

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – Item 8

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Gordon Samuel, Chief Operating Officer
SUBJECT: Biomass Task Group Formation
DATE: May 23, 2024

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the CAC form a Biomass Task Group to provide feedback related to the development of principles on responsible biomass electricity development.

OVERVIEW

At the March 28, 2024 CAC meeting Staff presented the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program that is conducted through the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC). This program is a potential vehicle to install new biomass facilities at a cost that is more reasonable absent such a program. This discussion prompted staff to seek input from the CAC on the broader topic of biomass. Staff ultimately would like to form a biomass position and potentially some corresponding principles to help guide VCE in the procurement of biomass. The work product from the newly formed Task Group would be presented to the CAC at a future meeting and then to the Board for their consideration. It is anticipated that this Task Group would be a 2 to 3 month commitment.