

## 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: Community Advisory Committee September 24, 2020 Meeting Summary

DATE: October 8, 2020

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This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held via zoom on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5 p.m.

A. **VCE Strategic Plan:** VCE staff Mitch Sears and George Vaughn, along with Shawn Marshall of LEAN Energy, VCE’s consultant to the Strategic Plan effort walked the CAC through the current draft 3-year Strategic Plan.

At the meeting, the CAC spent over an hour discussing the draft Strategic Plan. Committee members offered observations, made suggestions for changes and engaged in thoughtful exchange about different items. In addition, individual CAC members shared their own observations, suggestions and amendments with staff through emails and conversations. Given the complexity of the task and the multitude of suggested changes, it was not feasible for the CAC to take action at the meeting on an agreed upon, newly amended version of the Strategic Plan. Thus, the CAC adopted this “sense of the CAC” statement regarding the Strategic Plan to forward to the VCE board. This motion passed with a vote of 9-0-0.

The CAC believes the Strategic Plan definitely is moving in the right direction. The current draft reflects the input and comments from the VCE board members and CAC members that were raised at previous meetings. Given the timeframe set by the board for adopting the Strategic Plan, it is not feasible to have the CAC review the next iteration of the Plan at its October meeting. Thus, the CAC encourages VCE staff, as it revises the current draft, to consider all of the items raised by CAC members, either at this meeting or separately, and to incorporate as many of them into the next draft of the Strategic Plan as possible. The CAC appreciates the opportunity to be engaged in the Strategic Plan process and stands ready to work with the Board and staff to implement it once a Plan is adopted.

B. **CleanStart – Informational Presentation:** Gary Simon from CleanStart provided an overview of what they do, which is partner with emerging local businesses in the greater Sacramento region, including Yolo County, on green sector projects. They currently work with about 20 local companies. Mr. Simon expressed a willingness to collaborate and assist VCE on projects that may benefit Yolo County and VCE customers.

C. **VCE’s statement on current environmental and social justice issues:** VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles provided an overview of the revised draft statement on environmental and social justice. CAC Members suggested adding the term “emerging communities” and including a footnote with the federal EPA definition of environmental justice to the statement. With these two additions, the CAC adopted a motion to support the draft statement. The motion passed 9-0-0.