

**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 June 23, 2022 Meeting Summary

DATE: July 14, 2022

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This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee's meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, June 23, 2022.

- A. Reviewed and considered recommendation on draft Customer Rate structure.** This item was brought to the CAC after feedback was provided to Staff on a draft rate structure. Staff were seeking additional feedback, comments and a recommendation to the Board. Staff provided a brief background and highlighted updates made to the draft customer rate / product options. Staff incorporated into the updated rate/product options information on product differentiation, highlights of base green option, marketing framework and organizational cost/benefits. Staff and the CAC discussed the carbon free percentage and the benefits of the Base Green option, talking points and messaging about the options to customers, rate setting, maintenance of renewable content and low greenhouse gas (Ghg), and rate options for Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers. The CAC recommended that the Board adopt the following:
1. adopt a new rate structure with three customer options starting in 2023: (1) Standard Green (default) and (2) UltraGreen (100% renewable) with rates based on cost-recovery and (3) Base Green option with rates at or below PG&E rates on a total bill comparison; and,
  2. automatically enroll California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rates Assistance (FERA) customers in the Base Green option as described in the staff report. CARE/FERA customers will not have access to the Customer Dividend program but will retain access to all other programs. (10-0-0)
- B. Received and considered recommendation to the Board to participate in California Community Power Joint Powers Authority (CC Power) geothermal projects: A) Ormat Nevada Inc. and B) Open Mountain Energy, LLC.** Staff provided an overview of two CC Power geothermal projects. After a brief discussion, the CAC recommended that VCE participate in the CC Power geothermal projects: A) Ormat Nevada Inc. (Ormat) Portfolio of Geothermal Projects and B) Open Mountain Energy LLC., Fish Lake Geothermal (OME). (10-0-0)
- C. Long Range Calendar update.** The CAC have cancelled their July 28, 2022 meeting and will resume their regular meeting schedule on Thursday, August 25, 2022.