

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 13

TO: Valley Clean Energy Alliance Board of Directors
FROM: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager
SUBJECT: Affirm Withdrawal of West Sacramento as Associate Member of VCE
DATE: August 13, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution thanking the City of West Sacramento for serving as an Associate Member to Valley Clean Energy during VCE's investigation of ownership of PG&E's local assets.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

In early 2019 Valley Clean Energy (VCE) began investigating the feasibility of acquiring some or all of PG&E's electric distribution system within Yolo County as part of the PG&E bankruptcy process. In September 2019 the City of West Sacramento accepted VCE's invitation to become an Associate Member for the purpose of participating in the analysis of the acquisition of PG&E's local distribution assets. Following resolution of the PG&E bankruptcy in mid-2020, the West Sacramento City Council voted to withdraw as an Associate Member while leaving open the possibility of future discussions regarding membership in VCE.

The attached resolution:

- Acknowledges and affirms the action by the West Sacramento City Council withdrawing as an Associate Member of VCE;
- Affirms that the invitation to the City of West Sacramento to join VCE as a full member in the future remains open;
- Recognizes the City of West Sacramento for their valuable contributions to VCE's investigation of ownership of PG&E's local assets and the City's continuing efforts to achieve better outcomes for electricity customers in their City and in Yolo County; and
- Thanks the City of West Sacramento for serving as an Associate Member to the Valley Clean Energy Joint Powers Agency.

In addition, staff would note its appreciation of the West Sacramento staff for their collaborative approach and work and on these complex energy issues.

Attachment

1. Resolution

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO'S PARTICIPATION AS AN ASSOCIATE
MEMBER TO THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE JOINT POWERS AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Valley Clean Energy Alliance ("VCE") is a joint powers agency established under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.) ("Act"), and pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to and Creating the Valley Clean Energy Alliance between the County of Yolo ("County"), the City of Davis ("Davis"), the City of Woodland and the City of Winters ("Cities") (the "JPA Agreement"), to collectively study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy programs; and

WHEREAS, VCE is investigating the feasibility of acquiring some or all of Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) electric distribution system within Yolo County as part of the PG&E bankruptcy process; and

WHEREAS, VCE adopted Resolution 2019-011 on September 12, 2019 amending the JPA to create an Associate Member classification to enable non-member jurisdictions to participate in the investigation of acquiring some or all of Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) electric distribution system within Yolo County as part of the PG&E bankruptcy process; and

WHEREAS, VCE adopted Resolution 2019-012 on September 12, 2019 approving an invitation to the City of Winters (Winters) and the City of West Sacramento (West Sacramento) to join VCE Joint Powers Agency (JPA) as Associate Members; and

WHEREAS, VCE extended an invitation to West Sacramento to join as an Associate Member and on October 16, 2019, the West Sacramento City Council adopted a resolution to join VCE JPA as an Associate Member and appointed Mayor Christopher Cabaldon and Councilmember Beverly Sandeen to serve on the VCE Board as Associate Members; and

WHEREAS, West Sacramento has participated in Board meetings and provided valuable input in investigating the acquisition of PG&E's electric distribution system within Yolo County, on PG&E bankruptcy process, and on other topics as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, West Sacramento have shared their knowledge and experience on a variety of topics with VCE Board Members and Staff; and

WHEREAS, PG&E bankruptcy proceedings are concluding and VCE's investigation into acquiring PG&E assets within Yolo County are transitioning to a monitoring stage; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2020 the West Sacramento City Council voted to withdraw from VCE as an Associate Member.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Valley Clean Energy:

1. Acknowledges and affirms the action by the West Sacramento City Council withdrawing as an Associate Member of VCE; and
2. Affirms that the invitation to the City of West Sacramento to join VCE as a full member in the future remains open; and
3. Recognizes the City of West Sacramento for their valuable contributions to VCE's investigation of ownership of PG&E's local assets and the City's continuing efforts to achieve better outcomes for electricity customers in their City and in Yolo County; and
4. Thanks the City of West Sacramento for serving as an Associate Member to the Valley Clean Energy Joint Powers Agency.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance, held on the ____ day of August 2020, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Don Saylor, VCE Chair

Alisa M. Lembke, VCE Board Secretary