

# VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

## Staff Report – Item 8

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Electrify Yolo Update

**DATE:** April 22, 2021

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### REQUESTED ACTION

Informational item. The purpose of this report is to give an update on the status of the Electrify Yolo (SACOG grant) project.

### BACKGROUND

In December 2018, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) authorized the award of a Green Region grant in the amount of \$2,912,000, representing the regional “Electrify Yolo” project, with the purpose of installing publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Originally, only VCE and the City of Davis were involved, but Woodland, Winters and unincorporated Yolo County joined the project prior to submitting the grant application in August 2018.

In December 2019, SACOG approved the fund exchange agreement with the City of Davis Transportation I-80 project. The City of Davis had the responsibility of distributing funds to each entity once the Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) were approved by each jurisdiction. All projects are to be finished by December 31, 2023.

Approved funding allocations (based on individual jurisdictional commitments to matching funds):

- Davis \$1.9 M
- Yolo County \$700,000
- Woodland \$150,000
- VCE (for Winters) \$150,000

### UPDATE

EV charger installations have been subject to some delays, including finalizing the MOU with the City of Davis (it took more time than expected to get the fund exchange in place), then COVID-19 brought the project to a standstill for several months. As of April 2021, all MOUs have been signed (Davis, VCE/Winters, Woodland, unincorporated Yolo County), and some installation projects have begun. The City of Winters is furthest along, with two chargers to be

installed in July/August 2021. Seven sites are under assessment for installation by Chargepoint in unincorporated Yolo County. We expect updates from Woodland and Davis by the end of Q2 2021.

Staff is working with each jurisdiction to design banners to be hung at each charging station with logos of all project partners. These banners will inform members of the public that there will be EV chargers coming soon in that location and aim to increase the public's brand association with VCE and electric vehicles.