staff proposes to maintain the 33% large hydro procurement target in 2021. This will assure that VCE has at least 75% clean energy in its portfolio in the event that renewable deliveries end up closer to the 42% minimum target level.
  - A discussion amongst the CAC about aiming higher than 42% ensued. C. Shewmaker pointed out that in 2018 PG&E's RPS percentage was 39% and that it is likely to rise.
  - Motion: to adopt Staff's recommendations along with the following statement to the Board from the CAC:
    - i. "For the 2020 and 2021 renewable purchases, 42% is the absolute minimum and we encourage purchases beyond that level where fiscally appropriate. This is to maintain our renewable percentage above our competition and meet our goal of cost competitive clean energy and establish us a leader in the fight against climate change."  
Motion passed: 7-0-0.
  
- IRP (Integrated Resource Plan) Update and Workshop
  - O. Bystrom presented an overview of the IRP timing and process, including changes since the first IRP was submitted in August 2018.
  - VCE will be having a workshop on December 9<sup>th</sup> on the IRP.
  
- Update on Development of potential Electrification Program for VCE
  - J. Parks reviewed slides on the background and potential first phase of an Electrification Program for VCE. Initially, the focus would be on electric transportation and would provide web-based assistance and education for electric vehicle purchase.
  - In addition to launching the first phase of the Electrification Program in January 2020, Staff and the Rates and Services task group are working on a 5 year plan for Programs.

- Update on potential acquisition of PG&E local electricity distribution system assets
  - M. Sears provided an update on VCE's offer to acquire PG&E's assets. The offer was submitted to and rejected by PG&E. PG&E stated that the assets are not for sale and VCE's offer was not adequate.
  - Cities of Winters and West Sacramento have joined VCE as Associate Members and are part of the discussion of the potential acquisition.
  
- Update on the City of Winters joining VCEA as a full member
  - Winters City Council representatives Jessie Loren and Wade Cowan will be seated at the December VCEA board meeting.
  - Winters representatives to the CAC will most likely be appointed in the first quarter of 2020.
  
- CAC attendance at future CalCCA annual meetings
  - It was suggested that next year, the CAC be informed of the CalCCA meeting several months in advance and that one member of the CAC should attend.