

# VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

## Staff Report – Item 7

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To: Board of Directors

From: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager

Subject: Legislative Update – Pacific Policy Group

Date: December 10, 2020

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Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobby services consultant, continues to work with Staff and the Community Advisory Committee's Legislative - Regulatory Task Group on several legislative bills. Below is a summary:

December 7, 2020 marks the convening of the 2021-22 legislative session at which time new legislators will be sworn in, most changes to committee chair and membership will be announced, and bills will begin to be introduced. The Legislature will be in session for a few days before recessing for the winter holidays, and then will reconvene on January 4.

All activity related to the Legislature has been in relation to the outcomes of the November 3 election. Notable outcomes pertinent to VCE are:

- Senator Dodd successfully won reelection to represent Senate District 3
- Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry won reelection to represent Assembly District 4
- Senator Hueso lost the race for San Diego County Supervisor District 1 meaning Senator Hueso will remain in the Senate until he terms out in 2022. This means Senator Hueso is likely to remain Chair of Senate Energy, Communications, and Utilities Committee.
- Democrats picked up two seats in the Senate; Democrats have 31 seats and Republicans have 9 seats in the Senate.
- Republicans picked up one seat in the Assembly; Democrats have 60 seats, Republicans have 19 seats, and one seat is Independent in the Assembly
- Proposition 15 failed. Proposition 15 proposed to raise property taxes on commercial properties of value greater than \$3 million with revenue directed to cities, counties and schools.
- Proposition 16 failed. Proposition 16 proposed to permit government decision-making policies to consider race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin to address diversity by repealing Proposition 209 (1996) which generally banned this ability. CalCCA supported the legislative measure to place the proposition on the ballot.