

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**Staff Report – Item 9**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee August 25, 2022 Meeting Summary

DATE: September 8, 2022

This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee's meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, August 25, 2022.

- A. Received an overview of the Brown Act and social media.** Inder Khalsa of Richards, Watson and Gershon (RWG), VCE's legal counsel, provided a brief overview of the Brown Act and social media (AB 992). A few questions were asked. RWG's 2022 Handbook on the Ralph A. Brown Act, containing a summary and full text of the Brown Act, was distributed to the CAC members in a follow up email.
- B. Received a mid-year 2022 rates review.** Staff provided a mid-year review of the 2022 rates and forecasted budget. The CAC discussed how the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) projects will affect rates, how energy gaps are filled and the effects on the budget, and funding reserves and programs.
- C. Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard update.** Staff provided an update on the 2021 Power Content Label, PPA projects, 2022 targets and progress, and long term Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) forecasting and PPA timing of anticipated projects coming on line. The CAC discussed the need and timing on purchasing renewable energy certificates (RECs) to meet VCE's goals, the need and concerns of marketing our renewable content, and balancing need with the budget.
- D. New state and federal rebates and incentives for electrification and energy efficiency.** Staff provided a brief overview of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), with the largest share of funding for: tax credits and rebates for solar panels, wind turbines, heat pumps, energy efficiency and electric vehicles. Staff will evaluate the potential for VCE to participate in some of these rebate programs which may depend on staff availability. The CAC are interested in learning about the opportunities and possible amounts of rebates and incentives listed within the Act and informing customers about them.