

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 13

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager
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SUBJECT: Electrify Yolo Update

DATE: May 13, 2021

REQUESTED ACTION

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. Originally, only VCE and the City of Davis were involved, and Woodland, Winters and unincorporated Yolo County joined the project prior to submitting the grant application in August 2018. 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.

UPDATE

EV charger installations have been subject to some delays, including impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. All MOUs were signed (Davis, VCE/Winters, Woodland, unincorporated Yolo County) as of April 2021, and some EV charger installation projects have begun. The City of Winters is furthest along, with two chargers to be installed in July/August 2021. Seven sites are under assessment for installation by Chargepoint in unincorporated Yolo County. We expect updates from Woodland and Davis by the end of Q2 2021.

Staff is working with each jurisdiction to design banners to be hung at each charging station with logos of all project partners. These 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.