



**Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)  
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance  
Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.  
Via Video/Teleconference**

**Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), legislative bodies may meet remotely without listing the location of each remote attendee, posting agendas at each remote location, or allowing the public to access each location, with the adoption of certain findings. The Board of Directors found that the local health official recommended measures to promote social distancing and authorized the continuation of remote meetings for the foreseeable future. Any interested member of the public who wishes to listen in should join this meeting via teleconferencing as set forth below.**

Please note that the numerical order of items is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order on the request of any CAC member with the concurrence of the other members. The CAC may decide to make a recommendation to the VCE Board regarding any of the agenda items below. Staff recommendations are advisory to the CAC. The CAC may take any action it deems appropriate on any item on the agenda even if it varies from the staff recommendation.

**Members of the public who wish to listen to the CAC Webinar meeting may do so with the teleconferencing call-in number and Webinar meeting ID code.**

**Join meeting via Zoom WEBINAR:**

- a. **From a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device with high-speed internet.  
(If your device does not have audio, please also join by phone.)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83682925415>  
**Meeting ID: 836 8292 5415**

- b. **By phone**

One tap mobile:  
+16699009128,,83682925415#  
+16694449171,,83682925415#  
Dial:  
+1-669-900-9128  
+1-669-444-9171  
**Meeting ID: 836 8292 5415**

**Public comments may be submitted electronically or during the meeting. Instructions on how to submit your public comments can be found in the PUBLIC PARTICIPATION note at the end of this agenda.**

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

**5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval 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 listed 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) **October 13, 2022 Board meeting**
  - c) **Staff Report**

#### CONSENT AGENDA (≈ 5 minutes)

5. **Approval of September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes.**
6. **Receive Community Advisory Committee 2022 Long-Range Calendar.**
7. **Receive quarterly Customer Participation update.**
8. **Receive update on SACOG Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grant – Electrify Yolo.**
9. **Receive Legislative End of Session update**
10. **Receive update on 2021 Power Content Label Customer Mailer.**

#### REGULAR AGENDA

11. **Review and provide input on draft Rate Adjustment System. (Information/Discussion) (≈ 20 minutes)**
12. **Review draft CAC Task Group Year-end Reports. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 15 minutes)**
13. **Review and provide recommendation on draft VCE 2023 Legislative Platform. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 20 - 30 minutes)**
14. **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.
15. **Announcement and Adjournment.** Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month).

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPCOMING VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 AT 5:00 P.M.:**

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



**Public participation via e-mail:** If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC and included in the official record, please e-mail it to VCE staff at [meetings@valleycleanenergy.org](mailto:meetings@valleycleanenergy.org) . If information is received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the CAC meeting it will be e-mailed to the CAC members and other staff prior to the meeting. If it is received after 3:00 p.m. the information will be distributed after the meeting, but within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting.

**Verbal public participation during the meeting:** If participating during the meeting, there are two (2) ways for the public to provide verbal comments:

- 1) **Computer with a microphone:** activate the “participants” icon at the bottom of your screen, then press the “raise a hand” icon.
- 2) **Phone:** Press \*9 to indicate a desire to make a comment. Once called upon, press \*6 to unmute your microphone.

**VCE staff will acknowledge that you have a public comment to make during the item and will call upon you by name or phone number when it is your turn to comment. Speakers will be limited to no more than two minutes. Speakers will be asked to state their name for the record.**

Public records that relate to any item on the agenda for a regular or special CAC meeting are available for public review on the VCE website. Records that are distributed to the CAC by VCE staff less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be posted to the VCE website at the same time they are distributed to all members, or a majority of the members of the CAC. Questions regarding VCE public records related to the meeting should be directed to Board Clerk Alisa Lembke at (530) 446-2750 or [Alisa.Lembke@ValleyCleanEnergy.org](mailto:Alisa.Lembke@ValleyCleanEnergy.org). The Valley Clean Energy website is located at: <https://valleycleanenergy.org/cac-meetings/>.

**Accommodations for Persons with disabilities.** Individuals who need special assistance or a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, or who have a disability and wish to request an alternative format for the meeting materials, should contact Alisa Lembke, VCE Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst, as soon as possible and preferably at least two (2) working days before the meeting at (530) 446-2754 or [Alisa.Lembke@ValleyCleanEnergy.org](mailto:Alisa.Lembke@ValleyCleanEnergy.org)

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report - Item 5

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

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

**SUBJECT:** CAC September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

#### **Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached September 22, 2022 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Chair David Springer opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022 beginning at 5:01 p.m. via videoconference pursuant to the Brown Act and Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361). The Board of Directors found that the local health official recommended measures to promote social distancing and 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, Gerry Braun, Kristin Jacobs, Rahul Athalye, Cynthia Rodriguez, Keith Taylor

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman, Jennifer Rindahl

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Welcome and Approval of Agenda</b>         | Motion made by Christine Shewmaker to approve the September 22, 2022 meeting agenda, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Mark Aulman and Jennifer Rindahl absent.   |
| <b>Public Comment / Introductions</b>         | There were no written or verbal public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items.  |
| <b>Brief task Group and VCE staff Reports</b> | <p>Chair Springer reminded those present that at the CAC’s December meeting, the election of officers for 2023 will be made for Chair and Vice Chair. If interested in serving as Chair or Vice Chair, please contact Gordon Samuel and Alisa Lembke and if you have questions about the positions, please contact Vice Chair Marsha Baird or him.</p> <p>Vice Chair Baird informed those present that the annual year end evaluations, like in the past, will focus on each Task Group’s accomplishments measured against their Charge (tasks). Each Task Group are asked to prepare a draft “report” for the CAC’s review for their October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board Clerk Alisa Lembke will follow up by sending an email with each Task Group’s “Charge” and when the draft reports are due. Vice Chair Baird suggested that the CAC not prepare a cover report, which has been done in the past. She commented that the Task Group evaluations would be sufficient to provide to the Board.</p> |



### **Task Group Reports**

**Outreach:** Vice Chair Baird informed those present that the Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate program launched on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> with an EV Rebate program page added to the website, outreach to VCE's customers via newspaper and social media, printed handouts and posters in English and Spanish, and the purchase of small EV toy cars for events. Upcoming events: Winters Carnitas Festival (Festival de la Comunidad) on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>; Electric Vehicle Showcase at the Davis Farmers Market on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>; and, Woodland Farmers Market on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chair Baird provided a brief update on the marketing, website, and social media services Request for Proposals.

**Energy Resilience:** Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group has not met or had any discussions since the last CAC meeting in September. Funding for building Community Resiliency Centers may come from various sources, including possibly the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act.

**Leg/Reg:** Mr. Kristov provided a brief summary of Senate Bill 833: Community Energy Resilience Act and the status of Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant extension.

**Programs:** Vice Chair Baird had no updates to provide since there is a progress update on the 3-year Programs Plan on the regular agenda.

**September 8, 2022 Board meeting update:** Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel informed those present that the Board approved the 2021 Power Content Label; the Rate Adjustment System concept was introduced; and, two items were tabled to the Board's October meeting.

**Staff Report:** Mr. Samuel reported that UC Davis graduate students were given a tour of the Putah Creek Solar Farm. Good questions were asked by the students.

### **Consent Items**

Marsha Baird made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Christine Shewmaker. Motion passed with Mark Aulman and Jennifer Rindahl absent. The following items were:

5. approved August 25, 2022 meeting Minutes; and,
6. received 2022 long-range calendar; and,
7. received Legislative End of Session update.



**Item 8: Receive 2022 Update of the Valley Clean Energy Integrated Resource Plan (Information/Discussion)**

Mr. Samuel introduced Miriam Makhyoun and Jason Hoyle of EQ Research, VCE’s regulatory compliance consultant (Keyes & Fox), and Jim Himelic of First Principles Advisory, VCE’s Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Modeling consultant, both present to answer questions. Staff sought input from the CAC on the draft updates prior to it being presented to the Board at their October 13, 2022 meeting for approval. Numerous questions and comments were provided on: local based energy supply, economies of scale, modeling used, bias of utility scale generation, transmission and distribution loss, VCE’s portfolio, incremental impacts on the load, resource adequacy (RA) capacity, impacts of VCE’s carbon neutral study on emissions, and demand response.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Staff will incorporate the CAC’s feedback into the staff report to the Board.

**Item 9: Introduce and receive input on a Rate Adjustment System Concept. (Information/Discussion)**

VCE Staff Edward Burnham introduced Don Dame, VCE’s consultant who has been assisting with the mechanics of this topic. Mr. Burnham provided an introduction and review of a Rate Adjustment System (RAS) concept. Staff are seeking feedback on the RAS concept. Questions were asked about how often the system would be used, thresholds, adjustment time, relationship of this concept on pricing, and budget effects. The RAS concept was favorably received by the CAC and a few suggestions were provided.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 10: Receive progress update on VCE 3-Year Programs Plan and 2023 program concepts. (Information)**

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles reviewed the background of the 3-year program plan, evaluation methodology criteria, and provided the status of the current seven (7) active programs. Ms. Boyles provided an overview of possible 2023 programs. The CAC would like to see the funding opportunities of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) incorporated into the 2023 programs concepts.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Advisory Committee Member and Announcements**

Christine Shewmaker informed those present that the California Climate & Energy Collaborative held their annual forum in San Diego this week. There were several speakers from Yolo County. She commented that it was good to see and hear what Yolo County has been doing and our area was represented. Ms. Shewmaker reported that the Governor signed numerous climate bills, one of which is Senate Bill 1137 regarding setbacks from wells. A petition was



filed opposing the bill and trying to get it on the ballot. If on the 2024 ballot, the bill would not take effect until after the elections.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke  
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst



## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 6

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

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

**SUBJECT:** Board and CAC 2022 Long Range Calendar

**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

Please find attached an updated and revised 2022 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. 2022 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY**  
**2022 Meeting Dates and *Proposed* Topics**  
**Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**  
**(CAC: Topics and Discussion Dates may change as needed)**

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
January 13, 2022 Special Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2022	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Officers for 2022 (Annual)</li> <li>• Near-term Procurement Directives and Delegations for 2022 Power Procurement Activities</li> <li>• Calendar Year Budget and 2022 VCE customer rates</li> <li>• GHG Free Attributes</li> <li>• 2022 Legislative Platform</li> <li>• Receive CAC 2021 Calendar Year End Report (Annual)</li> <li>• 2021 Year End Review: Customer Care and Marketing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
January 27, 2022 January 20, 2022	Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 Task Groups Tasks/Charge (Annual)</li> <li>• Update on 2022 Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and Rates</li> <li>• Carbon Neutral by 2030 Study</li> <li>• CC Power long duration storage</li> <li>• Draft Collections Policy</li> <li>• Update on customer programs development (draft Heat Pump Pilot Program)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
February 10, 2022	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CC Power long duration storage</li> <li>• Update on customer programs development</li> <li>• Update on 2022 PCIA and Rates</li> <li>• Update on Time of Use (TOU)</li> <li>• Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Update (Annual)</li> <li>• Carbon Neutral Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> </ul>
February 24, 2022	Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update</li> <li>• Time of Use (TOU) and Bill Protection</li> <li>• Final Draft Collections Policy</li> <li>• Customer program concept (Heat Pump Pilot Program)</li> <li>• 2022 Task Group – energy resiliency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> </ul>

March 10, 2022	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual)</li> <li>• Collections Policy</li> <li>• Presentment of customer program concept (Heat Pump Pilot Program)</li> <li>• Time of Use (TOU) Bill Protection</li> <li>• Ag FIT (Flexible Irrigation Technology) pilot program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
March 24, 2022	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer program concept (draft EV Rebates Program)</li> <li>• CC Power long duration storage project</li> <li>• Overview of VCE Forecasting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> </ul>
April 14, 2022	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo</li> <li>• 7/1/21 thru 12/31/21 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta &amp; Co.)</li> <li>• CC Power long duration storage project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
April 28, 2022	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Concepts Development (EV Rebates Program)</li> <li>• Update on Customer Dividend and Programs Allocation</li> <li>• Forecasting – load and power costs</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
May 12, 2022	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Customer Dividend and Programs Allocation</li> <li>• Presentment of customer program concept (EV Rebates Program)</li> <li>• Appointment of At-Large Members to the CAC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> </ul>
May 26, 2022	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forecasting – financial modeling</li> <li>• Draft Rate Structure</li> <li>• Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
June 9, 2022	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opt-Out Fees</li> <li>• Update on 3-Year Programs Plan</li> <li>• Forecasting</li> <li>• Draft Rate Structure</li> <li>• Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
June 23, 2022	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Rate Structure</li> <li>• Update 3-Year Programs Plan</li> <li>• Review CAC Charge (Annual)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
July 14, 2022	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual)</li> <li>• Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Rate Structure</li> <li>• Quarterly Customer Enrollment Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
July 28, 2022 NO MEETING	Advisory Committee	This meeting has been cancelled.	
August 11, 2022 NO MEETING	Board	This meeting has been cancelled.	
August 25, 2022	Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard update</li> <li>• Mid-year 2022 rates update</li> <li>• Quarterly Customer Enrollment Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
September 8, 2022	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certification of Standard and UltraGreen Products / 2021 Power Content Label (Annual)</li> <li>• Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual)</li> <li>• Mid-year 2022 Customer rates review</li> <li>• Introduction to Rate Adjustment System concept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> </ul>
September 22, 2022	Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative End of Session update</li> <li>• 2022 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP <i>update</i> due 11/1/2022)</li> <li>• Update on Programs Plan and 2023 program concepts</li> <li>• Introduction to Rate Adjustment System concept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> </ul>
October 13, 2022	Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo</li> <li>• Update on 2023 draft Operating Budget</li> <li>• Quarterly Customer Participation Update</li> <li>• Strategic Plan update</li> <li>• 2022 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP <i>update</i> due 11/1/22)</li> <li>• Update on Programs Plan and 2023 program concepts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
October 27, 2022	Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Power Content Label Customer Mailer</li> <li>• SACOG Update</li> <li>• Quarterly Customer Participation Update</li> <li>• Legislative End of Session Update</li> <li>• Review CAC Task Group Year-end Reports</li> <li>• Rate Adjustment System</li> <li>• Draft 2023 Legislative Platform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Discussion</li> <li>• Discussion</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> </ul>

November 10, 2022	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary 2023 Operating Budget (Annual)</li> <li>• 2023 Legislative Platform</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
November 17, 2022 (rescheduled November 24 <sup>th</sup> meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday)	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize CAC Task Group Year-end Reports</li> <li>• Review Procurement Directives and Delegations (Annual)</li> <li>• GHG Free Attributes</li> <li>• Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update</li> <li>• 2023 Customer Rates</li> <li>• Rate Adjustment System</li> <li>• Carbon Neutral by 2030</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information/Discussion</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
December 8, 2022	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 Customer Rate Adoption</li> <li>• Approve 2023 Operating Budget (Annual)</li> <li>• Rate Adjustment System</li> <li>• Approve Procurement Directives and Delegations (Annual)</li> <li>• GHG Free Attributes</li> <li>• Carbon Neutral by 2030</li> <li>• Receive CAC Year-end Task Group Reports</li> <li>• Election of Officers for 2023 (Annual)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Nominations</li> </ul>
December 15, 2022 (rescheduled December 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting due to the Christmas holiday)	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 CAC Task Group(s) formation (Annual)</li> <li>• Strategic Plan update (Annual)</li> <li>• Election of Officers for 2023 (Annual)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion/Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Nominations</li> </ul>
January 12, 2023	<b>Board</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual if new Members)</li> <li>• Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo</li> <li>• Strategic Plan Update (Annual)</li> <li>• Quarterly Customer Participation Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>
January 26, 2023	<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly Customer Participation Update</li> <li>• Legislative Summary/Update (Pacific Policy Group)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Information</li> </ul>

- Notes:**
1. CalCCA Annual Meeting scheduled (tentatively) for May 17 - 19, 2023 (San Diego).
  2. Currently all meetings are held remotely via Zoom video/teleconference, "location" is subject to change.

<b>CAC PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS</b> <b>Topics and Discussion dates may change as needed</b>	<b>ESTIMATED MEETING DATE(S)</b>
Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 (Information/Discussion/Action)	As needed
Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)	TBD
Forecasting Customer Ag Energy Using Hydrological Conditions (research results) (Information)	November or December
Legislative Items (as needed)	
Strategic Plan additional updates (as needed)	
Time of Use (TOU) (as needed)	
SACOG Update (as needed)	

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 7

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Rebecca Boyles, Director of Marketing & Customer Care  
**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Customer Participation Update (Information)  
**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

#### RECOMMENDATION

A quarterly Customer Participation update was provided to the Board at their [October 13, 2022 meeting](#). Please see [Item 10](#) for a quarterly update.

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 8

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Rebecca Boyles, Director of Marketing & Customer Care

**SUBJECT:** SACOG Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grant – Electrify Yolo Project Update (Information)

**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

#### RECOMMENDATION

An update on the SACOG Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grant – Electrify Yolo project was provided to the Board at their [October 13, 2022 meeting](#) as [Item 11](#).



## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report - Item 9

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

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

**SUBJECT:** Receive Legislative End of Session update

**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

Information item. VCE's lobbyist, Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, prepared a [brief update of the legislative end of session](#) and foreshadowing the upcoming election and legislative races for the Board's October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. This brief update reflects the Governor's action on major items.

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 10

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Mitch Sears, Executive Officer  
Gordon Samuel, Assistant General Manager & Director of Power Services  
Rebecca Boyles, Director of Customer Care and Marketing

SUBJECT: Informational Item: Power Content Label Customer Mailer

DATE: October 27, 2022

#### BACKGROUND

California Public Utilities Code requires all retail sellers of electric energy, including Valley Clean Energy (VCE), to disclose “accurate, reliable, and simple-to-understand information on the sources of energy” that are delivered to their respective customers.<sup>1</sup> Applicable regulations direct retail sellers to provide such communications no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The format for requisite communications is highly prescriptive, offering little flexibility to retail sellers when presenting such information to customers. This format has been termed the “Power Content Label” (PCL) by the California energy Commission (CEC).

Information presented in the PCL includes the appropriate share of total energy supply based on resource type, including both renewable and conventional fuel sources. In the event that a retail seller meets a certain percentage of its supply obligation from unspecified resources, the report must identify such purchases as “unspecified sources of power.” Unspecified sources of power refers to electricity that cannot be sourced back to a specific generator, such as energy purchased through open market transactions.

During the 2021 calendar year, VCE’s Standard Green service delivered a lower percentage of renewables than in past years. For VCE Standard Green customers, 12.6% of the energy delivered was from renewable energy resources. For UltraGreen customers, 100% of the energy delivered was generated from renewable energy resources. A copy of VCE’s Power Content Label listing the energy resources used during 2021 is attached<sup>2</sup>.

The lower percentage of renewables in the Standard Green power mix was a decision taken by VCE’s Board of Directors, and is in alignment with VCE’s long-term procurement strategy to

<sup>1</sup> California Public Utilities Code Section 398.1(b).

<sup>2</sup> Current and prior years PCL are located on VCE’s website at <https://valleycleanenergy.org/power-sources/pcl2020/>.

provide a substantially larger percentage of renewables in the coming years. The Board made the difficult decision to decrease renewables content due to circumstances including rising power costs and renewables project development delays, instead of raising rates above PG&E's. VCE is projected to be over 80% renewable in 2024, and will meet all compliance obligations to be 40% renewable averaging over a 4-year period (compliance period 4, years 2021-2024).

Consistent with applicable regulations and CEC guidance, VCE completed required customer communications in accordance with the deadline. On July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, VCE staff received written confirmation from the CEC that "The program regulations state that retail suppliers may send the label via email to customers that have consented to receiving email in lieu of U.S. postal mail." All current customers receiving VCE service during the calendar year 2021 should have received the PCL via postal mail or email, if VCE has an email address for the customer on file. This year, due to clarification from the CEC, the PCL was sent only to current, active customers.

Staff has been actively monitoring customer sentiment, and has seen very few inquiries (less than 10) about the PCL by phone/email, and no material impact to opt-out requests has been noted.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. 2021 Power Content Label Mailer/Postcard



## Why am I receiving this notice?

*VCE is required by the California Energy Commission to send this information to all customers who received VCE service at any time between January 1st and December 31, 2020. The Power Content Label illustrates the content of the power you buy, compared to the standard Power Mix in California.*

## 2021 POWER CONTENT LABEL

### Valley Clean Energy Alliance

<https://valleycleanenergy.org/power-sources/>

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Intensity (lbs CO <sub>2</sub> e/MWh)			Energy Resources	Standard Green	UltraGreen	2021 CA Power Mix
Standard Green	UltraGreen	2021 CA Utility Average	<b>Eligible Renewable<sup>1</sup></b> Biomass & Biowaste Geothermal Eligible Hydroelectric Solar Wind  <b>Coal</b> <b>Large Hydroelectric</b> <b>Natural Gas</b> <b>Nuclear</b> <b>Other</b> <b>Unspecified Power<sup>2</sup></b> <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>33.6%</b>
<b>722</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>456</b>		0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
<p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Standard Green  <span style="color: green;">■</span> UltraGreen  <span style="color: red;">■</span> 2021 CA Utility Average                 </p>				0.0%	26.6%	1.0%
				4.6%	73.4%	14.2%
				8.0%	0.0%	11.4%
				<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
				<b>10.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
				<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>37.9%</b>
				<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
				<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
			<b>76.5%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	
			<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Percentage of Retail Sales Covered by Retired Unbundled RECs<sup>3</sup>:</b>				<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	
<p><sup>1</sup>The eligible renewable percentage above does not reflect RPS compliance, which is determined using a different methodology.</p> <p><sup>2</sup>Unspecified power is electricity that has been purchased through open market transactions and is not traceable to a specific generation source.</p> <p><sup>3</sup>Renewable energy credits (RECs) are tracking instruments issued for renewable generation. Unbundled renewable energy credits (RECs) represent renewable generation that was not delivered to serve retail sales. Unbundled RECs are not reflected in the power mix or GHG emissions intensities above.</p>						
For specific information about this electricity portfolio, contact:				<b>Valley Clean Energy Alliance</b> <b>1-855-699-8232</b>		
For general information about the Power Content Label, visit:				<a href="http://www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/">http://www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/</a>		
For additional questions, please contact the California Energy Commission at:				Toll-free in California: 844-454-2906 Outside California: 916-653-0237		

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 11

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Edward Burnham, Director of Finance & Internal Operations  
Mitch Sears, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Rate Adjustment System – Preliminary Draft Policy

**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Informational item – no action requested.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this report is to seek CAC feedback on the preliminary draft rate adjustment policy. The draft policy provides a framework to make timely mid-year customer rate changes, within Board approved parameters, to adjust to external cost factors outside VCE's direct control.

At the September 22, 2022, CAC meeting, Staff introduced this conceptual rate adjustment framework. For reference, please see the most recent Staff report to the CAC located [here](#).

#### **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

As discussed in past staff reports, VCE has seen high volatility in the energy sector and overall economy, primarily driven by the uncertainty during the COVID-19 pandemic, international energy market turmoil, and weather impacts. As part of evaluating options to overcome external cost factors outside VCE's direct control related to energy cost adjustments and regulatory adjustments, VCE Staff has drafted a Rate Adjustment Policy similar to other Load Serving Entities (LSEs), to help address factors influencing reserves accumulation, rate stability, establishing a credit rating, and expanding longer-term power purchase agreements.

Recent events and factors, such as the September Heat Storm presented in [Item 16](#) to the Board on October 13, 2022, reinforced the utility of having increased flexibility to modify rates in a timely manner to adjust to external conditions. Staff has evaluated 2022 financial impact events and has not recommended rate adjustments at this time due to favorable near-term forecasts in 2023.

#### **Preliminary Rate Adjustment Policy Draft Overview**

The attached draft Rate Adjustment Policy provides a framework to make mid-year customer rate modifications in a timely manner and accurately reflect external cost factors outside VCE's

direct control related to energy cost adjustments and/or regulatory actions. The policy is designed to incorporate the following elements: Purpose, Principles, Process, Authorizations, Control and Accountability, and Administration.

Key Policy features:

- Rates are reviewed annually by VCE Board as part of the annual budget Adoption.
- Board approved parameters set the total rate adjustments that can be implemented, including an annual limit.
- Mid-Year Rate adjustments are limited to Energy Cost Adjustments and Regulatory Adjustments.
- Rate Adjustments require approval by the VCE's Energy Risk Oversight Committee (EROC) before implementation within defined parameters.
- Accountability and reporting to the Board describing any implemented rate adjustment will be provided to the Board at its next regularly scheduled Meeting.

Staff is seeking feedback from the CAC on the attached preliminary draft Rate Adjustment policy. As shown in the proposed timeline below, CAC feedback will help inform the final draft rate adjustment policy that will be presented at the November CAC meeting; followed by Board consideration of the final draft in December.

#### Updated timeline

As noted above, various factors outside VCE's direct control are the main drivers for evaluating this draft policy. The Board approved the basic timeline below at its September meeting:

- October 2022 – Receive additional CAC feedback on the Draft Customer Rate Adjustment System policy
- November 2022 – Return to the CAC for recommendation on the proposed Rate Adjustment System policy
- December 2022 – Rate Adjustment System for 2023
  - Present Draft Proposed Customer Rate Adjustment System policy for consideration (2023 Implementation)
  - If approved, consolidate with 2023 Budget & Rates Adoption

Staff will be providing additional detail in its informational presentation at the meeting, including several scenarios of rate impacts based on the draft Rate Adjustment System policy.

#### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Staff is seeking additional feedback from the CAC on the draft Rate Adjustment System policy.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

1. Preliminary Draft - VCE Rate Adjustment Policy



**VALLEY**  
**CLEAN ENERGY**

Valley Clean Energy Alliance  
Rate Adjustment Policy

DRAFT



# Valley Clean Energy Alliance

## A. PURPOSE

The Board of Directors of Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE) is responsible for setting customer rates to collect sufficient revenue from participating customers to fully fund VCE's budget and establish sufficient operating reserve funds as defined in the VCE Rate Policy. The Board typically considers customer rate setting at the beginning of each year. Due to volatility in energy markets and the unpredictability of regulatory actions, additional flexibility to make limited adjustments to customer rates on a more frequent basis to recover costs is a sound business practice – one adopted by many Load Serving Entities (LSEs).

The Rate Adjustment Policy provides a framework to make timely mid-year customer rate changes, within Board approved parameters, to adjust to external cost factors outside VCE's direct control. Specifically, mid-year rate adjustments made under this policy are limited to material financial changes resulting from either (1) market energy costs or (2) regulatory decisions that impact VCE's costs or revenues. Under this policy, all mid-year customer rate changes are vetted through VCE's Enterprise Risk Oversight Committee (EROC) and reported to the Board at the next meeting following implementation.

## B. PRINCIPLES

The following principles guide customer rate adjustment decisions under this policy:

1. Link to annual budget and multi-year forecast - Customer rates shall be set to fully fund operating costs and cash reserve fund targets consistent with multi-year forecasts.
2. Regularly examine Financial Operating Results - Budget variances will be monitored throughout the fiscal year for impacts on annual budgets and multi-year forecast results.
3. Reserves - Customer Rates shall fund reserves consistent with VCE's Financial Reserve Policy and budgeted targets.

## C. PROCESS

The Director of Finance and Internal Operations will monitor and review unaudited operating budget variances and decisions/proposed decisions by California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and other regulatory bodies for impacts greater than 5% to net income or cash reserves compared to the adopted budget. If a 5% or greater net impact to income or cash reserves is observed or forecast, the Director will initiate a mid-year rate adjustment assessment based on the following factors:

1. Mid-year rate adjustments will only be considered to address two categories of external cost factors outside VCE's direct control: (1) Energy Cost Adjustments and (2) Regulatory Adjustments, where:
  - a. Energy Cost Adjustments – These adjustments are intended to recover the power costs, including renewable resources, energy and energy hedges, resource adequacy and capacity products, and demand side management (DSM) costs, including revenue losses, not otherwise included in VCE's retail generation rates.

## Valley Clean Energy Alliance

- b. Regulatory Adjustments – These adjustments are intended to recover and adjust VCE revenues to remain within Board authorized revenue requirements/total bundled rate discounts/ premiums when VCE’s finances are materially impacted by CPUC or other regulatory body decisions. Regulatory Adjustments typically include Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), PG&E retail rates, balancing account charges, and/or other PG&E and/or regulatory body related actions that directly impact VCE's customer rates. These adjustments may also include other regulatory financial requirements required and approved by CPUC or other regulatory bodies that have a material effect on VCE's cost/revenue structure.
2. Customer rate adjustments shall be consistent with the Authorizations in Section D below. The cumulative mid-year customer rate adjustments approved under this Policy in any fiscal year may not exceed the Authorizations in Section D below.
3. Any given adjustment may result in an upward or downward impact on VCE generation rates given the particular impacts of any one or combination of factors related to Energy Cost Adjustments and/or Regulatory Adjustments.
4. Implementation of a mid-year rate adjustment will maintain the current Base Green product discount and the relative revenue requirement contributions of VCE's Standard Green and Ultra Green customer classes.
5. CARE/FERA and other eligible VCE low-income customers subscribing to VCE's Base Green product shall be charged the lower of VCE's Standard Green and Base Green generation rate, in the instance when VCE's Standard Green generation rate may be less than VCE's Base Green generation rate following a given rate adjustment.
6. The particulars of rate design, existing PG&E rate schedules, and customer class and consumption characteristics, actual discounts / premiums / rates experienced by any particular customer or customer class may vary from overall weighted averages.

### Approval/Oversight

7. Director of Finance and Internal Operations shall provide timely reporting to the Executive Officer and EROC analysis of all revenue and energy cost projections for accuracy, content, and compliance with the previously determined priorities and policies.
8. Mid-year customer rate adjustments shall be reviewed and approved by the EROC.
9. The Board shall receive a report of any mid-year rate adjustments at its next scheduled meeting. The cumulative mid-year customer rate adjustments shall be reported as part of the Board’s annual operating budget and rates adoption process.
10. Staff shall develop and maintain procedures for internal control and accountability of the Rate Adjustment Policy.

# Valley Clean Energy Alliance

## D. AUTHORIZATIONS

VCE Customer rates adopted by the Board of Directors may be amended during the year within the parameters listed below:

Type of Rate Adjustment	Authorized Adjustments
Energy Cost Adjustments	Customer rate adjustments related to Energy Cost shall be calculated no more than once per month. Such individual adjustment shall not result in more than a 7.5% increase/decrease to VCE's weighted average total generation rate.
Regulatory Adjustments	<p>Customer rate adjustments related to Regulatory actions shall be calculated throughout the year as warranted following actions by regulatory bodies and/or PG&amp;E, which result in material changes to VCE Board authorized rate discounts/premiums or VCE revenue levels.</p> <p>VCE intends to calculate and implement any such Regulatory Adjustments within 90 days following PG&amp;E's implementation of such actions. The timing, frequency, and financial impact of regulatory body (e.g. CPUC) and PG&amp;E actions that may affect the Regulatory Adjustments are not typically known in advance and may occur multiple times during any given year.</p>
Annual Cumulative Limit	The annual cumulative limit for mid-year customer rate adjustments authorized under this policy is a total of 15%. The Board may modify this limit.

## E. CONTROL & ACCOUNTABILITY

An information report describing any implemented mid-year rate adjustment authorized under this policy will be provided to the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting following implementation of the rate adjustment.

## F. POLICY ADMINISTRATION

The Board must approve amendments to this Policy.

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report - Item 12

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

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

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

**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

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

1. Energy Resilience
2. Legislative/Regulatory
3. Outreach
4. Programs

The schedule is to bring back the final drafts to the CAC at the November meeting for review and recommendation to submit to the Board at their December meeting.

Attachments:

1. Energy Resilience
2. Legislative/Regulatory
3. Outreach
4. Programs

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ENERGY RESILIENCE TASK GROUP  
2022 Report**

**Members:** Lorenzo Kristov  
Gerry Braun

**Staff Lead:** Gordon Samuel

**Excerpts from 2022 TG Charge**

**Concept:** Form a Task Group (TG) to consider practical ways that VCE can work with its member jurisdictions and other local collaborators to address imminent challenges related to climate disruption. The TG would focus initially on how VCE could contribute to building local energy resilience, i.e., the capability to maintain electric service for essential community needs and functions during planned and unplanned power system outages.

**2022 Charge:** Work with VCE staff and other potential collaborators to develop specific ideas and initiatives for providing energy resilience benefits for Yolo County people and communities while maintaining VCE’s financial health and core responsibilities.

The TG proposes the following tasks for 2022:

1. Develop a draft local energy resilience vision for VCE, to provide a context for resilience efforts that can serve as a guidance document for the next several years. Aim for CAC adoption by end of 2022 for recommendation to VCE Board.
2. Identify a specific school in VCE service area for implementation of a resilience hub. In collaboration with relevant partners (i.e., school board, microgrid technology company) develop an implementation plan in the form of a “shovel-ready” project description that can be submitted for funding. Aim for complete project plan by end of 2022.
3. Work with other CCAs and CalCCA to explore advancing RCES as a statewide program and collaboratively develop a strategy for advocacy.

**2022 Accomplishments**

- Met with Davis JUSD Superintendent, Facilities Manager and Energy Manager to explore potential for creating a resilience hub at a school facility, such as a multi-purpose room. They expressed strong interest in the idea, noting the recent completion of several new MPRs that could be potential sites.

## **Challenges**

The primary challenge is our own bandwidth. The charge was overly ambitious. For example, achieving item 2 above would require several significant steps, including:

- Identifying a partner facility, i.e., facility operator and relevant decision authorities who would collaborate with our TG to develop project proposal
- Developing desired performance goals for the resilience hub (i.e., services it should provide; number of people to serve; duration of off-grid operation)
- Identifying a developer partner to formulate technical plan to achieve desired performance (i.e., size & location of solar array & battery storage; incorporation of EV charging; wiring, controls and other electrical infrastructure)
- Identifying appropriate funding opportunities and preparing grant applications.

## **Opportunities**

California is now formally recognizing the importance of creating resilience centers throughout the state, particularly for extreme heat; see 10/18/22 Extreme Heat Symposium conducted by CA OPR + Resources Agency.

New CEC proceeding on Community Energy Resilience Investment, to distribute Federal DOE funding for community resilience projects; applications may begin in Q1/2023.

Funding from federal Inflation Reduction Act and prior Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act becoming available.

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY TASK GROUP  
2022 YEAR END REPORT**

**Task Group Members:** Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Christine Shewmaker (through March), Yvonne Hunter (through July)

**Task Group Structural Change:** Beginning in August, Yvonne Hunter joined VCE staff in the position of Legislative and Project Specialist which includes serving as liaison to CalCCA's legislative committee. In her new position she is continuing to participate in regular LRTG meetings.

**2022 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.
- Advise VCE staff on CalCCA's regulatory work when appropriate.
- 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.
- Work with staff to periodically review and update VCE's Legislative Platform for consideration by the CAC and VCE Board.

**Highlights of Accomplishments in 2022**

During 2022, 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.
2. Provide input on selected regulatory proceedings of interest to VCE.
3. With Ms. Hunter's new position on VCE staff, periodically discuss CalCCA's legislative activities of interest to VCE.
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 about AgFIT.
5. Discuss end of session politics and legislation and how they may impact VCE.

6. Provide periodic updates to the CAC on legislative and regulatory issues.
7. Prepare a draft 2023 Legislative Platform for CAC review and Board action.

### **Challenges**

1. Navigating the process as the Legislature moves from a Covid to a post-Covid structure.
2. 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.

### **Opportunities**

1. Become better informed about CalCCA legislative activities and how VCE may become more engaged.
2. Work with CalCCA and/or other CCAs to advocate for and secure funding for an expanded AgFIT type of program.
3. Advise VCE staff on developing briefing materials to educate legislators and other policy makers on CCA goals, activities and issues.

DRAFT



**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**OUTREACH TASK GROUP (OTG)  
2022 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**Task Group Members:** Mark Aulman (chair), Marsha Baird, Yvonne Hunter (through 6/22)

**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

**Highlights of Activities**

- Reviewed and provided editorial feedback on in-progress marketing materials.
- Assisted with message development regarding cost-based rates and 2021 power content label.
- Assisted with public outreach by staffing tables at public venues as conditions allowed.
- Reviewed VCE advertising (bus banner ads in May 2022) and updates to the VCE website, (heat pump and EV rebate programs).
- Monitored social media for VCE-related postings and replied, as needed.
- Initiated monthly task group meetings to review near-term marketing project calendar and provide feedback on specific projects in-progress.
- Contacted Yolo County supervisor's office to coordinate outreach to Spanish-speaking customers
- Contacted community members in City of Woodland through the city's Sustainability Advisory Committee regarding benefits of electrification
- Conducted review of submissions and participated in interviews with marketing communications firms that responded to the RFP for Marketing, Website and Social Media services.

**Lessons Learned – Challenges and Opportunities**

**Challenges:**

- VCE remains in an evolving and challenging fiscal and regulatory environment.
- Benefit messages should focus on diverse customer segments (example: ag customers).
- The OTG recommends a proactive, rather than reactive role, to ensure the accuracy and clarity of marketing materials, following marketing communications best practices.
- The OTG would benefit from: a) participation of additional CAC members; b) closer working liaison with the CAC Programs Task Group.

**Opportunities:**

- VCE Strategic Plan and Marketing Plan offer opportunities to promote goals and objectives through consistent benefit-focused communications
- New programs (examples: recent EV incentives, heat pump rebates, Ohm Connect) enable VCE to

enhance its benefit messaging.

- The professional experience of VCE's marketing staff, including Rebecca Boyles and Sierra Huffman, continue to strengthen VCE's outreach strategies and programs.

DRAFT

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PROGRAMS TASK GROUP (PTG)  
2022 ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**Task Group Members:** Marsha Baird (Chair), David Springer, Rahul Athalye (beginning 8/22)

**Primary Staff Contact:** Rebecca Boyles

**2022 Charge:** The CAC Programs Task Group will assist Staff with development and planning of Customer Programs that are prioritized for implementation by the criteria outlined in the 3-year Programs Plan adopted by the Board in June 2021. Specifically, the Task Group will:

- (1) advise on program details and review program design/implementation forms for programs prioritized for implementation in 2022,
- (2) assist VCE Staff with updates to programs already in place,
- (3) collaborate with Staff on annual update to the 3-year Programs Plan,
- (4) assist Staff with finding and applying for external funding for upcoming programs,
- (5) have preliminary discussions with Staff on programs in line for implementation in 2023, and
- (6) provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities.

**Highlights of Accomplishments:**

- Assisted Staff with the development and implementation of new 2022 VCE programs:
  - Promote Heat Pumps for space conditioning and water heating – With sizable rebates offered by PG&E’s Comfortable Homes and TechClean California, Task Group and Staff felt phase 1 of this program should focus on education on heat pumps and information on rebates. Task Group provided input and review of website content and suggested the inclusion of GoGreen Financing. Launched in June 2022.
  - Electric Vehicle Rebates – Discussed numerous options for rebate program at monthly Task Group meetings. Phase 1 is designed to be easy for staff to implement while providing large rebates to customers. Future phases will expand. Launched in September 2022.
- Received updates from Staff on programs developed through partnerships:
  - AgFIT (Polaris): Launched in July 2022; new program concept with understandable challenges and time commitments but much future potential.
  - OhmConnect: Second year of program, running relatively smoothly.
- Brainstormed and discussed with Staff future programs such as Ag Electrification, SGIP, Energy Efficiency rebates for low-income customers and Workforce Development.
- Researched and updated spreadsheet of programs offered by other CCAs.
- Assisted Staff with update of Energy Efficiency Graphic on website.

## **Lessons Learned – Challenges and Opportunities**

### **Challenges:**

- Limited staff time to develop programs due to lean staffing and other marketing activities and priorities.
- Partnerships have proven to be time consuming but worthwhile.
- Limited financial resources to augment program funding.

### **Opportunities**

- Continue to learn from experiences of other CCAs on programs that have worked well for their customers.
- Consider hiring consultants to help with implementation of some programs.
- Engage with Staff on supplemental program funding as reserves build in the future.
- Work with Staff and Community Advisory Committee to identify future program needs.

DRAFT

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE****Staff Report – Item 13**

---

**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Mitch Sears, General Manager  
Yvonne Hunter, Legislative and Project Specialist  
Mark Fenstermaker, Pacific Policy Group (PPG)

**SUBJECT:** Legislative Platform – 2023

**DATE:** October 27, 2022

---

**Recommendation**

That the CAC recommend that the VCE Board approve the proposed 2023 VCE legislative platform outlining policy and legislative issues and positions VCE would take on each.

The Leg/Reg Task Group also recommends that the CAC recommend that the VCE Board approved the proposed 2023 VCE legislative platform.

**Background**

At the July 8, 2020 Board Meeting, the VCE Board of Directors adopted VCE's first legislative platform. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) reviewed and provided feedback on the draft legislative platform at the June 25, 2020 CAC Meeting. The staff recommendation included a provision that the legislative platform would be updated annually in advance of the next legislative session to reflect ongoing and new legislative priorities. The legislative platform serves as a guide for legislative engagement in each legislative session. It is based on positions that VCE has taken on past legislation, as well as the principles set forth in VCE's Vision Statement, Strategic Plan, and Environmental Justice Statement.

For the updated 2023 legislative platform, VCE staff, Pacific Policy Group (PPG), and the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group evaluated the 2022 Platform to identify if changes are needed in advance of the 2023 legislative session. As CAC members will notice, the draft 2023 Legislative Platform proposes a number of minor wording and technical changes as well as several new issues areas. They all reflect existing VCE policy and activity and the document as a whole continues to formalize and organize VCE's approach to legislative activity.

The platform is meant to be an inward facing document to provide guidance to PPG for the 2023 legislative session and beyond. PPG will use the platform to help structure VCE's efforts and

communications with legislators to work toward outcomes. The platform is based on previous direction from the VCE Board and the CAC and primarily reflects existing areas of interest identified either formally or informally by the VCE Board and the CAC.

### Highlights of Changes in 2023 Legislative Platform

The following highlights key proposed changes incorporated in the 2023 platform, compared to the 2022 version.

- **Introduction.** Updates information to reflect VCE’s current membership, reorganizes the section and makes miscellaneous edits.
- **Section 2. Restructuring the Electric Utility Sector.** Adds clarifying wording as needed.
- **Section 3. Resource Adequacy.** Adds clarifying wording as needed.
- **Section 5. Load Shaping/Shifting and Dynamic Time Pricing.** A new section to reflect the importance of dynamic pricing (i.e. AgFIT type programs).
- **Section 6. Public Safety Power Shut-Offs (PSPS) and Flex Alerts.** Adds Flex Alerts to this section title and adds provision related IOUs providing CCAs better customer contact information.
- **Old Section 6. Covid 19 Response.** Deletes this as a stand-alone item and adds a slightly edited version to the revised Section 9 (Energy Justice – formerly Environmental Justice).
- **Section 7. Community Resilience.** Adds “extreme temperatures” to the first bullet. Adds clarifying edits to the second bullet related to the role of IOUs in developing microgrids and makes minor clarifying edits to the third bullet related to distributed energy.
- **Section 9. Energy Justice.** Renames the 2022 section title of “Environmental Justice” to “Energy Justice” and makes related minor edits. The change to “Energy Justice”, recommended by Leg/Reg Task Group member Lorenzo Kristov, reflects a new and emerging perspective that focuses specifically on energy issues. Energy Justice is an emerging academic and policy framework. The Initiative for Energy Justice (<https://iejusa.org/>) defines energy justice as the “goal of achieving equity in both the social and economic participation in the energy system, while also remediating social, economic, and health burdens on those disproportionately harmed by the energy system. Energy justice explicitly centers the concerns of community at the frontline of pollution and climate change..., working class people, indigenous communities, and those historically disenfranchised by racial and social inequity. Energy justice aims to make energy accessible, affordable, clean, and democratically managed for all communities.”

The updated sections also add a slightly edited version of the Covid-19 statement from the section 9 in the 2022 platform.

- **Section 10. Local Economic Development and Environmental Objectives.** Adds new provision related to the ability of CCAs to plan, own and operate clean energy resources. Adds new provision related to ensuring that CCAs, their member agencies and customers have access to existing and new state and federal energy-related grant and loan funds.
- **Miscellaneous.** Adds minor clarifying edits as needed throughout the document.

**Conclusion**

Staff recommends that the CAC recommend that the Board approve the attached 2023 Legislative Platform to help guide VCE’s legislative, as well as VCE’s regulatory activities.

**Attachment**

Draft 2023 Legislative Platform

## 20232 Valley Clean Energy Legislative Platform

Adopted ~~January 27, 2022~~

**DRAFT**

### Introduction

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

Valley Clean Energy is a joint-powers authority organized pursuant to California law that includes the cities of Davis, Woodland, [Winters](#) and the unincorporated areas of ~~County of Yolo~~ [County](#) ~~(and the city of Winters as of January 2021)~~. The purpose of VCE is to enable the participating jurisdictions to determine the sources, modes of production and costs of the electricity they procure for the customers in the VCE service territory. [VCE is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of city council members and county supervisors from its member jurisdictions.](#)

PG&E, the incumbent Investor Owned Utility (IOU), continues to deliver the electricity procured by VCE and performs billing, metering, and other electric distribution utility functions and services. Customers within the participating jurisdictions may opt-out of VCE and remain a PG&E [electricity](#) customer. ~~VCE is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of council members and supervisors from its member jurisdictions.~~

The mission of VCE is to provide cost-competitive clean electricity, product choice, price stability, energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas emission reductions to residents and businesses in its member agencies. In addition, VCE provides a greater level of transparency and accountability in regard to energy sources and prices ~~because~~ ~~as~~ VCE's board consists of local elected officials [and its deliberations and decisions are conducted in public in accordance to California law.](#)

This Legislative Platform serves as a guide for legislative engagement in the 20232 legislative session. ~~that~~ [It](#) is based on positions that VCE has taken on past legislation, as well as the principles set forth in VCE's Vision Statement, Strategic Plan, and Environmental Justice Statement. It will be updated annually to reflect new issues that VCE will address each legislative session. To review VCE's ~~v~~ision ~~s~~tatement, [Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice Statement](#), please see <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/VCEA-Vision-Statement-11-16-17.pdf>; <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/Valley-Clean-Energy-Statement-on-Environmental-Justice-Adopted-10-8-2020-1.pdf>. ~~insert Strategic Plan URL.~~

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

### Issue Areas

#### 1. Governance and Statutory Authority

VCE will:

- a. Oppose legislation that limits the local decision-making authority for CCAs, including rate-setting authority and procurement of energy and capacity to serve their customers.
- b. Oppose legislation that limits VCE's ability to effectively serve its customers.

Formatted: Position: Horizontal: Center, Relative to: Margin, Vertical: 0", Relative to: Paragraph, Wrap Around



- c. Support efforts of CCAs to engage with their customers and promote transparency in their operations. Similarly, VCE will oppose legislation that restrict or limit these abilities.
- d. Support legislation that makes it easier for other cities and counties to form a CCA, become members of VCE or other CCAs, and oppose legislation that restricts that ability.

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

Formatted: Font: (Default) Calibri

## 2. Restructuring the Electricity Utility Sector

VCE will:

- a. Work with other local governments interested in forming municipal electric utilities, as well as the California Municipal Utilities Association, to expand opportunities for municipalization. This includes supporting legislation that expands opportunities for CCAs to become municipal electric utilities.
- b. Support legislation and advocate for reforms to the utility regulatory and business model to transform Investor Owned Utilities (IOUs) so that they must deliver greater benefits to ratepayers, increase safety and reliability, ~~and~~ reduce costs [and support the successful performance of CCAs](#).
- c. Advocate for greater collaboration to occur between CCAs and incumbent IOUs, particularly in local planning efforts related to energy, EV charging, community resource centers, etc.
- d. Support efforts that result in IOUs providing [CCA customer](#) meter data [to the CCA](#) in real time to enable CCAs to better forecast and schedule load.
- e. Support effective legislation that would transform PG&E to a public power or customer owned entity.

## 3. Resource Adequacy

VCE will:

- a. Support ~~the~~ efforts of ~~CalCCA~~ to create a [functional](#) central procurement entity for residual Resource Adequacy needs.
- b. Oppose legislation that would [negatively impact](#) ~~supplant~~ CCAs' procurement authority for Resource Adequacy.
- c. Advocate for and support efforts to remove barriers to demand response, microgrids and behind-the-meter resources to provide Resource Adequacy.

## 4. Power Cost Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

VCE will:

- a. Support CalCCA efforts to increase the transparency of IOU electricity contracts [and any other factors](#) that provide the basis for Power Cost Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) charges that VCE (and its customers) and other CCAs must pay.
- b. Support efforts [to that](#) create a pathway to wind down the PCIA.
- c. Support legislation that would bring stability to the PCIA and/or provide new mechanisms for CCAs to securitize PCIA charges.

Formatted: Position: Horizontal: Center, Relative to: Margin, Vertical: 0", Relative to: Paragraph, Wrap Around

- d. Oppose legislation that would increase or expand exit fees, including PCIA, on CCA customers.
- e.

**5. Load Shaping/Shifting and Dynamic Time Pricing**

- a. Support legislation and regulatory provisions that create viable opportunities for CCAs to shape or shift load to support grid operations.
- b. Support legislation and regulatory provisions that recognize and assign Resource Adequacy value to load shaping or load shifting programs.
- c. Support legislation and regulatory provisions that enable customers of VCE and other CCAs to participate in dynamic pricing plans to shift load away from peak, including the use of automated systems.

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri

**Formatted:** Space Before: 0.05 pt, Allow hanging punctuation

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri, 12 pt

**Formatted:** List Paragraph, Adjust space between Latin and Asian text, Adjust space between Asian text and numbers

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri

**5.6. Public Safety Power Shut-Offs (PSPS) and Flex Alerts**

VCE will:

- a. Support legislation that increases the notification and transparency requirements on IOUs as they implement a PSPS.
- b. Support legislation that creates standards for PSPS implementation and penalties on IOUs that execute PSPS below those standards.
- c. Support legislation that creates rules and procedures to ensure PSPSs are implemented narrowly and only as absolutely necessary.
- d. Support legislation that requires IOUs to notify impacted cities, counties and CCAs of impending PSPS.
- e. Support legislation and regulations that require IOUs to provide CCAs with better customer contact information so that CCAs may more effectively engage their customers in a timely manner.

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri

**Formatted:** List Paragraph, Outline numbered + Level: 2 + Numbering Style: a, b, c, ... + Start at: 1 + Alignment: Left + Aligned at: 0.32" + Indent at: 0.57", Adjust space between Latin and Asian text, Adjust space between Asian text and numbers

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri, 12 pt

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri

**6. COVID-19 Response**

- a.f. ~~Support legislation or budget appropriations to alleviate residential and commercial financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic that could disrupt electricity service to VCE customers or restrict VCE customers accessing clean energy opportunities. This could include, for example, assistance to avoid electric service disconnection or economic recovery funding for transportation electrification.~~

**7. Community Resilience**

VCE will:

- a. Advocate for and ~~ss~~support funding for programs implemented by CCAs and their member jurisdictions to increase community resilience to extreme temperatures, wildfires, PSPS events and other potential service disruptions.
- b. Support legislation that reduces barriers to microgrid development by CCAs.

**Formatted:** Position: Horizontal: Center, Relative to: Margin, Vertical: 0", Relative to: Paragraph, Wrap Around

- c. Oppose legislation that would enable IOUs to dominate or restrict microgrid development, to be the only developer of microgrids.
- d. Support legislation that facilitates increases development of community level resources and distributed energy resources and that recognizes their value in reducing the need for new transmission and distribution infrastructure.

**8. Renewable Energy Generation Sources**

VCE will:

- a. Support legislation that expands opportunities for or reduces barriers to the development of renewable energy sources, including, but not limited to, wind, solar, bioenergy, battery storage, small hydro, and geothermal, as long as local development and siting criteria are consistent with city and county land use authority and other local and state regulatory requirements.
- b. Oppose legislation that requires CCAs to purchase specific renewable energy products or technologies, thus limiting the ability of CCAs to meet local energy needs in a cost-effective manner and in conflict with their local procurement and rate setting authority.

**9. Environmental Energy Justice**

- a. Engage in legislation that directly or indirectly impacts the ability of underserved communities in the VCE service territory to have affordable, reliable and clean energy.
- b. Support legislation that strengthens the resilience of vulnerable communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change.
- c. Support legislation that enables all California communities, including emerging and historically especially marginalized communities, and individuals, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, age, disability or socioeconomic status, in California to participate in the transition to a zero carbon electrical grid in a cost-effective manner.
- d. Support legislation that efforts to enables all California communities, including emerging and especially historically marginalized communities, and individuals, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity, age, disability or socioeconomic status, in California to participate in the decarbonization of the state’s building stock and the transportation sector.
- ~~e.~~ Support legislation or budget appropriations to alleviate residential and commercial energy insecurity or financial hardships, including impacts of events such as the Covid-19 pandemic that could disrupt electricity service to VCE customers or restrict VCE customers’ access to clean energy opportunities. This could include, for example, assistance to avoid electric service disconnections or economic recovery funding for transportation electrification.

**Formatted:** Position: Horizontal: Center, Relative to: Margin, Vertical: 0", Relative to: Paragraph, Wrap Around

## 10. Local Economic Development and Environmental Objectives

VCE will:

- a. Support legislation that enhances opportunities for CCAs to promote local economic development through locally designed programs that meet the unique needs of its member agencies and customers.
- b. Support legislation that efforts to enhances development of local and regional sources of renewable energy.
- c. Support legislation that enables CCAs to collaborate with their member jurisdictions on local energy resources and projects to advance environmental objectives.
- ~~d.~~ Support legislation and regulations to enable CCAs to plan, own and operate clean energy resources that serve local needs while contributing to the local economy.
- e. Support legislation and other programs that ensure that CCAs and their member agencies have access to existing and new state and federal energy-related grant and loan funds, including programs for residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers.

## 11. Miscellaneous

VCE will:

- a. Oppose legislation that expands direct access or the ability or economic incentives for electric service providers to selectively recruit CCA or IOU customers.
- b. Support legislation that would create renewable content and environmental standards for electric service providers to match the products offered by CCAs.

**Formatted:** Position: Horizontal: Center, Relative to: Margin, Vertical: 0", Relative to: Paragraph, Wrap Around