

# VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

## Staff Report – Item 8

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To: Board of Directors

From: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager

Subject: Legislative Update – Pacific Policy Group

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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 measures. Below is a summary:

The Legislature concluded the 2021 legislative session with final votes cast on Friday, September 10, 2021. Governor Newsom, after a resounding defeat of the attempted recall, finished the bill signing period on October 10, 2021. Of note, the Governor signed AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry), a bill that VCE supported throughout the legislative session.

The 2022 legislative calendar has been published and January 3, 2022 marks the Legislature’s return to Sacramento. As 2022 is the second year of the two-year session, a number of two-year bills must pass their house of origin by January 31, 2022 in order for those legislative vehicles to remain active. SB 612 (Portantino) is a two-year bill but has already passed out of its original house and its next deadline is July 1, 2022 when bills must pass a policy committee of the other house.

The Fall months are a time for legislators work on new bill ideas, manage staff changes, and spend more time in the district connecting with constituents. This Fall has one additional element for the Legislature, packing boxes and moving to a new building. A block north of the Capitol, construction is nearly complete on a new ten-story office building that will house the Legislature and the Governor for the next several years while a new office building is built on the Capitol grounds. It is still an unknown if there will be a “return to normal” in regards to in-person meetings and hearings, but one sure thing is that most conversations will not be taking place in the Capitol building.