

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 6

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**TO:** Valley Clean Energy Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager

**SUBJECT:** 2020 Community Advisory Committee Key Areas of Activity

**DATE:** November 12, 2019

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#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Community Advisory Committee consider staff feedback on potential key areas of activity for the upcoming calendar year (2020).

#### BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The CAC provides recommendations and feedback to the VCE Board and staff on policy level issues and topics. Since being formed in Fall of 2017, the CAC has organized its efforts around topic areas related to VCE activities. In general, these have included energy procurement and renewable resource portfolio content, public outreach, energy related local program development, and regulatory and legislative engagement. As the calendar year closes out, the CAC requested that staff provide feedback on CAC activities in 2019 in preparation for its work going into 2020.

Overall staff believes that the organization of the CAC by topic areas has been successful. Over the course of the second half of 2018 and 2019 the CAC has provided key recommendations, feedback, and guidance to staff and the Board related on key policies and activities. Examples include:

- Development of draft short and long-term vision statement;
- Recommendations on renewable power portfolio goals;
- Integrated resource plan development;
- Net Energy Metering (NEM) policy and enrollment;
- Customer engagement through public outreach, web design, social media, etc.;
- Monitoring and recommendations related to legislative and regulatory issues;
- Background research and support for development of energy program framework;

Staff believes that the organizational structure of the CAC can continue to provide value and help move VCE toward accomplishment of its vision and mission. In addition to the existing

topic areas, staff believes that the CAC should consider forming a new topic area group or modifying an existing group to provide input on the development of a strategic plan for VCE. As currently envisioned, the strategic plan would set a 5-year road map to work toward achievement of VCE's vision and mission. Staff believes this topic area would fit with the CAC's current involvement with the development of the Integrated Resource Plan scheduled to be submitted to the CPUC in Spring 2020.