

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report - Item 8

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Review draft 2023 Year-End Task Group Reports

**DATE:** October 26, 2023

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Attached for your review and comments are the draft year-end reports for the following Task Groups:

1. Legislative/Regulatory
2. Strategic Plan

At the CAC's November meeting, a draft year-end report from the Programs and Outreach Task Group will be reviewed and finalized.

The schedule is to provide all final year-end reports to the Board for their information at their December meeting.

Attachments:

1. Legislative/Regulatory
2. Strategic Plan

## **LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY TASK GROUP 2023 YEAR END REPORT**

**Task Group Members:** Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Carl Linvill (as of September 2023)

**Primary Staff Contact:** Mitch Sears, Yvonne Hunter

### **2023 Charge:**

For the 2023 Legislative Session, work with VCE staff and VCE's lobbyist to:

- Provide feedback, technical information and strategic advice to VCE staff on key legislative and regulatory issues facing VCE and the CCA community in general in 2023, including legislation and regulatory issues related to VCE's Legislative Platform, Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice Statement.
- Provide periodic reports to the CAC about legislation and regulatory issues.
- Solicit recommendations from the CAC on VCE positions on key legislation and regulatory proceedings.
- Work with staff to consider options to enhance the Task Group's and CAC's understanding of regulatory proceedings.
- Contribute to VCE's engagement with legislators and other stakeholders.
- Discuss strategies to engage regulatory agencies and stakeholders to advance dynamic pricing programs, such as AgFIT, and other grid services opportunities, for VCE and other CCAs.
- Receive periodic updates and discuss CalCCA legislative priorities, emphasizing how VCE can most effectively contribute.
- Advise VCE staff on CalCCA's regulatory and legislative work, when appropriate.
- Work with staff to periodically review and update VCE's Legislative Platform for consideration by the CAC and VCE Board.

### **Highlights of Accomplishments in 2023**

During 2023, the Leg/Reg Task Group met bi-weekly with staff and VCE's lobbyist and worked closely with them to:

1. Review pending legislation, provide feedback, technical and policy information, and strategic guidance on legislative and regulatory issues; discuss and recommend VCE positions and legislative strategies for pending legislation and regulatory issues. Special attention was devoted to discussing how VCE could best engage with CalCCA and other CCAs to address issues related to AB 1373 that were problematical to CCAs.
2. Provide input on selected regulatory proceedings of interest to VCE. These included the CPUC's dynamic pricing proceeding as well as the Resource Adequacy proceeding.
3. Discuss other regulatory proceedings of interest, including those at the CPUC related to micro-grids, virtual net metering for multi-family housing, and incorporation of fixed

charges in distribution rates, as well as proceedings at the CEC on SB-100 compliance and Community Energy Resilience Investment.

4. Discuss VCE's AgFIT program and its potential impacts on regulatory and legislative issues as well as how best to brief VCE's legislative representatives and area stakeholders about AgFIT.
5. Work with CalCCA on how best to incorporate AgFIT concepts into potential legislation or budget proposals.
6. Provide periodic updates to the CAC on key legislative and regulatory issues.
7. Receive and discuss periodic updates about CalCCA legislative activities, including critical opportunities for VCE to engage and lobby its legislators.
8. Discuss proposals to create a western regional transmission organization (RTO).
9. Prepare a draft 2024 Legislative Platform for CAC review and Board action.

### **Challenges**

1. Identifying those legislative and regulatory topics where VCE has a significant interest and can make a difference given VCE's limited resources. This is particularly challenging with regard to CPUC proceedings because there are so many that affect retail electricity customers, they continue to proliferate, and there is no VCE staff person assigned to track regulatory activities.
2. Continuing to examine how best to work with CalCCA and other individual CCAs to expand dynamic pricing programs through the CPUC, CEC or other agencies.

### **Opportunities**

1. Play a role in educating VCE staff, the CAC, VCE board and CalCCA about policy and regulatory developments to advance opportunities and benefits for deploying distributed energy resources (DER).
2. Play a role in educating VCE staff, the CAC, VCE board and CalCCA about the ongoing efforts to create a western regional transmission organization.
3. Continue to expand legislative opportunities in which VCE may become more engaged with CalCCA.

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**STRATEGIC PLAN TASK GROUP (SPTG)  
2023 YEAR END REPORT**

**Task Group Members:** Rahul Athalye, Marsha Baird, Lorenzo Kristov

**Primary Staff Contact:** Edward Burnham

**2023 Charge:** The CAC Strategic Plan Task Group will assist VCE Staff with the planning and development of a rolling strategic plan and updates to current objectives through 2026. The current 3-year Strategic Plan covers 2021-23 and was approved by the Board on October 8, 2020.

Specifically, the Task Group will:

- (1) review existing organizational strategic documents – vision statement, mission statement, SWOT analysis, and strategic plan;
- (2) work with Staff to develop 2024-26 Strategic Plan objectives;
- (3) provide input and feedback to Staff on a working draft 2024-26 Strategic Plan to present to the CAC and Board;
- (4) collaborate with Staff develop guidelines for structure and best practices of rolling strategic plan for future years; and,
- (5) provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities.

**Highlights of Accomplishments:**

- Assisted Staff with the development of guidelines and a process for current and future updates to the VCE Strategic Plan. Discussed pros and cons of rolling annual updates vs. fixed periods, and concluded that fixed 4-year strategic plan periods would be preferable. With Staff, developed a timeline with minor and major updates to the Strategic Plan that complement and alternate with the IRP work every other year.
- Under the new guidelines, a review of organization strategic documents (vision statement, mission statement, SWOT analysis) will occur in 2025 with the next major update to the Strategic Plan for the 2026-29 period.
- The Strategic Plan guidelines and update process was presented at CAC and Board meetings for input and approval. It was endorsed by the CAC at the June 22<sup>nd</sup> CAC meeting and adopted by the Board at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- Staff reviewed the current 2021-2023 Strategic Plan and prepared minor updates needed to extend the Plan out thru 2025. The SPTG discussed the proposed updates and provided feedback to Staff.

- The Strategic Plan extension through 2025 was presented at CAC and Board meetings for input and approval. It was endorsed by the CAC at the August 24<sup>th</sup> CAC meeting and adopted by the Board at the September 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- The SPTG will not be needed in 2024 but it will in 2025, and every 4 years thereafter.

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