

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 9

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee February 25, 2021 Meeting Summary
And 2021 Task Group Charges

DATE: March 11, 2021

This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, February 25, 2020 at 5 p.m. and provides copies of the Task Group Charges for 2021.

- A. Recommendation on Legislative Bills SB 612 (Portantino) and AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry):** The CAC received a report from Staff and Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE’s lobbyist consultant, on two legislative bills: SB 612 and AB 843. The CAC voted to recommend that the Board consider confirming support of: 1) SB 612 (Portantino). Electrical Corporations. Allocation of Legacy Resources. (11-0-0) and 2) AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program: Renewable Feed-in-Tariff (10-0-1).
- B. Approval of 2021 CAC Task Group Charges:** The CAC reviewed and discussed the draft Task Group Charges for 2021. The CAC approved the draft Charges with minor changes including the deletion of “Charge 2” listed on the draft Carbon Neutral and Decarbonization Task Group Charge and, incorporation of Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice in all charges, with final Charges to be provided to the Board at their March 11th meeting. (11-0-0) Please see the attached 2021 Task Group Charges.
- C. Recommendation on VCE’s policy supporting new building electrification:** The CAC discussed Staff’s recommendation and voted to recommend that the Board consider:
1. Adopting a *statement* supporting and encouraging electrification of new buildings;
 2. Sharing information regarding new building electrification broadly with the member jurisdictions upon request;
 3. Joining the Building Decarbonization Coalition. (11-0-0)
- D. Update on SACOG Electrify Yolo (Electric Vehicle) Grant:** Staff provided the history and update of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) grant that was awarded to VCE called “Electrify Yolo” project. The CAC also asked that subsequent updates to the Board on the SACOG status be included in the CAC consent agenda as informational.

Attachment: CAC Task Group Charges

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2021 LEG/REG TASK GROUP

Members: Yvonne Hunter (chair), Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl

VCE Staff: Mitch Sears

Charge: Work with VCE's lobbyist and VCE staff 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, including legislation and regulatory issues related to VCE's 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.
- Contribute to VCE's engagement with legislators and other stakeholders.
- Advise VCE staff on CalCCA's regulatory work where and when appropriate.

2021 OUTREACH TASK GROUP

Members: Mark Aulman – Chair, Marsha Baird, Chris Casey, Yvonne Hunter

VCE Staff: Rebecca Boyles

Charge: Collaborate with VCEA staff and consultants on community outreach to, and liaison with, member communities

Assist in the development of public information strategies, planning, and materials related to VCEA policies and programs. As requested by staff, review draft materials and provide comments as appropriate

Specific Tasks

1. Consult with staff and Green Ideals on short-term and long-term outreach strategies and communications projects
2. Help define audience segments within VCE's service area and consult on appropriate messages and communications approaches
3. Provide a sounding board to assist in message development and copy testing
4. Review development procedures for marketing communications and public relations projects
5. Conduct review of marketing materials at the draft (pre-release) stage

6. Provide concise summaries of activities at the monthly CAC meetings
7. Assist with projects designed to implement the VCE Outreach and Marketing Plan with emphasis on environmental justice

2021 PROGRAMS TASK GROUP

Members: Marsha Baird (Co-Chair), David Springer (Co-Chair),

VCE Staff: Rebecca Boyles

Charge: The CAC Programs Task Group will assist VCE Staff with planning and implementation of Customer Programs that meet with the VCE Mission and Strategic Plan. Specifically, the Task Group will:

- (1) collaborate with staff on 3-year programs plan and annual update;
- (2) advise on programs budget strategy for 2021;
- (3) review programs and financial mechanisms (such as rebates, incentives, PACE) and make recommendations of options, with special attention to VCE customer segments, such as agriculture and disadvantaged and underserved; and,
- (4) provide updates at monthly CAC meetings on issues being reviewed by the task group.

2021 RATE OPTIONS TASK GROUP

Members: Lorenzo Kristov – Chair, Gerry Braun

VCE Staff: Edward Burnham

Charge: Assist staff, consultants, and the Valley Clean Energy Board Subcommittee as requested, when existing or new rate options are being considered and evaluated.

Help staff evaluate the impact of current and potential rate options on VCE customer responses and other energy choices, including Environmental Justice considerations.

Specific Tasks

1. Conduct CAC Rate Options Task Group meetings and expand participation to other interested CAC members or external experts, as needed.
2. Review rate-related financial analysis conducted by staff and consultants and provide staff with input and feedback.
3. Review proposed staff recommendations regarding rate options, including Net Energy Metering, and provide input and feedback.
4. Inform CAC on rate options and analyses reviewed by the Task Group.

2021 CARBON NEUTRAL TASK GROUP

Members: Cynthia Rodriguez – Chair, Gerry Braun, Christine Shewmaker, Lorenzo Kristov

VCE Staff: Gordon Samuel

Charge: Assist staff and consultants in evaluating feasibility and creating a road map for both carbon-neutral and carbon-free-hour-by-hour power by 2030. Strategic plan reference goal 2 and 2.5.

Tasks

- Support VCE staff's timetable for performing and completing this effort
- Assist in input for and evaluation of model development
- Evaluate different types of power that can be included in model
- Consider impacts of plan on future IRP

EJ component – consider importance of some local resources because of impact on local jobs.

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal 2: Manage power supply resources to consistently exceed California's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) while working toward a resource portfolio that is 100% carbon neutral by 2030.

- 2.5: Objective: Study and present options for achieving a 100% carbon neutral resource portfolio as well as 100% carbon free resource portfolio (carbon free hour by hour) by 2030.