

# VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

## Staff Report – Item 9

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk / Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee August 24, 2023 Meeting

DATE: September 14, 2023

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This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held in person and via Zoom webinar on Thursday, August 24, 2023. The CAC did not hold a meeting in July 2023.

The CAC congratulated Diccon Westworth for being appointed to represent the City of Woodland. Staff informed those present that an application for the vacant At-Large seat has been received and that Staff continues to solicit applicants for the unincorporated Yolo County seat.

- A. Energy Markets update and Procurement Direction.** VCE Staff Gordon Samuel and Jaclyn Harr, Account Director at The Energy Authority provided a presentation on 1) State requirements on Load Serving Entities (LSEs), such as VCE, to procure a percentage of their load from eligible renewable resources and for LSEs to report compliance of interim targets during “compliance periods”; 2) how compliance is measured; 3) the different categories of measurement; and, 4) the allowable procurement within each category. The CAC discussed: strategies of procuring renewable energy, Renewable Portfolio Standard, Power Content Label, targets, Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and differences between product content categories, and, effects of rate prices, budget, and load on customer rates. The CAC provided feedback on the procurement of short-term Renewable Energy Credit (RECs) for Compliance Period 4. The CAC voted to support Staff’s recommendation to maximize the 10% allowance of Product Content Category (PCC) 3 RECs for Compliance Period 4. (8-0-0)
- B. Considered recommendation to the Board on a minor update to VCE’s Strategic Plan and extension of planning period.** VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a recap of the Strategic Plan Guidelines and summarized proposed (minor) updates to the goals within the Strategic Plan. After a brief discussion, the CAC voted to make a recommendation to the Board that they approve a minor update of VCE’s Strategic Plan and extend current end of the planning period to the end of 2025. (8-0-0)
- C. Considered recommendation to the Board on Phase 2 of VCE’s Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program.** VCE Staff Sierra Huffman provided highlights of Phase 1 successes and reviewed the approach to be taken in Phase 2 of the EV Rebate Pilot Program. Ms. Huffman reviewed Phase 2’s program design and the preliminary results of the EV Survey that was recently sent to Customers to get input on what customers need and

value when purchasing an EV. The CAC discussed: outreach plan, challenges of low income Customers, best ways to incentivize, rates, and future programs. The CAC voted to make a recommendation to the Board that they approve Phase 2 of VCE's Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program. (8-0-0)

- D. Reviewed 2023 CAC Long Range Calendar.** The CAC reviewed proposed CAC meeting agenda items listed within the Long Range Calendar and suggested a few topics for future meetings.