

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE****Staff Report - Item 11**

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**TO:** Board of Directors

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**SUBJECT:** SACOG Grant - Electrify Yolo Update

**DATE:** February 9, 2023

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Informational item. The purpose of this report is to give an update on the status of the Electrify Yolo (SACOG grant) project.

**BACKGROUND**

In December 2018, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) authorized the award of a Green Region grant in the amount of \$2,912,000, representing the regional “Electrify Yolo” project, with the purpose of installing publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The City of Davis distributed funds to each entity once the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were approved by each jurisdiction. All projects are to be finished by December 31, 2023.

The project goals include:

- 15-40 Level 2 chargers
- 2-5 DC Fast Chargers
- 2-10 Mobile Chargers
- Purchase or Lease of One or More Electric Vehicles

**UPDATES**

As shown in the attached progress reports each jurisdiction is making progress toward meeting its obligations under the grant. All MOUs were signed (Davis, VCE/Winters, Woodland, unincorporated Yolo County) as of April 2021, and some EV charger installation projects have begun, and some are finished.

VCE Staff is working with each jurisdiction to design banners to be hung at each charging station with logos of all project partners, as well as permanent aluminum signs. Temporary banners will inform members of the public that there will be EV chargers coming soon in that location and aim to increase the public’s brand association with VCE and electric vehicles. Banners have been hung in Winters at the Community Center charging stations, as well as a permanent aluminum sign.

COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts:

Each jurisdiction experienced impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shelter-in-place order on Yolo County. Work was delayed as resources were shifted to emergency response and other high priority projects. With the movement of the State to rescind emergency orders and the re-opening of most of the jurisdictions, the project partners are once again moving forward with consultant, siting, procurement and installation efforts.

Fund Expenditures:

PARTNERS	Funding available per MOU	Current Expenditure	Current Balance	Notes
VCE/WINTERS	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 79,500.00	\$ 70,500.00	Payment to VCE for Winters expenditures provided by City of Davis 6/30/22
WOODLAND	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	No requests have been made by Woodland as of 1/25/23
YOLO	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 269,600.00	\$ 430,400.00	Payment to Yolo County Provided by City of Davis 6/30/22
DAVIS	\$ 1,912,000.00	\$ 266,430.00	\$ 1,645,570.00	Current cost for Contract for City of Davis and Frontier Energy as of 6/28/22
TOTAL	\$ 2,912,000.00	\$ 615,530.00	\$ 2,296,470.00	

Partner Updates

City of Davis:

During the Fall of 2020, staff issued an RFP to solicit proposals for the City’s EV Charging Station project. As a result of that competitive effort, and a thorough review of the proposals, staff recommended Frontier Energy, Inc. as the selected consultant to perform the analysis and design the City’s portion of the EV Charging project. On June 1st, 2021, the City Council approved the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Frontier Energy, Inc. and also solidified funding within the City’s budget to fund this effort. Five sites have been selected, and the City continues to work with PG&E to make improvements on the sites.

City of Winters:

The City of Winters is finished with one of two selected sites. Chargers at the Community Center were installed, are operational, and have permanent signage with the logos of the grant partners. The second site is in progress: the Rule 20A project was completed, so the site has power. PG&E has given the City the design and the transformer has been ordered but there is no definite arrival date.

City of Woodland:

Site selection and feasibility studies are complete. Power supply upgrades are in progress, with an estimated completion in Spring of 2023. PG&E service agreement has been signed, and switch gear orders are in progress. Charging station vendors are under consideration.

County of Yolo:

- 137 N. Cottonwood St. (Bauer Building) Woodland – 2-Dual Chargers. Construction/Installation begins Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Expected to take 1 week.
- 600 A St. Davis – 1-Dual Charger – In permitting process with County. Expect to start construction/Installation at beginning of March.

- 315 E. 14th St. Davis - 1-Dual Charger – In permitting process with City of Davis. Expect to start construction/Installation at beginning of April. This is dependent on City's permitting process and timeline.
- 25 N. Cottonwood St. (Gonzalez Building) – 2-Dual Chargers. Project on hold. A large Change Order will require additional approval. This project is on hold until other projects are complete or showing significant progress.