

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 11

TO: Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors

FROM: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Community Advisory Committee Reports – July 25, 2019 and August 22, 2019 meetings

DATE: September 12, 2019

This report transmits the Community Advisory Committee's Summary Reports regarding its July 25, 2019 and August 22, 2019 meetings.

Attachment

1. July 25, 2019 CAC Summary Report
2. August 22, 2019 CAC Summary Report

Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report to the Board
Summary of July 25th CAC Meeting

- Residential Time of Use (TOU)
 - J. Parks presented slides providing additional details on the new Residential TOU rate proposed by PG&E. His presentation covered customers included, exclusions, the expected effect on peak load, what other CCAs are doing, customer notifications, and VCE's timeline for CAC recommendation and Board decision. He also commented that VCE has rate setting authority and can develop its own rates at any time.
 - CAC members requested further information prior to making a recommendation such as the effect on VCE procurement costs and revenue.
 - VCE will have a public meeting on August 22nd, the same day as the next CAC meeting.
 - The CAC plans to develop a recommendation to the Board on RTOU at its next meeting.

- Potential Local Energy and Efficiency Programs
 - J. Parks presented slides on the various programs offered by IOUs and other CCAs and some ideas of programs for VCE. Next step will be creating a list of near, mid and long-term programs for VCE to develop and implement.
 - CAC will work with Staff on plan for local programs.

- Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and Strategic Plan
 - O. Bystrom presented slides on the IRP and Strategic Plan including how the two plans would differ, a timeline for the IRP, and resource portfolio considerations.

- Rates and Services Task Group projects
 - M. Baird reviewed a revised list of projects for the task group. The Rates and Services task group narrowed the list down to a top 3 and asked the committee and staff for help selecting its next project. "Research and evaluate local program options such as energy efficiency and electrification" was the top pick, so the task group will work with Staff on developing a list and plan. The other tasks considered were: "Explore the possibility of VCE offering incentives for customers, especially NEM customers, to install energy storage" and "Development of a 100% local solar product offering."
 - Assistance from VCE's interns to help research offerings from other CCAs was also recommended by the task group to help with the project.
 - Additionally, the task group has been providing some feedback to Staff on the RTOU rate.

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Summary of August 22nd CAC Meeting**

Note: The workshop and meeting were videotaped and will be viewable on the VCEA website.

- Public Workshop on PG&E's Residential Time of Use (RTOU)
 - Jessica Chancellor of PG&E presented slides on rationale, timing, and customers included in PG&E's new residential rate structure.
 - 11 people from the public, 2 Board members (T. Stallard, L. Frerichs) attended.
 - Several members of the public asked questions and made comments.

- Staff Recommendation on PG&E's Residential Time of Use (TOU)
 - J. Parks reviewed staff's recommendation to support PG&E's new RTOU rate and provide first year bill protection.
 - Motion: to approve staff's recommendations with the addition that the CAC is making this recommendation with the knowledge that VCE can change the rates at any time. Motion passed: 7-0-0.
 - Motion: the CAC encourages VCE Staff to coordinate rollout and program messaging with PG&E to VCE's customers. Motion passed: 7-0-0.

- Discussion of possible acquisition of PG&E distribution system assets
 - M. Sears presented slides on the opportunities and challenges of the acquisition.
 - CAC members raised questions on the acquisition, some of which were addressed by M. Sears and some which VCE Staff will review and incorporate responses in future updates.