



**Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
Yolo County Community Services Department
Cache Creek Conference Room
292 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95695**

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Committee Members: Mark Aulman (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), David Springer, Marsha Baird, Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Jennifer Rindahl, Keith Taylor, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard

5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. 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 below under **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.
- 3. 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. Staff Report / Recap of Board 11/9/23 Meeting**

CONSENT AGENDA (≈ 5 minutes)

- 4. Approval of October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes.**
- 5. Approve and support Staff's recommendation of the 2024 Greenhouse gas (GHG)-Free Attributes.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 6. Receive Legislative End of Session update. (Information) (≈ 20 minutes)**
- 7. Review draft CAC Programs & Outreach Task Group Year-end Report. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 10 minutes)**
- 8. Receive 2024 Budget update/preview. (Information) (≈ 20 minutes)**



9. Receive 2023 Long Range Calendar. (Information/Discussion) (≈ 10 minutes)

10. 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.

11. Announcement and Adjournment. The CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 5 p.m. at Winters Community Center, Main Hall, located at 201 Railroad Avenue, Winters, California 95694.

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

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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes
DATE: November 16, 2023

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached October 26, 2023 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023
CITY OF DAVIS COMMUNITY CHAMBERS
23 RUSSELL BLVD., DAVIS, CA 95616**

Vice Chair Rahul Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m., held at City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Marsha Baird, Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Keith Taylor, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Davis Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman (Chair), Jennifer Rindahl

Welcome Vice Chair Athalye welcomed everyone. Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel informed those present that Carl Linvill resigned from the CAC due to his schedule. He reminded those present that VCE is currently seeking applicants to fill the City of Davis and the unincorporated Yolo County seats.

Public Comment / Introductions There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items.

Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports **Task Group Reports:**

Programs & Outreach: David Springer informed those present that the draft year-end report was prepared and will be presented to the CAC at the next meeting for review and comments.

Legislative / Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that he filed comments to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on the AgFIT expansion proceeding. VCE Executive Officer informed those present that VCE also filed comments and are preparing to submit additional comments. Mr. Sears also mentioned that the CPUC should have a Proposed Decision (PD) by the first of the year. If approved, the expansion of the AgFIT pilot program could be expanding into other rate classes, such as commercial and/or residential. Mr. Sears informed those present that he attended a Biomass



conference in Winters earlier in the month and was on a panel to discuss potential uses of biomass. Yolo County Supervisors Lucas Frerichs and Angel Barajas were also in attendance.

Staff Report / Summary of Board's October 12, 2023 meeting: Mr. Samuel informed those present that the Board at their October 12, 2023 meeting recognized past CAC members (Gerry Braun, Christine Shewmaker and Kristin Jacobs) with proclamations thanking them for their volunteer work; received an introduction of REACH Strategies who gave a presentation on outreach; received a Legislative End of Session update provided by Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobbyist consultant; received a 2024 Operating budget preview; and, received a 3-year programs plan update. Mr. Samuel announced a few events coming up that VCE will be partaking in and invited others to attend: 1) Halloween Treat Trail in downtown Davis on Tuesday, October 31st and 2) Salmon Festival in the City of Winters on Saturday, November 4th.

CAC Member Cynthia Rodriquez thanked VCE for being present at the Carnitas Festival held at the end of September in downtown Winters. She feels that the presence of VCE at the smalltown events make a difference within the community and is effective at familiarizing VCE with its customers/community. Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE was present at the EV National Electric Drive Week in downtown Davis. Mr. Saueel announced that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved the permit for the Gibson Project (solar plus storage) to move forward.

Consent Items

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

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

4. approved September 28, 2023 meeting Minutes; and
5. received as an informational item a copy of Board Staff Report on VCE's Customer Participation update.

Item 6: Receive information on 2022 Power Content Label outreach.

Mr. Samuel reviewed California's regulations that require load serving entities to provide simple-to-understand information on the sources of energy, and the associated emission of greenhouse gases annually, through a requisite communications format termed the "Power Content Label" (PCL). He reminded those present that the Board adopted the strategy of ramping into VCE's long-term contracts rather than relying on short-term renewable energy



(Information/Discussion)

credits (RECs), which results in a lower renewable percentage in the early years of compliance period 4 and significantly higher in the later years. He reviewed the resource map, 2022 PCL, and the 2022 PCL Explainer. The CAC discussed the different types of renewable energy, battery length of storage of VCE’s power projects, what resources are included in “unspecified” energy resource on the PCL, opting up to UltraGreen, and outreach. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 7: Seeking feedback and recommendation from CAC on draft VCE 2024

Ms. Hunter introduced the draft VCE 2024 Legislative Platform and provided highlights of the changes made to the draft 2024 Legislative Platform. The CAC and Staff discussed interconnection and the schedule of power purchase agreements going online. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Legislative Platform. (Discussion/Action)

Marsha Baird made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the proposed 2024 VCE Legislative Platform outlining policy, legislative and regulatory issues and position VCE would take on them, seconded by Diccon Westworth. Motion passed with Aulman and Rindahl absent.

Item 8: Review draft CAC Task Group Year-end Reports. (Discussion/Action)

The CAC reviewed the draft Legislative/Regulatory and draft Strategic Plan task group year-end reports. The CAC discussed challenges and opportunities that each task group outlined in their report and whether combining programs and outreach into one task group worked. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Rahul Athalye made a motion to finalize the year-end reports and send to the Board for their information at their December 2023 meeting, seconded by Marsha Baird. Motion passed with Aulman and Rindahl absent. As stated in Staff’s report, the draft Programs & Outreach Task Group year-end report will be reviewed at the CAC’s November meeting, with all year-end reports being provided to the Board in December.

Item 9: Introduction to and seeking feedback on VCE’s approach to updating VCE’s Net Energy Metering Policy in consideration of Net Bill Tariff

VCE Director of Finance and Internal Operations Edward Burnham summarized VCE’s current Net Energy Metering (NEM) policy, background, and the reasons that VCE’s NEM Policy, adopted in October 2019, needs to be updated in consideration of NBT or SBP adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Mr. Burnham highlighted efforts to improve VCE’s current NEM processes and the distribution of net billing credits to customers. The CAC reviewed the draft updates and discussed how the value of excess energy is calculated, whether or not battery storage is counted, and rollover credits. The CAC asked that the draft updated Policy reflect the distinction



(NBT)/Solar Billing Plan (SBP). (Information/Discussion)

between NEM 2.0 and NEM 3.0. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Diccon Westworth made a motion that Staff update the draft updated NEM Policy to reflect the intent of the update and to reflect the distinction between NEM 2.0 and 3.0 customers; and, recommend that the Board move forward on adopting an updated NEM Policy, seconded by Lorenzo Kristov. Motion passed with Aulman and Rindahl absent.

Item 10: Receive 2023 Long Range Calendar. (Information /Discussion)

Mr. Westworth informed those present that he will not be at the CAC's November 16th meeting. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 11: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.

Mr. Kristov watched the movie "Common Ground" about regenerative agriculture and highly recommends watching it.

Mr. Sears informed those present that he attended the Biomass conference held in the City of Winters and CAC Member Danielle Ballard was also in attendance. VCE in conjunction with a few partners have submitted grant applications for 1) bidirectional charging for farm equipment and 2) the integration of electrified tractors into VCE's dynamic rates system. VCE continues to track the Esparto-Capy Microgrid Strategic Growth Council grant application.

Adjournment to Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 5 p.m. at Yolo County Community Services Department, Cache Creek Conference Room, located at 292 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Gordon Samuel, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Valley Clean Energy’s Policy regarding PG&E allocation of Greenhouse Gas (GHG)-free (Large Hydro and Nuclear) resources to Community Choice Aggregators

DATE: November 16, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the 2024 allocation of large hydro carbon free attributes paid for by VCE customers;
2. Reject the 2024 allocation of nuclear power carbon free attributes;
3. Recommend the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement(s) with PG&E to accept only the Large Hydro portion of the 2024 GHG free allocations; and
4. As approved by the Board in December 2022, in the event the future attributes are made available to VCE and there are no material changes in VCE’s position, staff will continue to bring this item to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Board as part of their respective consent agendas.

BACKGROUND

PG&E owns or contracts for a number of GHG-free resources (including large hydro and nuclear from Diablo Canyon Power Plant). PG&E has been able to count these resources on its power content label (PCL) to meet its GHG-free targets. Load serving entities (LSEs), on the other hand, have been paying for those same assets through Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), yet do not receive any of the GHG-free benefits – this includes VCE.

In mid-2019, CCAs approached PG&E to discuss whether PG&E would be agreeable to selling energy from their large hydro facilities¹. PG&E ultimately refused to make sales in 2019, but subsequently approached CCAs and offered to allocate GHG-free resources (nuclear and large hydro) to CCAs and other eligible load serving entities (LSEs).

¹ Large hydro and nuclear resources count as GHG-free on the power content label (PCL), and investor-owned utilities (IOUs) have been benefiting from counting those resources to meet their GHG-free targets. LSEs, on the other hand, have been paying for those same assets through PCIA, yet do not receive any of the GHG-free benefits through the PCL.

Eventually the allocations became available in 2020, and the VCE Board elected to receive the large hydro only attributes. This became effective in the third quarter of 2020 and VCE received approximately 24,000 MWHs in 2020; 37,382 MWHs for 2021; and 53,886 MWHs for 2022 (note: VCE will not know the final 2023 numbers until Q2 2024).

There is no obligation to accept this allocation of GHG-free attributes. An LSE can choose to accept neither resource pool, one or the other, or both. The volume that each LSE receives will ultimately depend on the volume of electricity generated by each resource pool and the proportion of PG&E’s load served by the LSE.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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| November 1, 2023 | · Notice Issued |
| Up to Week of November 6, 2023 | · PG&E will provide Eligible LSEs with 2024 Sales Agreement for Review |
| Wednesday, November 15, 2023 (ACTION REQUIRED) | · Feedback on form Sales Agreement due to PG&E |
| Up to Week of December 11, 2023 (ACTION REQUIRED) | · PG&E will provide Eligible LSEs Offers and a final version of 2024; PG&E and Eligible LSEs will execute 2024 Sales Agreement |
| January 1, 2024 (<i>pending execution of Sales Agreement</i>) | · Expected start of Delivery Period under 2024 Sales Agreement |
| Week of June 18, 2024 (<i>approximation</i>) | · First Quarterly Report with estimated Allocation Amount will be distributed |
| On or about April 15, 2025 | · Final Report will be distributed to participating LSEs |

RECOMMENDATION

As discussed with the CAC and Board in the past on the topic of allocations, staff continues to believe that:

- The potential reputational risk from accepting the nuclear allocation as part of our GHG-free target is greater than the potential savings for accepting this allocation.
- The monetary savings for either of these allocations is very low.
- Generally nuclear is not considered a clean fuel source due to risks associated with spent fuel and practical long-term disposal options.

Based on these factors, staff believes that VCE is better served by accepting the hydro allocation for 2024, but not the nuclear allocation. Staff did consult with The Energy Authority (TEA) regarding the potential monetary value of nuclear attributes and confirmed that is very low, if any.

In summary, the staff recommendation to the Board is:

1. Accept the 2024 allocation of large hydro carbon free attributes paid for by VCE customers;

2. Reject the 2024 allocation of nuclear power carbon free attributes;
3. Recommend the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement(s) with PG&E to accept only the Large Hydro portion of the 2024 GHG free allocations; and
4. In the event the future attributes are made available to VCE and there are no material changes in VCE's position, staff will continue to bring this item to the CAC and Board as part of their consent agendas.

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report - Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Mitch Sears, Executive Officer
Yvonne Hunter, Legislative and Project Specialist
Mark Fenstermaker, Principal, Pacific Policy Group

SUBJECT: End of Session Legislative Update

DATE: November 16, 2023

This staff report provides an overview of how VCE engages in the legislative process and an update on the end of the 2023 legislative session.

OVERVIEW OF VCE'S LEGISLATIVE ENGAGEMENT

VCE participates in the legislative process through various means that work together to ensure that VCE's voice is heard in the legislature.

Legislative Platform. Each fall, VCE updates its Legislative Platform that includes key policy issues of interest to VCE and for which VCE may decide to take a position. It serves as a guide to help staff, Board and CAC members and VCE's lobbyist. The CAC reviewed the draft 2024 Legislative Platform at its October meeting and recommended that the VCE board approve it. The VCE board approved the 2024 Legislative Platform at its November 9, 2023 meeting. It is important to remember that the Legislative Platform is a guide and VCE may engage in new issues that surface even if they are not addressed in the Platform.

Legislative/Regulatory Task Group. The CAC's Leg/Reg Task Group meets every other week with staff and Pacific Policy Group to discuss pending legislation and regulations of interest to CCAs and VCE, political strategy, and what positions, if any, to recommend for VCE to take.

VCE Procedure for Taking Positions on Bills. At its June 2022 meeting, the VCE board adopted an updated [Legislative and Regulatory Policy and Procedure](#) for taking positions on pending legislation and regulations. The procedure includes discussion and recommendations by the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group, the CAC and the VCE board, where the legislative timeline permits such review. The procedure also includes a process for VCE to take a position where the legislative or regulatory timeline requires quick action if VCE's engagement is to be effective.

Coordination with CalCCA. CalCCA is the statewide association representing California CCAs in the legislative and regulatory process. Since July 2022, VCE has actively participated in CalCCA’s Legislative Committee and has, where appropriate, coordinated legislative outreach by VCE with that of CalCCA staff and lobbyists and other CCAs. VCE’s Executive Officer represents VCE on the CalCCA Board of Directors and contributes VCE’s perspective on issues before the CalCCA board, including legislative items.

Direct VCE Lobbying. VCE contracts with Pacific Policy Group to represent its interests in the Legislature. Mark Fenstermaker is VCE’s eyes and ears at the Capitol and provides guidance and hands on lobbying for VCE. He coordinates with the CalCCA legislative team and other CCA advocates. At critical times, VCE also asks its board members to contact VCE’s legislators on key issues.

END OF THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

When the Legislature adjourned in September for 2023, it concluded the first of the two-year, 2023-24 Legislative Session. With the above overview of VCE’s legislative engagement as background, Pacific Policy Group will present an update of the 2023 Legislative year and a peek at the upcoming 2024 legislative year.

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 7

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Review draft 2023 Programs & Outreach Task Group Year-End Report

DATE: October 26, 2023

Attached for your review and comments is the draft Programs & Outreach Task Group year-end report.

At the CAC's October 26, 2023 meeting the Legislative & Regulatory Task Group and Strategic Plan Task Group year-end reports were reviewed. The schedule is to provide all final year-end reports to the Board for their information at their December meeting.

Attachment: Programs & Outreach Task Group Year-End Report

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH TASK GROUP (POTG)
2023 YEAR END REPORT**

Task Group Members: Keith Taylor (Chair), Rahul Athalye, Mark Aulman, David Springer

Primary Staff Contact: Rebecca Boyles

2023 Charge:

The CAC Programs Task Group will collaborate with VCEA staff and consultants on policies, procedures and programs aimed at improving the customer experience and customer satisfaction in VCE, including:

1. Assist in the development of public information strategies, planning, and materials related to VCEA customer marketing, outreach, policies and programs. As requested by staff, review draft materials and provide comments as appropriate; assist with customer-facing community outreach to, and liaison with, member communities.
2. Help define audience segments within VCE's service area and consult on appropriate messages and communications approaches; provide a sounding board to assist in message development and copy testing. Conduct review of marketing materials at the draft (pre-release) stage upon request from staff.
3. Assist with identification of statewide program opportunities and development of strategies for disseminating information on eligibility, rebate amounts, stacked incentives, and other details; assist Staff with finding and applying for external funding for potential programs.
4. Collaborate with Staff on an annual update to the 3-year Programs Plan, discuss 2023 program implementation with Staff; assist with the update of 2022 program design/implementation forms and program prioritization for implementation in 2023.
5. As requested by the Director of Customer Care and Marketing, provide outreach and messaging support for the efforts of other CAC task groups, as well as outreach to VCE's participating jurisdictions to encourage collaborative dissemination regarding programs, energy savings tips, rebates/incentives etc. on their websites and social media platforms.
6. Provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities.

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Highlights of Accomplishments:

- Merged the Programs Task Group and Outreach Task Group together to finalize the amended charge for 2023.
- Recommended a \$20,000 budget increase to Phase 1 of the EV rebate program, launched in September 2022. As of today, 39 rebates totaling nearly \$120,000 have been issued, 10 of which went to low-income residents.
- Assisted in the development of Phase 2 of the EV rebate pilot program which will provide low-income residents with rebates of \$1500 to \$3000 depending on vehicle type. Additionally, it will provide rebates up to \$500 for home EV charging equipment and \$500 for panel upgrades, as well as multifamily housing charging infrastructure incentives of \$3000 per charger and up to \$21,000 per property. Twenty-five percent of the EV rebate funds will be prioritized for income-qualified applicants. Phase 2 is pending VCE Board approval. Additional Phase 2 program elements could include:
 - Incentives vehicle-to-grid integration
 - Incentives for non-residential vehicle chargingVCE's EV rebate program has relied on the California Clean Vehicle Project (CVRP) for qualifying applicants. Unfortunately, the CVRP funds were exhausted in September 2023, and the 2024 program will be limited to low-income applicants only. VCE customers have been able to join a wait list while adjustments to VCE's qualification process are under development.
- Participated in calls with program providers that administer incentives for the installation of heat pumps and heat pump water heaters. With the launch of the California Energy Smart Homes program, the TECH program, and forthcoming offerings under the Inflation Reduction Act, POTG members will continue to help develop materials that will allow customers to navigate and benefit from these programs.
- Provided industry expertise to ERRO or the Electrification Retrofit Rebate Outreach Program, in the development of an educational outreach program on electrification and energy efficiency. POTG members continue to brainstorm with staff on how to best support low-income households in the adoption of electrification, as well as steps VCE can take to include renters.
- Provided input on the design and marketing of programs developed through 3rd party partnerships, which include:
 - **AgFIT or Agriculture Flexible Irrigation Technology** -Launched in July 2022; supplying hourly dynamic prices and automation incentives to Yolo County irrigators. Deliberation of an AgFIT pilot expansion is underway at the California Public Utility Commission. The pilot program continues to be successful and will supply much

needed data dynamic rates schedules, shaping the future of load management in California.

- **OhmConnect** - In the second year of the program. Continues to see steady enrollment and customer participation during events.
 - **SACOG or Sacramento Area Council of Governments Grant** – Provided funds for local municipalities to install for EV charging infrastructure. The City of Winters has completed all their installations and are open to the public now. The County of Yolo has recently finished their first EV charger installation at the county library.
 - **Vehicle to Grid Program with SMUD or Sacramento Municipal Utility District** – Applied for funding and are awaiting reply.
 - **REDWDS or Responsive, Easy Charging Products with Dynamic Signals** - Received initial approval for funding from the California Energy Commission. Implementation of this program is expected to begin in 2024.
- Developed and targeted alongside staff future program goals, including agriculture equipment electrification, Self-Generation Incentive Program partnerships or opportunities, energy efficiency and electrification rebates, and workforce development. Due a wide array of opportunities and limitations on staff time, POTG efforts are invaluable. Members may move forward to support staff on specific items, that best suit their interests and industry expertise.

Lessons Learned – Challenges and Opportunities:

Challenges:

- Limited staff time to develop, market, and manage programs, especially as programs continue to grow in complexity and scope.
- Partnerships have proven to be time-consuming but productive.

Opportunities:

- Continue to learn from experiences of other CCAs on programs that have worked well for their customers.
- Potential to add staff and/or hire consultants to help with program implementation.
- Engage with Staff on availability of funding as reserves build.
- Support Staff with specific needs as time permits, such as ideas for and review of website updates, strategies to maximize customer access to incentives, and identification of future program and outreach needs.
- Collaborate with Yolo, Woodland, Davis, and Winters Climate Action Commissions and Cool Davis.
- Potential to collaborate with other public utilities.

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – Item 9

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: Discussion of 2023 CAC meeting dates and topics
DATE: November 16, 2023

Please find attached the updated 2023 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar for your review and information.

Please review for discussion with Staff the topics scheduled for the remainder of 2024.

Please note that due to the holiday schedule, the December 28th meeting has been **rescheduled** to and at the following **location**:

December 21, 2023 at 5 p.m. (3rd Thursday) (Winters Community Center Main Hall, 201 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694)

At any time, 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 *Proposed* Topics
Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
(Note: Meeting locations and Topics are subject to change)

| MEETING DATE | | TOPICS | ACTION |
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| January 12, 2023 Special Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2023 (3 rd Thursday) (REMOTE) | Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Nominations • Discussion/Action • Information • Action • Information • Information |
| January 26, 2023 (REMOTE) | Advisory Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Information • Discussion/Action • Information |
| February 9, 2023 (IN PERSON) | Board (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative & Regulatory Updates • Update on 2023 PCIA and Rates • Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo • Strategic Plan Update (Annual) • Enterprise Risk Oversight Committee (EROC) proposed modifications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Information • Information • Discussion/Action |
| February 23, 2023 (Remote) | Advisory Committee | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan update (Annual) • Update on 2023 PCIA and Rates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information/Discussion • Information |
| March 9, 2023 (IN PERSON) | Board (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items. | |

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| March 23, 2023 (IN PERSON) | Advisory Committee (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items. | |
| April 13, 2023 | Board (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo Calendar Year 2023 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) SMUD: Amendment(s) to update Agreement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Action Information Discussion/Action |
| April 27, 2023 | Advisory Committee (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Participation Update EV Rebates Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information/Discussion/Action |
| May 11, 2023 | Board (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled. | |
| May 25, 2023 | Advisory Committee (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled due to schedule conflict. | |
| June 8, 2023 Meeting Cancelled 5-Year Anniversary Celebration and Special Board meeting: June 15, 2023 | Board (Davis) Veterans Memorial Center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual) Customer Participation Update EV Rebates Program Mid-Year 2023 Financial Update VCE’s 5-Year Anniversary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Information Discussion/Action Information Information |
| June 22, 2023 | Advisory Committee (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Dividend and Programs Allocation Strategic Plan update (Guidelines) Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update 80% Renewable by 2030 Policy. (<i>placeholder</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Discussion Information Discussion/Action |
| July 13, 2023 | Board (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo Customer Participation Update Customer Dividend and Programs Allocation Strategic Plan update (Guidelines) Power Portfolio Renewable Content (<i>placeholder</i>) 80% Renewable by 2030 Policy. (<i>placeholder</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion/Action Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Information/Discussion Discussion/Action |

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| July 27, 2023 | Advisory Committee (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled. | |
| August 10, 2023 | Board (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled. | |
| August 24, 2023 | Advisory Committee (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Participation Update Strategic Plan Draft Programs Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action |
| September 14, 2023 | Board (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification of Standard and UltraGreen Products / 2022 Power Content Label (Annual) Enterprise Risk Management update (Bi-annual) Strategic Plan final draft Renewable Product Content Category options Electric Vehicle Rebate Program – Phase 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Discussion/Action |
| September 28, 2023 | Advisory Committee (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress update on 3-Year Programs Plan and Introduction to 2024 Program concepts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion |
| October 12, 2023 | Board (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo 2023 Operating Budget update and 2024 preliminary Operating Budget Customer Participation Update Progress update on 3-Year Programs Plan and 2024 program concepts Legislative End of Session update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information Information Discussion/Action Information |
| October 26, 2023 | Advisory Committee (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on 2022 Power Content Label Customer Participation Update Review CAC Task Group Year-end Reports Draft 2024 Legislative Platform Solar Billing Plan (SBP)/ Net Billing Tariff (NBT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information Discussion Discussion/Action Discussion |
| November 9, 2023 | Board (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Operating Budget Update 2024 Legislative Platform Solar Billing Plan (SBP)/ Net Billing Tariff (NBT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Discussion/Action Discussion/Action |

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| November 23, 2023 November 16, 2023 (rescheduled to November 16 th due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 23 rd .) | Advisory Committee (Woodland, Cache Creek Room, 292 W. Beamer St.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHG Free Attributes Legislative End of Session update 2024 Budget Update/Preview | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information Information |
| December 14, 2023 | Board (Davis) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve 2024 Operating Budget (Annual) and 2024 Customer Rates GHG Free Attributes Receive CAC Year-end Task Group Reports 2023 Year End Review: Customer Care and Marketing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Action Discussion Information |
| December 28, 2023 (rescheduled to December 21, 2023) | Advisory Committee (Winters, Community Center – Main Hall) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 CAC Task Group(s) formation (Annual) Election of Officers for 2024 (Annual) Power Procurement / RPS update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Nominations Information |
| January 11, 2024 | Board (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) Election of Officers for 2024 (Annual) Customer Participation Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Nominations Information |
| January 25, 2024 | Advisory Committee (Woodland) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rates/Budget 2024 update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information |

Notes: 1. CalCCA Annual Meeting scheduled for April 16-19, 2024 (San Jose).

| CAC PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS Topics and Discussion dates may change as needed | <u>ESTIMATED</u> MEETING DATE(S) |
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| Strategic Plan (Annual Report) to Board and CAC | February 2024 |
| Electric Vehicle Rebate Program – Phase 2 | TBD |
| AgFIT (Agriculture Flexible Irrigation Technology) Pilot Program – How it works (Information) | TBD |
| Regionalization (Information) | TBD |
| Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) | |
| Agri-voltaics (for information only) | |
| Legislative Items (as needed) | |