

# 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

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The Legislature is approaching its first major deadline of the 2021 legislative session as legislators have until February 19, 2021 to introduce their bills. As reported last month, an unofficial policy has been instituted that would limit each legislator to only 12 bills that may advance. This policy is being heeded by the majority of legislators as they refine their legislative package for the session. As such, the number of bills introduced to date has been relatively minimal.

Staff and Pacific Policy Group are aware of two legislative efforts that will require VCE’s engagement. Those legislative efforts are:

1. Legislation sponsored by CalCCA to clarify certain aspects of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) so that there is more transparency in the assets and energy attributes that make up the PCIA. Senator Portantino (D - La Cañada-Flintridge) has agreed to author the legislation, which has yet to be formally introduced.
2. Legislation that a subset of CCAs is pursuing (MCE, C3E, PCE, and Pioneer) to allow CCAs access to the BioMAT program administered by the CPUC. The program requires the big three IOUs to procure a certain amount of megawatts of bioenergy and use a feed-in-tariff to control costs. The underlying statute explicitly states the program is for electrical corporations, thus the CPUC’s interpretation is that CCAs cannot access BioMAT. The legislation would add load-serving entities to the statute to allow CCAs to access BioMAT. An author has yet to be secured but a coordinated effort is underway to ensure an author is in place.

Staff will bring both items before the Board to consider taking a support position once the more information is available and the bills are in print.