

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

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee February 23, 2023 Meeting Summary

DATE: April 13, 2023

This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, February 23, 2023. The CAC had no meeting in March 2023.

- A. Received Strategic Plan update and formed Strategic Plan Task Group.** VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a summary of VCE’s accomplishments and asked for the CAC’s assistance to provide feedback related to the development of a rolling strategic plan. Several items were discussed: PCIA and forecasting; status of VCE’s credit rating; the effects of VCE adopting several new policies on credit rating; and, whether or not a consultant would be assisting VCE develop a rolling strategic plan. The CAC formed a Strategic Plan Task Group (SPTG) to review, modify and expand core Strategic Plan goals and objectives. Staff were asked to notify all CAC Members that this task group was formed and to solicit others to participate. Staff asked the SPTG to prepare a draft Charge for the CAC to review at their next meeting.
- B. Reviewed draft 2023 CAC Customer Experience Task Group Charge.** CAC Member David Springer announced that the Task Group name has changed from Customer Experience to *Programs and Outreach Task Group* (POTG). In addition, he informed those present that CAC Member Keith Taylor will serve as chair and he would serve as co-chair. The CAC reviewed the draft Charge and made several suggested clarification revisions. The Charge was approved as amended (9-0-0).
- C. Received Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) overview and items of interest to VCE Customers.** VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter presented an overview of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and provided highlights of the act that may be of interest to VCE Customers. Several items were discussed, such as: rebates for battery installations with solar; whether this information will be presented to the Board; commercial Electric Vehicle (EV) rebates and whether it applies to agricultural equipment; utilization of resources to “stack” rebates; the effects on resource adequacy (RA) should there be an increase in battery (solar) installations; and, other state rebate programs.
- D. Received and discussed 2023 Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and Rates update.** Staff and CAC members discussed impacts of PCIA (power charge indifference adjustment) on VCE’s rates; building VCE reserves; rate options for Customers; Rate Adjustment policy; and, schedule of rate review by the Board.