

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 10

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee May 27, 2021 Meeting Summary

DATE: June 10, 2021

This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 5 p.m.

- A. Consideration of policy strategies to plan for incorporation of long-term renewable contracts into VCE’s power portfolio and to address FY2021/2022 PCIA and RA cost impacts. (Action):** Staff provided a summary of the staff report. The CAC asked questions and had a detailed discussion covering load data/Covid impact, budget forecast and power content strategies presented by Staff, including but was not limited to:
- various budget uncertainties from weather, timing and amount of production from PPAs and any money refunds to cover non-paying accounts due to the COVID pandemic, etc.;
 - concern about the message to the community and our value proposition. Clean energy and climate change were and are integral to our purpose and founding;
 - the need to interact with and lobby PUC and other bodies relating to the PCIA and the overall value that CCAs bring to clean energy and climate; and,
 - the need for contingency planning.

The CAC passed a motion stating: “[t]he CAC, after a sobering discussion, reluctantly recommends due to fiscal prudence, that the Board follow the recommendation of Staff to continue the near-term policy of lower renewable energy credit (REC) and carbon free content purchases in 2022 with the following addition: for the 2022 year the initial RPS target is a minimum of 20% and quarterly updates are given to both the Board and CAC on the status of long-term contracts, RPS progress and budget numbers with the intent of increasing this target up to 42% if at all feasible.

Additionally, the CAC recommends that when taking this item back to the Board, Staff should provide the Board with financials from 2018/19 and FY2019/20 as well as budget estimates for FY2022/23 and FY2023/24 to provide a fuller picture of the financial health of the organization.

Lastly, the CAC would like to wait on a recommendation for the target RPS for the 2021-24 average and requests that Staff bring this item back to the CAC when the item needs to be determined.” (10-0-0)

- B. Consideration of draft 3-Year Programs Plan. (Action):** VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles and Tessa Tobar reviewed the draft Programs Plan and preliminary Program Design/Implementation

form. Feedback was provided by the CAC Members and numerous questions were asked. The CAC approved the following motion: “[r]ecommend that the Board adopt VCE’s 3-Year Programs Plan, including the process by which programs are selected by VCE for implementation.” (9-0-0) When implementing specific programs, especially those involving cash expenditures, it was suggested those initially come back to the CAC and the Board.

C. Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 Update. (Informational): Due to time constraints, this item was tabled to the next CAC meeting.