

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE****Staff Report - Item 12**

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Gordon Samuel, Assistant General Manager & Director of Power Resources  
Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Formation of “Energy Resiliency” related CAC Task Group for 2022

**DATE:** February 24, 2022

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At the CAC’s January 20, 2022 meeting, the CAC formed 3 task groups and approved their charges. The CAC asked that each task group select a chair and for Staff to provide final task group charges to the Board when appropriate. The following task groups were formed:

1. Legislative/Regulatory
2. Outreach and
3. Programs

In addition, it was agreed that there should be a discussion scheduled for the CAC’s February meeting on the best way to approach the topic of resiliency and hold off on forming a task group until discussed.

This staff report provides a proposed “Energy Resilience” draft charge (attached) for review and discussion.

In summary: Proposed Energy Resilience Draft Charge: work with VCE Staff, its member jurisdictions, and any other local collaborators to address challenges related to climate disruption, focusing on building local energy resilience.

It is Staff’s intent to provide copies of the CAC’s 2022 Task Group charges to the Board at their March 10, 2022 meeting.

**Attachments:**

1. Final Leg/Reg charge
2. Final Outreach charge
3. Final Programs charge
4. Proposed Energy Resilience **draft** charge

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**2022 LEG/REG TASK GROUP CHARGE**

**Members:** Yvonne Hunter (Chair)  
Lorenzo Kristov  
Jennifer Rindahl  
Christine Shewmaker

**Staff Lead:** Mitch Sears

**2022 Charge:**

Work with VCE's lobbyist and VCE staff to:

- Provide feedback, technical information and strategic advice to VCE staff on key legislative and regulatory issues facing VCE and the CCA community in general, including legislation and regulatory issues related to VCE's Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice Statement.
- Provide periodic reports to the CAC about legislation and regulatory issues.
- Solicit recommendations from the CAC on VCE positions on key legislation and regulatory proceedings.
- Advise VCE staff on CalCCA's regulatory work when appropriate.
- Work with staff to consider options to enhance the Task Group's and CAC's understanding of regulatory proceedings.
- Contribute to VCE's engagement with legislators and other stakeholders.
- Work with staff to periodically review and update VCE's Legislative Platform for consideration by the CAC and VCE Board.

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**2022 OUTREACH TASK GROUP CHARGE**

**Members:** Mark Aulman (Chair)  
Marsha Baird  
Yvonne Hunter

**Staff Lead:** Rebecca Boyles

**2022 Charge:**

Collaborate with VCEA staff and consultants on community outreach to, and liaison with, member communities

Assist in the development of public information strategies, planning, and materials related to VCEA policies and programs. As requested by staff, review draft materials and provide comments as appropriate

**Specific Tasks**

1. Consult with staff and Green Ideals on short-term and long-term outreach strategies and communications projects
2. Help define audience segments within VCE's service area and consult on appropriate messages and communications approaches
3. Provide a sounding board to assist in message development and copy testing
4. Review development procedures for marketing communications and public relations projects
5. Conduct review of marketing materials at the draft (pre-release) stage
6. Provide concise summaries of activities at the monthly CAC meetings
7. Assist with projects designed to implement the VCE Outreach and Marketing Plan with emphasis on environmental justice and the VCE Strategic Plan
8. As requested by the Director of Customer Care and Marketing, provide outreach and messaging support for the efforts of other CAC task groups, e.g., Programs TG and Rates TG.

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**2022 PROGRAMS TASK GROUP CHARGE**

**Members:** Marsha Baird (Chair)  
David Springer

**Staff Lead:** Rebecca Boyles

**2022 Charge:** The CAC Programs Task Group will assist VCE Staff with development and planning of Customer Programs that are prioritized for implementation by the criteria outlined in the 3-year Programs Plan adopted by the Board in June 2021. Specifically, the Task Group will:

- (1) advise on program details and review program design/implementation forms for programs prioritized for implementation in 2022,
- (2) assist VCE Staff with updates to programs already in place,
- (3) collaborate with Staff on annual update to the 3-year Programs Plan,
- (4) assist Staff with finding and applying for external funding for upcoming programs,
- (5) have preliminary discussions with Staff on programs in line for implementation in 2023, and
- (6) provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities.

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**2022 PROPOSED “ENERGY RESILIENCE TASK GROUP” CHARGE**

**Members:** To be determined.

**Staff Lead:** Gordon Samuel

**Concept:** Form a TG to consider practical ways that VCE can work with its member jurisdictions and other local collaborators to address imminent challenges related to climate disruption. The TG would focus initially on how VCE could contribute to building local energy resilience, i.e., the capability to maintain electric service for essential community needs and functions during planned and unplanned power system outages.

**Energy Resilience Proposed Charge:**

Work with VCE staff and other potential collaborators to develop specific ideas and initiatives for providing energy resilience benefits for Yolo County people and communities while maintaining VCE’s financial health and core responsibilities.

Ideas the TG could explore include:

- Ways VCE could advance carbon-free, resilient, microgrids to serve Yolo County communities as “resilience hubs” for emergency power during grid failure and clean energy supply under normal conditions.
- Battery (energy storage) program: Incentivize/assist customers to install on-site and/or a community battery storage systems, which VCE could operate as a virtual power plant (VPP) during peak load hours, to reduce VCE’s Resource Adequacy (RA) requirement and reduce impacts on distribution grid circuits (possible intersection with Programs TG).
- Convene representatives of all VCE member jurisdictions and other local entities to discuss energy resilience strategies for Yolo County.
- Other possibilities TBD.

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**Strategic Plan: Goal 4. Promote and deploy local decarbonization and grid innovation programs to improve grid stability, reliability, community energy resilience, and safety.**

- 4.1 Objective: Working with a variety of local, regional and state partners, develop a grid innovation roadmap for VCE’s service territory that supports community energy resilience and reliability.
- 4.2 Objective: Develop a VCE decarbonization roadmap to guide near and long-term program decisions and offerings.