

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**Staff Report – Item 7**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Summary of Community Advisory Committee October 26, 2023 Meeting

DATE: November 9, 2023

This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held in person and via Zoom webinar on Thursday, October 26, 2023.

- A. Received information on 2022 Power Content Label outreach.** VCE Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel reviewed California’s regulations that require load serving entities to provide simple-to-understand information on the sources of energy, and the associated emission of greenhouse gases annually, through a requisite communications format termed the “Power Content Label” (PCL). He reminded those present that the Board adopted the strategy of ramping into VCE’s long-term contracts rather than relying on short-term renewable energy credits (RECs), which results in a lower renewable percentage in the early years of compliance period 4 and significantly higher in the later years. He reviewed the resource map, 2022 PCL, and the 2022 PCL Explainer.
- B. Reviewed draft 2024 Legislative Platform.** VCE Legislative and Project Specialist Yvonne Hunter provided highlights of the changes made to the draft 2024 Legislative Platform. The CAC and Staff discussed interconnection and the schedule of power purchase agreements going online. The CAC made the recommendation that the Board approve the proposed 2024 VCE Legislative Platform outlining policy, legislative and regulatory issues and position VCE would take on them. (8-0-0)
- C. Review draft CAC Task Group Year-end Reports.** The CAC reviewed the draft Legislative/Regulatory and draft Strategic Plan task group year-end reports. The CAC discussed challenges and opportunities that each task group outlined in their report and whether combining programs and outreach into one task group worked. The CAC made a motion to finalize the year-end reports and send to the Board for their information at their December 2023 meeting. (8-0-0)
- D. Introduction and seeking feedback on VCE’s approach to update VCE’s Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy in consideration of Net Bil Tariff (NBT)/Solar Billing Plan (SBP).** VCE Director of Finance and Internal Operations Edward Burnham summarized VCE’s current NEM policy, background, and the reasons that VCE’s NEM Policy, adopted in October 2019, needs to be updated in consideration of NBT or SBP adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Mr. Burnham highlighted efforts to improve VCE’s current NEM processes and the distribution of net billing credits to

customers. The CAC reviewed the draft updates and discussed how the value of excess energy is calculated, whether or not battery storage is counted, and, rollover credits. The CAC asked that the draft updated Policy reflect the distinction between NEM 2.0 and NEM 3.0. The CAC recommend that Staff update the draft updated NEM Policy to reflect the intent of the update and to reflect the distinction between NEM 2.0 and 3.0 customers; and, recommend that the Board move forward on adopting an updated NEM Policy. (8-0-0)