

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 – April 25, 2019 and May 23, 2019 meetings

DATE: June 17, 2019

This report transmits the Community Advisory Committee's Summary Reports regarding its April 25, 2019 and May 23, 2019 meetings.

Attachment

1. April 25, 2019 CAC Meeting Summary Report
2. May 23, 2019 CAC Meeting Summary Report

Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Report to the Board
Summary of April 25th CAC Meeting
All CAC members were in attendance

- Solar Home and Business (NEM) Enrollment Update
 - M. Baird provided an overview of an updated report that the Rates and Services task group prepared regarding NEM enrollment which incorporated information requested by CAC members at the last meeting as well as new information. She discussed the task group's recommendations. M. Sears expanded on some items in the report and L. Limcaco presented new financials based on latest PCIA numbers and PG&E rates. M. Sears then provided an overview of the Staff report and recommendations. Task group member C. Shewmaker offered additional or counter comments on the Staff recommendations and each CAC member provided their perspective. Board member L. Frerichs made a public comment.
 - Motion: *to recommend that the Board initiate steps as needed to begin enrolling legacy NEM customers starting in January 2020, and if NEM enrollment perceived to create negative financial impacts to find alternatives rather than postponing legacy NEM enrollment.*
Motion passed: 7-1-0.
 - The motion was based on the task group's recommendation and clarifications suggested by CAC members. No action was taken on the task group report or the Staff report. The Rates and Services Task Group will prepare a modified report for the CAC meeting in May.

- Rate Structure/ Dividend Program
 - The Rates and Services task group reviewed their recommendation to add one more guideline to the Dividend program.
 - Motion: *to recommend to the Board to support the Dividend Guidelines presented by VCE Staff with one addition – the CAC recommends that dividends should not be paid out until the enrollment process for the legacy NEM accounts (accounts with solar installations prior to June 2018) in the VCE service area has begun.* Motion passed: 8-0-0.

- Interactions with other CCA Advisory Groups
 - M. Sears has mentioned at several CalCCA meetings that VCE's Advisory Committee would like to interact with other Advisory Committees, but he has not gotten much response, positive or negative. M. Sears stated that CAC members could reach out to their counterparts if they so choose. C. Shewmaker stated that she will start with one or two.

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Summary of May 23rd CAC Meeting**

- PG&E Presentation of Residential Time of Use (TOU)
 - Jessica Chancellor, PG&E's CCA liaison reviewed slides covering PG&E's new residential time of use rate which will be rolled out next year. The information was basically the same as what was presented by Jim Parks at the March CAC meeting. PG&E is recommending CCAs adopt the rate structure.

- Solar Home and Business (NEM) Enrollment Update
 - M. Baird provided an overview of a revised report that the Rates and Services task group prepared regarding NEM enrollment which incorporated information suggested by Staff as well as updated financial data.
 - Motion: to approve the report and recommendation (the Board initiate steps as needed to begin enrolling legacy NEM customers starting in January 2020, and if NEM enrollment perceived to create negative financial impacts to find alternatives rather than postponing legacy NEM enrollment.) Motion passed: 5-0-0.

- General Rate Setting and other issues identified by Staff during NEM enrollment discussions
 - M. Sears reviewed his list of three topics. The topics include planning for future additional NEM penetration, valuing the benefit of GHG reduction by Solar/NEM, and ways to minimize Resource Adequacy costs.

- Leg/Reg Task Group Summary Report
 - L. Kristov reviewed the Leg/Reg task group's findings on four key bills: AB 56, AB 144, SB 520, and SB 288.
 - Motion: to accept the report and convey the report to the Board with one modification: SB 288 recommendation changed to "Monitor" instead of "Support in concept." AB 56: Oppose unless amended; AB 144: Support in concept; SB 520: Monitor. Motion passed: 5-0-0.

- Presentation on potential local energy and efficiency programs
 - D. Springer began a complete presentation on the topic by outlining scenarios for VCE engagement in delivering energy efficiency programs. There was lots of interest and questions related to the information. The remainder of D. Springer's presentation will be on the June CAC meeting agenda.

- Analysis of economic benefits of local clean energy deployment
 - G. Braun's slide deck on the topic was included in the agenda package. The item was deferred to the June meeting in order to end the May meeting on time.