

# VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

## Staff Report – Item 8

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To: Valley Clean Energy Alliance 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 Regulatory and Legislative Task Group on numerous legislative bills.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Legislature recessed on March 16 and is scheduled to return on April 13, although that date is likely to be extended. Sacramento County issued a shelter-in-place order on March 17 that closed the Capitol to the public. No official decisions have been made regarding the legislative calendar and deadlines of the legislative process and how legislation will be considered in the 2020 legislative session, but an emerging thought is that only matters responding to COVID-19, homeless, and wildfire issues will be heard. Initial conversations have begun on preparing an economic and jobs stimulus package that would include energy infrastructure among other infrastructure projects.