

**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:** October 12, 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**

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. However, due to significant delays with several of the projects, not all jurisdictions may complete their projects by December 31, 2023, and the group has requested a one-year extension from SACOG.

**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. Since the last report in January 2023, the City of Davis has not spent any additional funds. Plans and bid documents are in progress for the 5 public charging sites, as well as additional chargers at two City facilities to charge fleet vehicles. Staff has also identified a potential fleet EV van to purchase as part of the grant requirement.

**City of Winters:**

The City of Winters is finished with its two selected sites. The two separate locations for the charging stations are the Winters Community Center parking lot, located at 201 Railroad Ave., and the City parking lot at the corner of First St. and Abbey St. The Community Center has two Level 2 double chargers replacing existing chargers. The second location is a new parking lot that has one level 2 double charger and one 50kw level 1 fast charger.

**City of Woodland:**

The City of Woodland was apportioned \$150,000 to install at minimum two Level 2 EV charging stations that are accessible to the public. Site selection and feasibility studies are complete, with the site being City of Woodland public parking lot near 430-434 College St, Woodland CA 95695. PG&E has approved plans and is waiting on installment. The site is prepped and ready for switch gear and charger installation; however, the switch gear delivery has been delayed and rescheduled for later in 2023. The City is working with the manufacturer to expedite delivery as soon as possible.

County of Yolo:

- 137 N. Cottonwood St. (Bauer Building) Woodland – 2-Dual Chargers. Construction/Installation completed in mid -February 2023. Chargers are activated and being utilized. This project is complete.
- 600 A St. Davis – 1-Dual Charger – Permitting complete. Construction/Installation completed in early May 2023. Charger is activated and being utilized. This project is complete.
- 315 E. 14th St. Davis - 1-Dual Charger – Construction/Installation completed in August 2023. Charger is activated and being utilized. This project is complete.
- 25 N. Cottonwood St. (Gonzalez Building) – 2-Dual Chargers. Project on hold.
- New Project: County will install two level 2 dual charging stations as part of the new Knights Landing Community Park. Park construction is planned to be completed Spring/Summer 2024 and will include the charger installation.