

# VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

## Staff Report - Item 13

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager  
Jim Parks, Director of Customer Care and Marketing

**SUBJECT:** UltraGreen Costs and Benefits Information to Local Governments

**DATE:** March 14, 2019

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### REQUESTED ACTION

Information item. No action requested.

### BACKGROUND

Members of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) requested VCE staff to provide information on the cost to Yolo County, Davis and Woodland to opt up to VCE's 100% renewable energy program, UltraGreen. VCE staff presented this information at the recent CAC meeting on February 28, 2019. After the presentation, Chair Braun made a motion to recommend the VCE Board consider their individual Agencies (local governments) opting up to Ultra Green and request that staff provide relevant cost and benefits to them at their next Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Springer. The motion passed unanimously with Yvonne Hunter and Christine Casey absent.

### ANALYSIS AND COSTS

The staff analysis that was completed for the CAC estimated the following additional costs for the local governments to opt up:

- **Woodland** – approximately \$118k to \$123k annually (~\$10k/month)
- **Yolo County** – approximately \$16k/year (~\$1,333/month)  
Yolo County procures approximately 2/3 of their energy from solar systems already. This cost is to opt up the remaining accounts.
- **Davis** – approximately \$26.3k annually (~\$2,200/month)  
The City of Davis procures much of its energy from PV USA. The PV USA accounts are not with VCE. This cost is to upgrade the VCE accounts to UltraGreen.

The estimates are based on 2017 energy usage.

## **POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF OPTING UP**

- Meet goals of respective climate action plans
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Public recognition for going green