

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

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee March 24, 2022 Meeting Summary

DATE: April 14, 2022

This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

- A. **Received update on legislative bills [(AB 2696 (E. Garcia), SB 1174 (Hertzberg), AB 2937 (Calderon), SB 881 (Min))].** Staff provided an update on legislative bills that staff was assessing for a VCE position. CAC Members were informed that due to the fast movement of SB 881, Staff followed VCE’s regulatory and legislative action policy by consulting with the Board chair and VCE’s lobbyist consultant to submit an “oppose unless amended” letter. The CAC had a brief discussion on the best way for Staff to get input from the CAC on bills when timing of the legislative process does not allow the bill to be brought to the CAC for discussion and a recommendation.
- B. **Energy Resiliency Task Group (ERTG) Charge reviewed tasks.** CAC members reviewed and discussed the tasks identified in the draft ERTG Charge. After a brief discussion, the CAC approved the tasks and added the task of holding a public forum on Community Energy Resilience and Staff are to handle the logistics (7-0-0). The Outreach Task Group was asked to assist engaging the community in the public forum.
- C. **California Community Power JPA (“CC Power”) long duration energy storage project: Goal Line.** Staff presented an overview of the Goal Line long duration energy storage project that CC Power is considering. After a brief discussion, the CAC recommended that VCE participate in the California Community Power (CC Power) Goal Line Energy Storage Project (7-0-0).
- D. **Received overview of VCE Forecasting and solicited feedback.** Staff provided a summary on the forecasting process and information that is used in forecasting models and budget. CAC Members asked questions and provided input on what information would be useful in the upcoming forecasting CAC agenda information items. Staff will review external models and forecasts, including load demand and power supply costs at the CAC’s April meeting and revenues and administrative costs, including power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) costs and rates (revenue model) at the CAC’s May meeting.

- E. **Received presentation on VCE's rates update.** Staff reintroduced the thinking, analysis and conclusions that resulted from the discussion VCE had in the Fall 2021 on expanding the customer rate structure. Staff reviewed the proposed cost-based rate structure that was discussed: three (3) customer rate options, customer distribution, and portfolio/price pertaining to renewable and GHG content. CAC Members asked questions and discussed: renewable power content and portfolio, CARE/FERA default rate and portfolio content, Time of Use (TOU), customer rate options, differentiation between PG&E and VCE, and local project investment.
- F. **Considered Customer program concept (Electric Vehicle Rebates Program).** Staff summarized the Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebates program which is focused on available rebates and tax credits for the consumer with the pilot program designed to stack and demystify the electric vehicle purchase process. CAC Members discussed and provided feedback and suggestions to Staff. Staff will present Phase 1 of the EV Rebates Program to the CAC at their April meeting seeking a recommendation to the Board for their May meeting.