

Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of Valley Clean Energy Alliance Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Via Video/Teleconference

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Committee Members: Mark Aulman (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), David Springer, Marsha Baird, Christine Shewmaker, Cynthia Rodriguez, Gerry Braun, Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Keith Taylor, Kristin Jacobs

5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Review of Agenda



- 3. Public Comment: This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the CAC on any VCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda or are listed on the Consent portion of the agenda. Public comments on matters <u>listed</u> on the Regular agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the CAC are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker, electronically submitted comments should be limited to approximately 300 words. Comments that are longer than 300 words will only be read for two minutes. All electronically submitted comments, whether read in their entirety or not, will be posted to the VCE website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. See the information under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.
- 4. Brief VCEA Staff and Advisory Task Group Reports (≈ 20 minutes) Representatives of VCE staff and active Task Groups will provide updates on on-going staff and Task Group work. Task Group recommendations requiring Committee attention require a regular agenda item. Summaries of written reports received by the Committee in advance of the meeting will receive a time allocation of up to ten minutes. Otherwise, the time allocation will be five minutes, including questions and answers. The Committee may decide to allocate additional time at the end of the regular agenda.
 - a) Task Group Reports
 - b) January 19, 2023 Board special meeting
 - c) Staff Report

CONSENT AGENDA (≈ 5 minutes)

- 5. Approval of December 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes.
- 6. Receive quarterly Customer Participation update.
- 7. Receive 2023 Customer Rates and Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) update.
- 8. Receive staff report on Traditional Brown Act / Brown Act-AB 2449 New Legislation on Teleconferencing Meetings.
- 9. Receive CAC 2023 Long Range Calendar listing proposed topics.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 10. Receive legislative summary / update from Pacific Policy Group. (Information) (≈ 20 minutes)
- 11. Receive presentation on forecasting customer Ag energy using hydrological conditions (research results). (Information) (≈ 30 minutes)
- 12. Review draft 2023 Community Advisory Committee Task Groups Charges. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 20 minutes)
- **13.** Advisory Committee Member and Announcements. (≈ 5 minutes) Action items and reports from members of the Advisory Committee, including announcements, reports on meetings, and information which would be of interest to the Committee or the public.
- **14. Announcement and Adjournment.** The CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 5 p.m.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Public participation for this meeting will be done electronically via e-mail <u>and</u> during the meeting as described below.



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Staff Report - Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC December 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 26, 2023

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached December 15, 2022 meeting minutes.



MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 VIA TELECONFERENCE

Chair David Springer opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022 beginning at 5:01 p.m. via videoconference pursuant to the Brown Act and Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361). The Board of Directors authorized the continuation of remote meetings for the foreseeable future.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: David Springer (Chair), Marsha Baird (Vice Chair), Christine Shewmaker, Lorenzo

Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Mark Aulman (departed at 6:01 p.m.), Rahul Athalye (departed at approximately 5:40 p.m.), Keith Taylor (arrived at approximately

5:03 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Gerry Braun, Jennifer Rindahl, Kristin Jacobs

Welcome and Approval of Agenda Chair Springer announced that Item 4 – Staff and Task Group Reports will be heard at the end of the Regular agenda. He also announced that a few CAC Members will be departing the meeting early; therefore, Item 10 - Election of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair will occur as the first item on the Regular Agenda. Motion made by Christine Shewmaker to approve the December 15, 2022 meeting agenda as amended, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Braun, Rindahl, Jacobs and Taylor absent.

Public Comment / Introductions

Keith Taylor arrived at approximately 5:03 p.m.

There were no written or verbal public comments on items not on the Agenda and on Consent Agenda items.

Chair Springer moved on to the Regular Agenda.

Consent Items

Vice Chair Baird announced that the November 17, 2022 minutes are amended, on page 3, Item 10-80% Renewable by 2030, 2^{nd} paragraph, 1^{st} sentence changed from: "...speeding up..." to "...their reasons for moving the plan...".

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Christine Shewmaker asked that Item 8 – Seeking Recommendation regarding Assembly Bill 843 Sunset Limit be pulled from the other consent items for a separate vote.

Christine Shewmaker made a motion to approve Items 5 through 7 on the Consent agenda, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Braun, Rindahl and Jacobs absent. The following items were:

- 5. approved November 17, 2022 meeting Minutes as amended;
- 6. received 2022 long-range calendar; and,
- 7. received 2023 Operating Budget and 2023 Customer Rates update.

Board Clerk called for a motion on "Item 8 - Seek recommendation from CAC to the Board to support proposed 2023 legislation to remove AB 843 Sunset Limit for BioMAT Program." No motion made. The CAC moved Item 8 to the end of the Regular agenda to give Staff the opportunity to provide additional information and provide the CAC further discussion.

Vice-Chair. (Effective January 2023)

Item 10: Election of Christine Shewmaker made a motion to nominate Mark Aulman to the Chair **2023 CAC Chair and** position, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. Mark Aulman accepted the nomination. There was no verbal or written public comments. Motion passed with Mark Aulman abstaining and Braun, Rindahl and Jacobs absent.

> Marsha Baird made a motion to nominate Rahul Athalye as Vice Chair, seconded by Christine Shewmaker. Rahul Athalye accepted the nomination. There was no verbal or written public comments. Motion passed with Rahul Athalye abstaining and Braun, Rindahl and Jacobs absent.

Chair Spring congratulated both Mr. Aulman and Mr. Athalye.

Item 9: Formation of 2023 CAC Task Groups. (Discussion/Action)

VCE Executive Officer Mitch Sears introduced this item and thanked the CAC for the Task Groups' work this past year. Mr. Sears informed those present that the 2022 Task Group summaries were provided to the Board at their last meeting. He would like to acknowledge the time, effort and value that the CAC and Task Groups provide to the organization and the Board. Mr. Samuel briefly reviewed the Staff Report.

The CAC discussed combining the 2022 Outreach and Programs Task Groups to form one task group that addresses the customer experience. In addition, the

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CAC discussed several topics such as decarbonization, electrification, energy resilience, agri-voltaic (land use for both solar power and cultivation), funding opportunities, rates, and future Task Groups and/or ad hoc groups that may need to be formed. The CAC also briefly discussed reforming the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group. Staff reminded those present that after Task Groups are formed, the Task Groups are to draft Charges that include goal-oriented tasks and projects that can be accomplished. The draft Charges are to be reviewed at the CAC's next meeting.

Lorenzo Kristov is interested in continuing a Legislative/Regulatory Task Group, which he will also like to serve on. It was mentioned that although Jennifer Rindahl was not present she may be interested in continuing to serve on this Task Group.

David Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez, Keith Taylor, and Mark Aulman are interested in serving on the Customer Experience Task Group. It was mentioned that although Rahul Athalye was not present he may be interested in serving on this Task Group.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to form two (2) Task Groups: Legislative/Regulatory and Customer Experience, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Braun, Rindahl and Jacobs absent.

Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports

Task Group Reports

<u>Legislative/Regulatory:</u> Mr. Kristov informed those present that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) recently voted on the Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 decision; and, the CPUC held a workshop on community engagement regarding process and ways to engage and increase participation. Chair Springer suggested that NEM Customers be reminded of the April deadline regarding NEM 3.0. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter suggested working with Cool Davis to get the word out.

<u>Outreach:</u> Mark Aulman indicated that communicating NEM 3.0 deadline dates and information is a good example of what the Customer Experience Task Group would address. Vice Chair Baird reminded those present that VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles will be presenting to the Board marketing and outreach

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activities and accomplishments in 2022. Ms. Boyles informed those present that a marketing, website and social media services vendor: REACH Strategies. Staff are moving forward with the transition from VCE's current vendor Green Ideals to REACH Strategies early part of 2023.

<u>Programs:</u> Vice Chair Baird informed those present Staff have been working on getting the word out about VCE's Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate program; the TECH rebates are coming back around along with related electrification rebates; AgFIT program continues to move forward; looking at next steps and opportunities for 2023, such as Vehicle-Grid Integration (VGI) Pilot program, Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP), and second phases of existing programs. Chair Springer informed those present that he is looking at other CCA programs to see if there are other opportunities.

<u>Energy Resilience:</u> Mr. Kristov informed those present that this Task Group has been terminated.

(Mark Aulman departed at 6:01 p.m.)

<u>December 8, 2022 Board meeting update</u>: Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel highlighted that the Board approved contracts, including REACH Strategies and The Energy Authority for wholesale energy services; approved GHG Free attributes for large hydro for 2023; and, approved the 2023 Operating Budget, 2023 Customer Rates, and Rate Adjustment Policy.

Staff Report: Mr. Samuel informed those present that VCE's Intern will be presenting agriculture load forecasting presentation at the CAC's January 2023 meeting. He informed those present that the Board decided not to address 100% renewable by 2030 at their December meeting. Staff are moving forward on their analysis so that Staff are prepared to discuss with the Board in 2023. Christine Shewmaker informed those present that she and Cynthia Rodriguez provided public comment on this item at the Board's December meeting.

Mr. Sears informed those present that Staff continue to work on meeting schedule and structure (in person, hybrid). Staff will be bringing this to the Board at their January 2023 meeting for discussion and direction.



Item 8 – Seek recommendation from CAC to the Board to support proposed 2023 legislation to remove Assembly Bill 843 Sunset Limit for BioMAT program. (Action) As a recap, Staff and the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group brought to the CAC a request for support to delete the sunset clause in existing Assembly Bill 843 Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program. Ms. Hunter provided more detail than what is provided in the Staff Report on this bill. Concerns were expressed about VCE's need to discuss what types of bioenergy projects might be considered by VCE before participating in the BioMAT program; VCE's lack of a bioenergy policy; possible expansion of the BioMAT program that could encourage siting of large scale dairy and feedlot operations; and, the need for more information on the BioMAT program before considering whether to support or oppose the proposed legislation. As a result, the CAC did not adopt a recommendation because no motion was made. Mr. Sears informed those present that Staff intends to move forward with presenting this item to the Board at their January 2023 meeting.

Item 11: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.

Christine Shewmaker informed those present that there is a lot of interest and articles on agri-voltaic. She will provide a list of articles to the Board Clerk for distribution.

Chair Springer informed those present that the Winters Climate Action Commission is looking for participants from the Winters area. The Commission is looking at asking the Winters City Council to opt up the City's electric utility accounts to UltraGreen.

Chair Springer thanked the CAC Members for allowing him to serve as Chair this past year. Mr. Samuel thanked David Springer and Marsha Baird for all of their work and assistance. Mr. Samuel welcomed and thanked Mark Aulman and Rahul Athalye for serving as Chair and Vice Chair in 2023.

Adjournment to Next Meeting

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

Staff Report – Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Rebecca Boyles, Director of Customer Care & Marketing

SUBJECT: Receive 1/19/23 Board Meeting Staff Report on Customer Participation update

(Information)

DATE: January 26, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Informational – no action requested.

At the Board's <u>January 19, 2023</u> special meeting, Staff provided a quarterly Customer Participation update. Please see <u>Item 11</u> for the staff report.

Staff are currently working with SMUD to provide additional information on UltraGreen opt up load by jurisdiction.

Staff Report - Item 7

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Edward Burnham, Director of Finance & Internal Operations

SUBJECT: Receive 2023 Customer Rate & PCIA update (Information)

DATE: January 26, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Informational – no action requested.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Board adopted the 2023 VCE Budget and Customer Rates on December 8, 2022. The adopted budget included key objectives as highlighted in the staff report. In addition, the Board adopted the Rate Adjustment Policy. The Board staff reports can be found here:

<u>Item 19</u> - 2023 Operating Budget & Customer Rates (valleycleanenergy.org)

<u>Item 20</u> - Rate Adjustment Policy (valleycleanenergy.org)

The 2023 Customer Rates and Budget included estimated adjustments based the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) proceedings used to determine PG&Es annual bundled rate and power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA).

On November 28, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued the proposed decision (PD) for 2023 bundled rates, inclusive of setting PCIA and generation rates for PG&E. Based on information from VCE and CalCCA's analysts, VCE incorporated the following assumptions in its Customer Rates and Budget for 2023.

Summary of CPUC ERRA Forecasts for January 2023

- PCIA: 88% reduction over 2022 PCIA (net zero charge) Approximately \$17M in additional net revenue compared to 2022
- PG&E Bundled rates (PCIA & Generation): 3% increase Approximately \$2M in additional revenue

In the proposed decision, PG&E was allowed to update the actuals financial results for the remainder of 2022 and adjust rates accordingly for 2023. In the November Preliminary filing, PG&E had indicated they were not planning to update the December filing for additional 2022 actual financials for the

Portfolio Allocation Balancing Account (PABA) & ERRA balancing accounts. However, PG&E did file updated with recorded balances through November 2022 which has caused the change in the PCIA rates used in the budget adoption. The adjusted customer and PCIA rates for 2023:

Summary of CPUC ERRA Forecasts for January 2023

- PCIA: 84% reduction over 2022 PCIA
- PG&E Bundled rates (PCIA & Generation): 2.5% increase.

Staff is currently reviewing the financial impacts from the updated filings and plan to update the board at their February Meeting.

CONCLUSION

Staff will update the financial forecast and propose budget adjustments, if required, to maintain the Board adopted 2023 customer rates and budget.

Staff Report - Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Rebecca Boyles, Director of Customer Care & Marketing

SUBJECT: Receive 1/19/23 Board Meeting Staff Report on Brown Act / AB 2449 – new legislation

on teleconferencing meetings. (Information)

DATE: January 26, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Informational – no action requested.

At the Board's <u>January 19, 2023</u> special meeting, Staff provided a report on Board meetings and Brown Act/AB 2449 rules regarding teleconferencing meetings and sought direction from the Board. Please see <u>Item 15</u> for the staff report. Staff will provide a verbal update during Staff reports.

Staff Report - Item 9

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Board and CAC 2023 Long Range Calendar

DATE: January 26, 2023

Please find attached the 2023 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. Specifically, at the bottom of the calendar lists future (proposed) topics of discussion for the CAC.

If you have an item that you would like added, please send an email to Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel, Board Clerk Alisa Lembke, CAC Chair and Vice Chair for consideration.

Attachment:

1. 2023 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY

2023 Meeting Dates and <u>Proposed</u> Topics Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) (CAC: Topics and Discussion Dates may change as needed)

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
January 12, 2023 Special Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023 (3 rd Thursday) (REMOTE)	Board	 Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) Election of Officers for 2023 (Annual) Brown Act / AB 2449 – New Legislation on Teleconferencing Meetings 2022 Year End Review: Customer Care and Marketing Support Legislation to extend sunset (BioMAT program) Long-term Power Portfolio Update Quarterly Customer Participation Update 	 Action Nominations Discussion/Action Information Action Information Information Information
January 26, 2023 (In Person or Remote)	Advisory Committee	 Legislative Summary/Update (Pacific Policy Group) 2023 Customer Rate update Forecasting Customer Ag Energy using hydrological conditions (research results) presentation Task Group Formation Quarterly Customer Participation Update 	 Information Information Information Discussion/Action Information
February 9, 2023 (In person)	<mark>Board</mark>	 Legislative Summary/Update (Pacific Policy Group) Update on 2023 PCIA and Rates Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo Strategic Plan Update (Annual) Enterprise Risk Oversight Committee (EROC) proposed modifications 	 Information Information Information Information Discussion/Action
February 23, 2023 (In person or Remote)	Advisory Committee	 Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update Strategic Plan update 	InformationInformation
March 9, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	 Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) Update on customer programs development SMUD: Amendment to update Agreement (placeholder) 	InformationInformationAction

March 23, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 Overview of VCE Forecasting Time of Use (TOU) and Bill Protection 	Information/DiscussionDiscussion/Action
April 13, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	 Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo Calendar Year 2023 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) Time of Use (TOU) Bill Protection SMUD: Amendment to update Agreement (placeholder) 	InformationActionDiscussion/ActionAction
April 27, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 Update on Customer Dividend and Programs Allocation Forecasting – load and power costs 	InformationInformation
May 11, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	 Update on Customer Dividend and Programs Allocation Appointment of At-Large Members to the CAC 	Information Action
May 25, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 Forecasting – financial modeling Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 Update 	InformationInformation
June 8, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	 Opt-Out Fees Update on 3-Year Programs Plan Forecasting Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 Update 	InformationInformationInformationInformation
June 22, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 Update 3-Year Programs Plan Review CAC Charge (Annual) Power Portfolio Renewable Content (placeholder) 	Information/DiscussionDiscussionInformation/Discussion
July 13, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	 Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual) Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo Quarterly Customer Enrollment Update Power Portfolio Renewable Content (placeholder) 	ActionInformationInformationInformation/Discussion
July 27, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)		
August 10, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)		

August 24, 2023 September 14, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON) Board (IN PERSON)	 Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard update Mid-year 2023 rates update Quarterly Customer Enrollment Update Certification of Standard and UltraGreen Products / 2022 Power Content Label (Annual) Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) 	 Information Information Information Action Information
September 28, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 Mid-year 2023 Customer rates review Legislative End of Session update 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP update due early Nov. 2023) Update on Programs Plan and 2024 program concepts Introduction to Rate Adjustment System concept 	 Information/Discussion Information Information/Discussion Information/Discussion Information/Discussion
October 12, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	 Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo Update on 2024 draft Operating Budget Quarterly Customer Participation Update Strategic Plan update 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP update due early Nov. 2023) Update on Programs Plan and 2024 program concepts 	 Information Information Information Information/Discussion Discussion/Action Information
October 26, 2023	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 Update on Power Content Label Customer Mailer SACOG Update Quarterly Customer Participation Update Review CAC Task Group Year-end Reports Draft 2024 Legislative Platform 	 Information Information Information Discussion Discussion/Action
November 9, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	2024 Operating Budget Update2024 Legislative Platform	Information/DiscussionDiscussion/Action
November 23, 2023 (reschedule to November 16 th due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 23 rd .)	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 GHG Free Attributes Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update Rate Adjustment System Carbon Neutral by 2030 	 Information Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
December 14, 2023	Board (IN PERSON)	 Approve 2024 Operating Budget (Annual) and 2024 Customer Rates GHG Free Attributes Carbon Neutral by 2030 Receive CAC Year-end Task Group Reports 	Discussion/ActionActionDiscussionInformation

		Election of Officers for 2024 (Annual)	Nominations
December 28, 2023 (reschedule?)	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	2024 CAC Task Group(s) formation (Annual)	Discussion/Action
January 11, 2024	Board (IN PERSON)	 Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) Election of Officers for 2024 (Annual) Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo Strategic Plan update (Annual) Quarterly Customer Participation Update 2023 Year End Review: Customer Care and Marketing 	 Action Nominations Information Discussion/Action Information Information
January 25, 2024	Advisory Committee (IN PERSON)	 Quarterly Customer Participation Update Legislative Summary/Update (Pacific Policy Group) 2024 Customer Rate update Strategic Plan update 	InformationInformationInformationInformation

Notes: 1. CalCCA Annual Meeting scheduled (tentatively) for May 17 - 19, 2023 (San Diego).

2. Starting in March 2023 all meetings will be held in person.

CAC PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS	ESTIMATED MEETING DATE(S)
Topics and Discussion dates may change as needed	
Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 (Information/Discussion/Action)	As needed
Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)	TBD
2023 Customer Rates update (Information)	January 2023 / TBD
Improving Resiliency through Power Outages	
Legislative Items (as needed)	
Strategic Plan additional updates (as needed)	
Time of Use (TOU) (as needed)	
SACOG Update (as needed)	

Staff Report - Item 10

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Mark Fenstermaker, Pacific Policy Group

SUBJECT: Legislative Update - 2023

DATE: January 26, 2023

Staff, VCE's lobby services consultant at Pacific Policy Group, and the Community Advisory Committee's Legislative - Regulatory Task Group continue to meet and discuss legislative matters. Below is a summary of recent activities in the California Legislature and Administration.

The beginning of the two-year 2023-24 legislative session is upon us, and with the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic seemingly behind us, the Legislature appears set to return to normal with legislators and staff all back in their offices in Sacramento and taking meetings in person. The session officially started on December 5, 2022, as that was the day the Legislature convened its organizing session to swear in newly elected members, and there are many new legislators.

The Senate has nine freshman and one Assemblymember turned Senator. The 40-member house will be 31 Democrats and 9 Republicans. In the other statehouse, the 80-member Assembly hosts 24 new members on the roster and will be dominated by Democrats as they have an advantage of 62 members to just 18 for the Republicans. VCE's legislative delegation of Senator Dodd and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry remains the same, but this will be the final two-year session for Senator Dodd.

The 24 new Assemblymembers is not the only shakeup we will see this session as the dynamics of the Assembly leadership are in flux with Speaker Rendon terming out in 2 years. Assemblymember Robert Rivas launched a bid last summer to replace Mr. Rendon as Speaker. Although Mr. Rivas failed at that time, he continued to press the issue earn and a compromise at the Democratic Caucus meeting in November. Assemblymember Rendon will remain as Speaker until June 30 and on July 1 Mr. Rivas will become Speaker. This arrangement was ratified on December 5 in House Resolution 1.

With so many members terming out and new members entering the Legislature, a carousel of committee member changes has finally settled. Every new legislative session brings the prospect of new committee chairs and committee members and coming into 2023 our eyes were fixed on who would fill the open Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee. Senator Steven Bradford will take the gavel for this important committee with topics critical to CCA interests. Interestingly, the

Committee was also expanded from 14 members to 18 members (14 Democrats and 4 Republicans) and it appears that 12 of the 18 members of the committee have CCAs in their districts. On the Assembly side, the Utilities & Energy Committee will once again be chaired by Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, but a few new faces have joined the committee. Freshman legislator Damon Connolly is a former MCE board member, and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan has been a CCA supporter during her time in the Legislature.

Swearing in new members and settling leadership fights wasn't the only activity to occur on December 5, as roughly 100 bills were introduced between the two houses. Most of the legislation introduced so far have been spot bills or intent bills, marking areas of interest but lacking substantive policy proposals. Several bills touch on topics of interest to VCE, such as legislation to address the need for safety at battery storage facilities (SB 38 (Laird)) and a mandate that each load-serving entities' Integrated Resource Plan include a balanced and diverse portfolio of resources that provides an optimal integration of renewable resources in a cost-effective manner that meets GHG reduction targets (SB 56 (Skinner)). The deadline for legislators to introduce bills is February 17 and numerous more energy related bills will undoubtedly emerge between now and then.

In addition to all of the Legislature's activity, Governor Newsom and his Administration are also at full stride. January 10 was the deadline for the Governor to release a proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the proposal is at its early stages of examination. For several months, reports and analyses showed state tax revenues coming in below projections. The proposed budget does indeed reflect a deficit of \$22.5 billion in the fiscal year, necessitating some cuts, deferrals, and shifting of funds from the General Fund to other sources. While the state has prudently socked money away into a Rainy Day Fund, to a tune of \$36.5 billion, the proposed budget does not plan to tap into the Rainy Day Fund as the Administration's analysis does not show California heading into a deficit.

Funding programs of interest that are proposed to be reduced include zero-emission vehicles, the California Arrearages Payment Program helping ratepayers pay past due electric bills, a newly created program to decarbonize buildings, and transmission financing. One funding commitment that held true is an appropriation of \$100 million to the Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan funds for reliability and enabling investments that will accelerate the clean energy transition, which was part of SB 846 (Dodd) to extend Diablo Canyon. A promising component of the Administration's proposal for this funding is a reference to VCE's AgFIT pilot with language stating "Strategic investments in the agricultural and water sectors that reduce both peak electricity consumption and water use."

The Governor's proposed budget is just the first step of a process that more and more takes the entire session to complete so these proposed cuts are just that for now, proposed. We will wait until May for the Governor's annual revision to the budget, the "May Revise", to see how the January budget has evolved.

Staff Report - Item 12

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Mitch Sears, Executive Officer

Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC Task Groups for 2023

DATE: January 26, 2023

At the CAC's December 15, 2022 meeting, Staff discussed the formation of 2023 task groups. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that a new task group be formed, combining the 2022 Outreach and Programs Task Groups into one, focusing on the customer experience: communications, outreach, and programs, to be called the Customer Experience Task Group (CETG). In addition, the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group (LRTG) would continue into 2023.

Staff requested that draft Charges be prepared for presentment to the CAC that are focused on goal oriented tasks and projects. Staff noted that additional task groups could be formed as needed.

Those present at the December meeting and subsequent to the meeting, volunteered to serve on these Task Groups. The members are as follows:

1. <u>Legislative/Regulatory</u>

Members: Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl

2. <u>Customer Experience</u>

Members: Mark Aulman, David Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez, and Keith Taylor

The LTRG met and attached is a draft Charge for review and approval.

The CETG have not had the opportunity to meet and will be scheduling a date and time soon. It is anticipated that a draft Charge will be presented to the CAC at the February meeting.

Attachment:

1. Legislative/Regulatory Task Group 2023 draft Charge

2023 LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY TASK GROUP CHARGE

Members: Lorenzo Kristov, Chair

Jennifer Rindahl

[Additional members to be added as identified]

Staff: Mitch Sears, Executive Office

Yvonne Hunter, Legislative and Project Specialist Mark Fenstermaker, VCE Lobbyist, Pacific Policy Group

2023 Charge:

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, 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.