



**Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCE)  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting  
Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.  
Davis Senior Center – Senior Activity Room  
646 A Street, Davis, CA 95616**

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**Committee Members:** Yvonne Hunter (Chair), Marsha Baird (Vice Chair), Gerry Braun, Christine Shewmaker, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, and Christine Casey

**5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
- 2. Public Comment** – This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Advisory Committee on any VCEA-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the 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 Committee are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker, but an extension can be provided at the discretion of the Chair.
- 3. Brief VCEA Staff and Advisory Task Group Reports (≈ 20 minutes)**- Representatives of VCEA 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. 2/13/2020 Board meeting**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4. Approval of January 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and February 5, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.**
- 5. Receive Customer Enrollment Update as of February 20, 2020.**



## REGULAR AGENDA (≈ 5:50 p.m.)

6. Discussion on local / regional renewable Request for Offers (RFO) solicitation criteria. (≈ 20 minutes) (Action)
7. Task Groups – Initial discussion for Task Groups to prepare tasks/projects for March meeting review. (≈ 10 minutes) (Informational)
8. Update on Board of Directors' Strategic Plan Process. (≈ 10 minutes) (Informational)
9. Update on Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA). (≈ 10 minutes) (Informational)
10. Receive and update Community Advisory Committee 2020 Long-Term Calendar. (≈ 5 minutes) (Discussion)
11. Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements (≈ 5 minutes) Action items and reports from members of the Advisory Committee, including announcements, future agenda items, and reports on meetings and information which would be of interest to the Committee or the public.

The next Community Advisory Committee meeting / Integrated Resource Plan Workshop has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2020 at City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Davis, California 95695.

A Valley Clean Energy *Special Board* meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020 at **4:00 p.m.** at City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Davis, California 95695.

The Valley Clean Energy *Board* has scheduled a Special meeting / Strategic Planning Workshop for Monday, March 23, 2020 at 3 p.m. at City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Davis, California 95695.

## 12. Adjournment

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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report - Item 4**

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**TO:** VCEA Community Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** CAC December 5, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes  
**DATE:** February 27, 2020

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**Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached January 23, 2020 meeting minutes and the February 5, 2020 special meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020**

Chair Braun opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2020 beginning at 5:32 p.m. at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Woodland, California.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Gerry Braun (Chair), Christine Shewmaker (Vice-Chair), Marsha Baird, Mark Aulman, Yvonne Hunter

Committee Members Absent: Lorenzo Kristov, Christine Casey, David Springer

**Approval of Agenda** Chairperson Gerry Braun made motion to approve the January 23, 2020 Agenda, seconded by Christine Shewmaker, motion passed with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent.

**Public Comment** Chair Braun opened the floor for public comment. No public comments.

**VCEA Staff and Advisory task Group Reports** Task Group Updates: Yvonne Hunter informed those present that she will be scheduling photos of CAC and Board members some time in February or March. She also suggested that members come to VCE public events, even if it is for an hour.

Legislative / Regulatory Task Group: Ms. Hunter will be following up with VCE Staff Jim Parks to have a new tab with legislative information added on the VCE website.

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman informed those present that there are a number of areas on the website that the Task Group would like to improve.

Rates and Services Task Group: Marsha Baird informed those present that the new programs tab for electric vehicles (EV) has been added and an EV postcard will be coming out as well.

Board Meeting Recap: Interim General Manager Mitch Sears reviewed the highlights of VCE's January 9, 2020 Board meeting. Ms. Hunter asked that a page be added to the website updating information about the potential acquisition of PG&E's assets in our service territory.

Mr. Sears informed those present that PG&E is offering Greenhouse Gas (GHG)-free, large hydro and nuclear, resources to Community Choice Aggregators (CCA). Currently, the PCIA pays for those attributes but the individual CCA does not benefit from them. It is likely that each load serving entity will be able to accept or reject those attributes which are GHG free



but not renewable portfolio standard (RPS) eligible. It is anticipated that an advice letter will be issued the first part of February then we will have 30 days to respond. It was agreed that a special meeting of the CAC be scheduled for them to discuss this issue and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

**Approval of Items on Consent Agenda**

Chairperson Braun made a motion to approve the Consent items, seconded by Ms. Hunter. Motion passed with Mr. Aulman abstaining and Kristov, Casey and Springer absent. The following items were approved:

- Item 4: December 5, 2019 meeting minutes; and
- Item 5: Customer Enrollment Update as of January 16, 2020

**Discussion of Task Groups – structure for 2020**

The CAC members and staff discussed task groups, their 2019 “charge”, the formation of new task groups, and projects/tasks to be addressed.

Ms. Hunter made a motion to approve Task Group names, seconded by Ms. Baird. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent. The following Task Groups were formed:

1. Regulatory and Legislative Task Group – Hunter and Kristov
2. Outreach Task Group – Baird, Aulman, Hunter, Casey (TBD)
3. Programs Task Group – Baird, Shewmaker, Springer (TBD)
4. Strategic Planning Task Group – Braun, Aulman, Kristov (TBD)
5. Rates Task Group (As needed) – Gerry, Lorenzo (TBD)

Ms. Hunter asked that Staff send out a list of the Task Groups to all CAC members as a reminder and to confirm participation of those members that are not present tonight.

**Review of Vision Statement**

Mr. Sears suggested that the vision statement be reviewed and revised, if necessary, after the strategic plan has been finalized. The CAC members discussed ideas of a few things that should be included in the vision statement. It was agreed that the vision statement would be reviewed after the strategic plan has been finalized as this seems the most logical sequence.

**Update on potential acquisition of PG&E’s local electricity distribution system.**

Mr. Sears provided an updated on the potential acquisition of PG&E’s local electricity distribution system; the efforts made by other CCAs and agencies; and, the status of PG&E’s bankruptcy. Mr. Sears informed those present that many lessons have been learned about the local energy system and VCE is positioned well for future opportunities. Mr. Sears will be speaking to Santa Rosa about VCE’s experience with how VCE made the offer to PG&E. Collectively, CCAs are raising the “energy IQ” in the state.

Members suggested that the process be documented and summarized to be shared with CalCCA and others. Mr. Sears informed those present that the offer letter sent to PG&E is public.

**Election of Officers for 2020**

Ms. Shewmaker made a nomination of Yvonne Hunter as the Chair of the CAC, seconded by Ms. Baird. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent.



Ms. Shewmaker made a nomination of Marsha Baird as Vice Chair of the CAC, seconded by Ms. Hunter. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent. Ms. Baird reminded those present that her term would be expiring in June 2020.

Ms. Hunter made a motion to eliminate the Secretary position of the CAC, seconded by Ms. Baird. Motion passed unanimously with Kristov, Casey and Springer absent.

Ms. Hunter thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for their service as the Committee has matured into a well-oiled machine.

**Long Range 2020  
Calendar**

The CAC members agreed that a special meeting would be scheduled for Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Valley Clean Energy's administrative offices. It is anticipated to be an 1-1/2 hour meeting to discuss PG&E's offer of GHG-free attributes and to make a recommendation to the Board for their meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020.

In addition, it was confirmed that the next CAC meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> would also be a workshop on the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

**Advisory  
Committee  
Member and  
Staff  
Announcements**

Mr. Sears informed those present that VCE has hired an Assistant General Manager and Director of Power Services. He will start on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. His name is Gordon Samuel and he is currently the Power Director at MCE.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. to the special meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at VCE's administrative offices located at 604 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Davis, California. The CAC's next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center – Senior Activity Room, located at 646 A Street, Davis, California.

Alisa M. Lembke  
VCE Board Secretary



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

Chairperson Hunter opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a special meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Clean Energy administrative offices located at 604 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Davis, California.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Yvonne Hunter (Chair), Marsha Baird (Vice Chair \* arrived at 2:04 p.m.), Gerry Braun, Christine Shewmaker, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov

Committee Members Absent: David Springer, Christine Casey

**Approval of Agenda**

Mark Aulman made motion to approve the February 5, 2020 special meeting Agenda, seconded by Christine Shewmaker. Motion passed with Baird, Casey and Springer absent.

**Public Comment / Introductions**

Chairperson Hunter opened the floor for public comment. No public comment.

Interim General Manager Mitch Sears introduced Gordon Samuel, VCE's Assistant General Manager/Director of Power Services and Bill Her, Principal Energy Trading Specialist at Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD). The CAC members introduced themselves.

**Recommendation to the VCE Board of Directors on potential PG&E allocation of GHG-free resources**

Mr. Sears introduced this item by providing the background on this issue. PG&E submitted an advice letter to the CPUC offering large hydro and nuclear greenhouse gas (GHG)-free attributes to Load Serving Entities (LSE's), which includes Community Choice Aggregates (CCAs). Mr. Her provided the details of PG&E's offer and informed those present that it is anticipated that the offer will be provided at the end of February 2020. Once the offer has been received, each LSE will have thirty (30) days to respond. Mr. Sears informed those present that if VCE accepted the allocation, the receiving LSE "will waive their ability to make petitions, arguments or filings at the CPUC or at the California State Legislature regarding PG&E not offering any allocation, sale or transfer of Carbon Free Energy or attributes for the period that the eligible LSE accepts the offer. Neither PG&E nor the eligible LSEs will be required to post credit or collateral."

Mr. Sears reviewed three scenario options: Scenario A (Accept Hydro and Nuclear), Scenario B (Accept Nuclear only), and Scenario C (Accept Hydro only). Mr. Her reminded those present that VCE has procured all Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and GHG-free to meet VCE's 2020 goals. In addition, a number of PG&E GHG-free resources (large hydro and nuclear) are paid for through the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) charged to customers when they leave PG&E to receive their energy from a CCA such as VCE. Mr. Her reviewed the assumptions made to the different scenarios. He informed those present that since VCE has



already purchased their 2020 RPS and GHG-free, if VCE accepts PG&E's GHG-free attributes, those could be sold out in the open market.

Those present discussed several different options on what to do with the GHG-free attributes and/or potential revenue from selling the attributes in the open market. In addition, those present discussed the 2020 and 2021 PCIA rate; the effects of having large hydro and nuclear attributes on the open market, specifically how it may be viewed by potential developers; whether or not long term contracts help VCE; and, if the attributes were sold on the open market what the monies could be used for. Lastly, those present had a detailed discussion on the advantages and drawbacks of accepting the allocations.

The CAC questioned: (1) what exactly it means for an LSE to "waive their ability to make petitions, arguments or filings at the CPUC or at the California State Legislature regarding PG&E not offering any allocation, sale or transfer of Carbon Free Energy or attributes for the period that the eligible LSE accepts the offer"; and (2) would VCE be only getting the attributes and not the energy if they accepted PG&E's offer.

Mr. Aulman made a motion to recommend to the Board that VCE accept the large hydro allocations from PG&E, but not to accept the nuclear allocations, seconded by Chairperson Hunter. Mr. Kristov made an amendment to the motion to include confirmation that VCE would only be getting the attributes and not the energy. And, Ms. Baird made an amendment to the motion to include clarification, interpretation, and meaning of the statement that the LSE "will waive their ability to make petitions, arguments or filings at the CPUC or at the California State Legislature regarding PG&E not offering any allocation, sale or transfer of Carbon Free Energy or attributes for the period that the eligible LSE accepts the offer". Both amendments to the motion were accepted.

The amended motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Aulman, Kristov, Baird

NOES: Braun, Shewmaker

ABSENT: Springer, Casey

ABSTAIN: None

It was noted the reasons for the "no" votes centering on different issues: 1) the lack of information on the underlying motivation to offer the allocations, and 2) on an interest in accepting both allocations for the express purpose of using any cost savings to help fund VCE's priority local programs/projects.

**Recommendation  
on Legislative Bills  
AB1567, SB378,  
and SB804 to VCE  
Board of Directors**

Mr. Sears briefly reviewed the legislative bills with those present.

**AB 1567 (Aguiar-Curry). Organic waste: scoping plan.** Mr. Kristov made a motion that the CAC recommend ratification of VCE's support for this legislation, seconded by Mr. Aulman. Motion passed by the following vote:





AYES: Hunter, Baird, Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Kristov

NOES: None

ABSENT: Springer, Casey

ABSTAIN: None

**SB 378 (Wiener) Electrical corporations: deenergization events: procedures: allocation of costs: reports.** Ms. Shewmaker made a motion that the CAC recommend ratification of VCE's support for this legislation as amended, seconded by Mr. Aulman.

Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Baird, Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman

NOES: None

ABSENT: Springer, Casey

ABSTAIN: Kristov

**SB 804 (Wiener) Public capital facilities: electric utilities: rate reduction bonds.** Mr. Aulman made a motion that the CAC recommend to the Board support of this legislation as amended as consistent with VCE's adopted principles on establishment of public power options that deliver cost competitive energy to customers, seconded by Ms. Shewmaker. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Hunter, Baird, Braun, Shewmaker, Aulman, Kristov

NOES: None

ABSENT: Springer, Casey

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Sears provided information on **SB 917 (Wiener) California Consumer Energy and Conservation Financing Authority: eminent domain: Northern California Energy Utility District: Northern California Energy Utility Services** with those present. Mr. Sears informed those present that this legislative bill is not on this agenda; therefore, the CAC cannot make a recommendation to the Board. The CAC discussed this bill and support SB 917 in concept.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m. to the next regular CAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Davis Senior Center – Senior Activity Room, located at 646 A Street, Davis, California.

Alisa M. Lembke  
VCE Board Secretary

# VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

## Staff Report – Item 5

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**TO:** VCEA Community Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager, VCEA  
**SUBJECT:** Customer Enrollment Update (Information)  
**DATE:** February 27, 2020

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### RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Customer Enrollment update as of February 20, 2020.

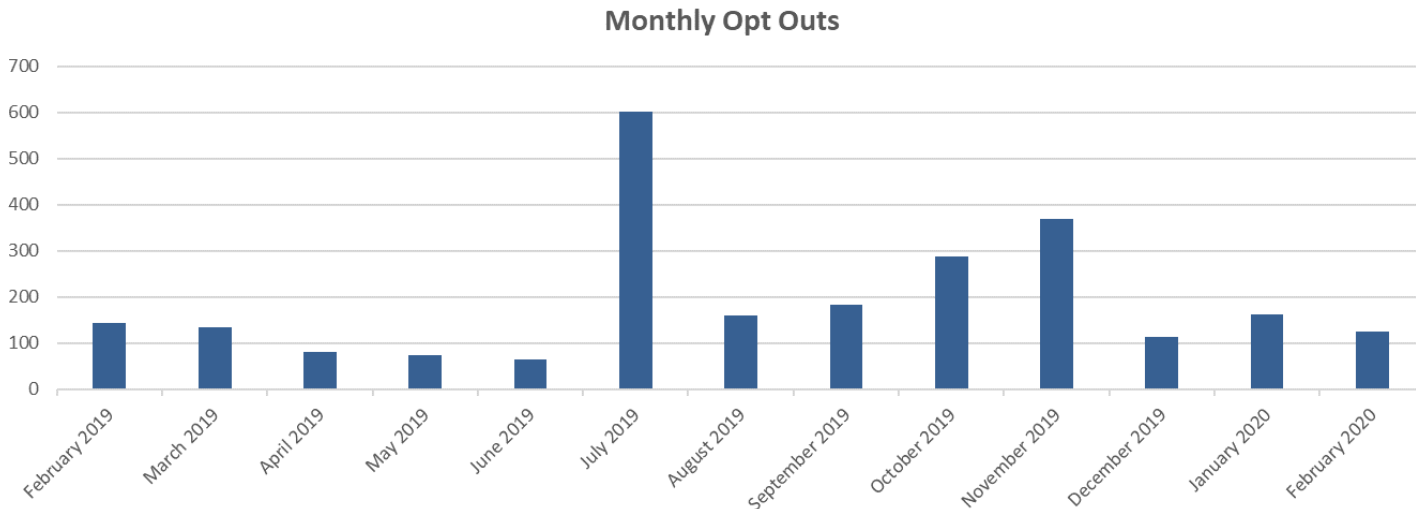
### Attachment:

1. February 20, 2020 Customer Enrollment update

# Item 14 - Enrollment Update

	Davis	Woodland	Yolo Co	Total	Ag	Commercial	Industrial	Residential
<b>VCEA customers</b>	25,836	18,889	9,344	54,069	1,756	5,766	5	46,542
<b>Eligible customers</b>	27,224	21,623	11,591	60,438	2,042	6,398	6	51,992
<b>Participation Rate</b>	95%	87%	81%	89%	86%	90%	83%	90%

- There are currently 5,802 NEM customers not included in this table. They will enroll throughout the remainder of 2020.

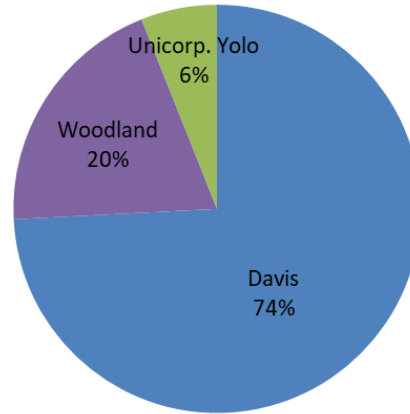


Status Date: 2/20/20

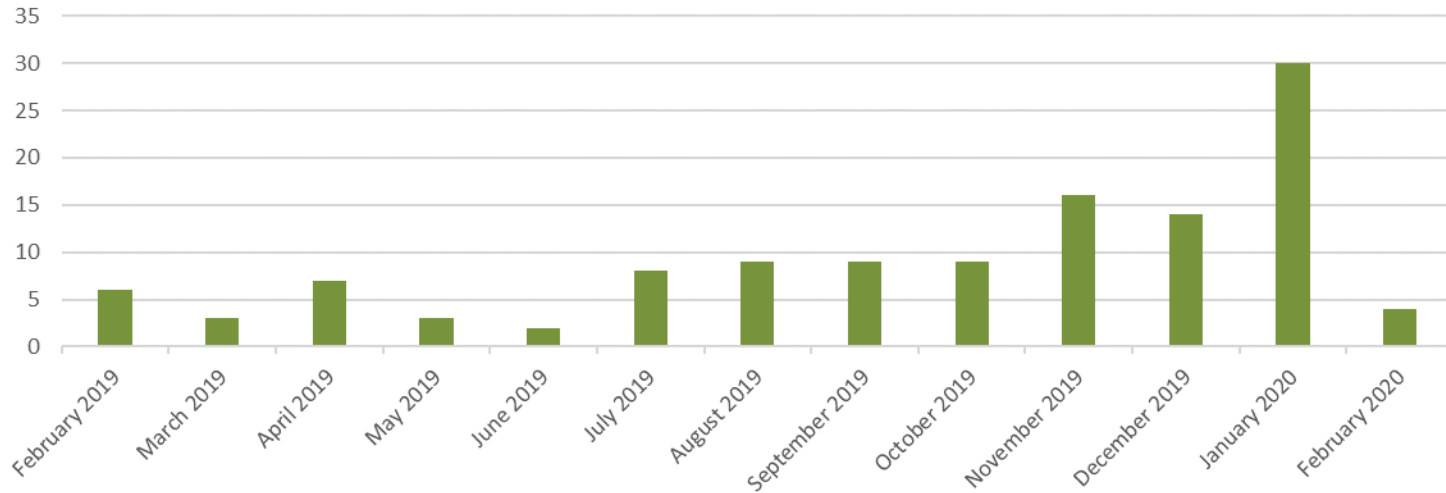


# Item 14 - Enrollment Update

182 Opt Ups



Monthly Opt Ups



Status Date: 2/20/20



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**Staff Report – Item 6**

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**TO:** Valley Clean Energy Alliance Community Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Gordon Samuel, Assistant General Manager & Director of Power Services  
**SUBJECT:** Key Parameters for Long Term Renewable Local/Regional Solicitation  
**DATE:** February 27, 2020

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is requesting the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) discuss and recommend key parameters to be included in the Local/Regional Long-Term Renewable Request for Offer (“RFO”) planned for issuance in late March/early April 2020.

**BACKGROUND**

***General***

In late March/early April 2020, staff will release a RFO for VCE to procure local/regional renewable energy through long-term power purchase agreements that will be executed in VCE’s name. This solicitation is identified in the 2019 RPS Procurement Plan. The Plan states specifically:

“VCE plans to establish an open solicitation for local renewables in the first quarter of 2020 in order to supply up to 25% of its targeted 2030 renewable goal of 80%.”

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2030</b>
VCE IRP Renewable Energy Targets	42.0%	60.0%	70.0%	80.0%
RPS Minimum Requirements	33.0%	38.5%	49.3%	60.0%
Additional Voluntary Procurement Above RPS Minimum Reqs	9.0%	21.5%	20.7%	20.0%

For discussion purposes: assuming an annual VCE load of 750,000 MWh, VCE plans to ultimately meet 600,000 MWh with renewable resources and 150,000 MWh of this will be from local renewables (approximately 50MW depending on the type of resource).

## **Other Considerations**

This solicitation could contribute to satisfying two other near-term regulatory requirements:

- 1) CPUC Decision D.17-06-026: VCE is required to meet the statutory goal of 65% of its procurement being from contracts with term lengths of 10 years or more in duration by the 2021-2024 compliance period. The recently signed 50 MW PPA will satisfy approximately 50% of this requirement leaving approximately 350,000 MWh (total remaining for years '21 through '24) for upcoming procurement activity.
- 2) CPUC D.13-10-040 establishes a goal for CCA programs to procure energy storage equal to 1% of their 2020 annual peak load by 2024. This requirement would equate to approximately a 2MW energy storage resource for VCE. This requirement was eliminated in September 2019, but CCA's are still required to file bi-annual Advice Letters on this topic. VCE filed on 12/31/19.

*Key Outcome Needed from Solicitation.* The primary result needed from this first local/regional long-term renewable solicitation for VCE is to facilitate development of local renewable resources. VCE currently has no power supply commitments from projects in Yolo County. The Indian Valley hydro project, currently under two-year contract to VCE, is in adjacent Lake County.

*Offers for Output from Operating (Existing) Projects.* VCE may receive proposals for projects that are existing and already in commercial operation. Although these types of offers will NOT be prohibited, staff recommends giving preference to new local development.

*Evaluation Methodology.* The solicitation will be requesting bidders to submit a lot of information concerning their proposed projects. The solicitation document will not however, provide bidders a defined rating methodology. Staff expects to receive offers from a variety of technologies which will yield significantly different output profiles and pricing (e.g. Biomass vs PV vs PV+Storage). Staff will work with SMUD and "levelize" pricing terms to show which projects offer the most value to VCE customers. Staff also recognizes that pricing on smaller scale projects will be different than those larger scale projects that have been executed or are under negotiations. There will be additional work after the solicitation is issued to build the evaluation methodology and review with the Community Advisory Committee.

*Input from NGO's:* Staff will be meeting with representatives from The Nature Conservancy and Defenders of Wildlife for recommendations on land use criteria and other environmental input that would be applicable to this RFO.

## **Parameters to consider for Local/Regional RFO**

The set of criteria that staff is requesting the Board approve is a subset of many criteria in the solicitation. The criteria selected generally are those that set the tone and direction for the types of renewable resources that VCE pursues, given its desires for a local emphasis and encouraging sustainable development practices. The balance of the solicitation criteria has

been developed over time to increase the likelihood that selected projects have a high likelihood of successfully achieving commercial operation. The criteria staff is requesting consideration for are:

1. Definition of Local/Regional Resources
2. Siting Criteria
3. Development Status Criteria
4. Acceptable Technologies
5. Existing versus new-build
6. Timing

Staff does not believe that policy decisions are required at this time for the parameters.

## **1. Definition of Local/Regional Resources**

### ***Discussion***

If the definition of Local is limited to located within Yolo County, resource opportunities will not be as readily plentiful than if Local were defined as a broader geographical area. Although a project may be physically sited in an adjacent county, there are inevitably indirect benefits for Yolo County.

VCE is currently only serving customers in Yolo County and a goal of the CCA model is to create jobs, build local clean energy resources and to reinvest dollars in the local economy.

### ***Recommendation***

Staff recommends a position defining the following resource criteria for location, and that these criteria be included in the RFO.

“Local” is defined as any resource located within Yolo County, or nearby Yolo County if having a nexus back to Yolo County (the Indian Valley Hydro Project owned by Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is an example of a nearby project having a nexus back to Yolo County).

“Regional” is defined as any resource located within the six adjacent counties and including the Geysers Geothermal Resource Area in Sonoma County.

In addition, Staff recommends those projects that meet the above “Local” definition be given some level of preference compared to those outside of Yolo County.

## **2. Siting Criteria**

### ***Discussion***

Defining restrictions on the types of lands associated with energy projects that VCE wants to procure is important so that VCE does not procure power from projects that may be proposed for areas:

- a. VCE determines have important land uses to protect, such as prime farm lands;
- b. That increase the likelihood of there being conflicts with sensitive wildlife species, cultural sensitivities, or other environmental issues.

***Recommendation***

Given the magnitude of land use in Yolo County classified as agricultural, and given the loss of farmlands elsewhere in the state, staff supports a position against development of new renewable projects on farmlands classified as prime.

Staff plans to broaden this parameter after meeting with The Nature Conservancy and Defenders of Wildlife. Staff will share these recommendations with the CAC prior to issuing the RFO.

**3. Development Status Criteria**

***Discussion***

Projects that are farther into their development cycle are much more likely to achieve commercial operation than projects that are just beginning their development, and will be able to better meet the needed commercial operation date for VCE’s portfolio (items #1 and #2 under “Other Considerations” shown above).

As such, establishing minimum criteria for development progress will be important.

***Recommendation***

Staff recommends that the following be placed in the RFO as a minimum to pass initial screening:

Project proposers must provide:

Acknowledgment by the relevant land use authority that a permit application has been received.

Evidence of site control.

**4. Acceptable Technologies**

***Discussion***

There is no reason to limit acceptable technologies for this solicitation, other than to require that any equipment proposed be a mature technology. In addition, inclusion of storage in this renewable solicitation will be important to facilitate VCE’s compliance with the legal requirements. The most cost-effective storage installations currently are those installations integrated with renewable power projects as the systems are eligible for the investment tax credits. Battery systems are the common storage technology used for integration with renewable energy projects.



### ***Recommendation***

Staff recommends that the following acceptable technology criteria be placed in the solicitation document:

Proposers can submit project proposals for any renewable technology (PCC1-eligible Renewable Energy, Green Attributes/Renewable Energy Credits and Capacity Attributes (if available)). In addition, provided the pricing is reasonable, a Local project with a small battery storage system would provide additional benefits.

### **5. Existing versus New-Build**

#### ***Discussion***

The availability of existing resources is limited but not out of the realm of possibilities that offers could be received, especially if the broader definition of “Local” is incorporated in to this RFO. New-build resources would further the mission of creating jobs, investing in the community, etc.

#### ***Recommendation***

Staff recommends that the RFO is open to existing as well as new build with a preference given to those that are new-build in Yolo County.

### **6. Timing**

#### ***Discussion***

New projects can be at different stages of maturity and project development varies by technology, permitting agencies, site characteristics, etc. The goal of this solicitation is to develop projects that can benefit VCE customers and satisfy certain regulatory requirements.

#### ***Recommendation***

Staff recommends that this RFO be limited only to proposals from resources that can achieve a commercial operation date (COD) no later than 12/31/23. All other things being equal, projects that can achieve an earlier COD will be given preference.

### **CONCLUSION**

Staff is requesting input from the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on the above parameters and to identify any other attributes that can improve the solicitation.

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report - Item 7**

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**TO:** VCEA Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager  
Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Task Groups “Charge” for 2020

**DATE:** February 27, 2020

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At the CAC’s January 23, 2020 meeting, Task Groups were formed. The purpose of this report is to stimulate discussion within each Task Group on their list of tasks/projects or “charge” for 2020 and request that each Task Group provide their “charge” for review at the CAC’s March meeting.

Below is a list of the Task Groups formed and where appropriate the 2019 “charge”:

1. Regulatory/Legislative

A. Members: Yvonne Hunter, Lorenzo Kristov

B. 2019 Charge:

- (1) develop effective process to identify bills and regulations
- (2) provide feedback and strategic advice on key legislative issues
- (3) engage in CalCCA’s regulatory work where and when appropriate
- (4) see input on legislative and regulatory issues from CAC to solicit recommendation from CAC members on positions of those issues
- (5) contribute to VCE’s engagement with legislators and other stakeholders
- (6) work with Outreach Task Group and staff on providing a framework for legislative and regulatory updates on the VCE website

2. Outreach

A. Members: Mark Aulman, Marsha Baird, Yvonne Hunter, Christine Casey

B. 2019 Charge:

- (1) consult with Staff on short-term and long-term outreach strategies
- (2) help define audience segments and consult on appropriate messages and communications approaches
- (3) provide a sounding board to assist in message development and copy testing
- (4) solicit input from other CC members on audience segments, messages, and other issues relating to public information and outreach
- (5) review development procedures for marketing communications and public relations projects
- (6) conduct review of marketing materials at the draft (pre-release) stage  
prepare monthly summaries for the CAC on marketing materials in development pipeline

3. Programs

A. Members: Marsha Baird, Christine Shewmaker, David Springer

B. 2019 Rates and Services Charge:

- (1) review costs, benefits and rate options for enrolling solar customers
- (2) review reserve policies, targets, resource adequacy experience, future expected resource adequacy costs with Staff
- (3) collaborate with Staff on dividend program options and provide recommendation(s)
- (4) collaborate with Staff on plans for NEM customer enrollment and provide recommendation(s)
- (5) review additional rate, service and program projects; collaborate with Staff; and provide recommendation(s)
- (6) review services and programs offered by other CCAs and PG&E and make recommendations of options
- (7) prepare monthly summaries and updates for CAC on issues being reviewed by task group

4. Strategic Planning

A. Members: Gerry Braun, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov

5. Rates Task Group (As needed)

A. Members: Gerry Braun, Lorenzo Kristov

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report – Item 10**

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**TO:** VCE Community Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** Board and CAC 2020 Long Range Calendar  
**DATE:** January 23, 2020

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Please find attached the 2020 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. It lists upcoming meetings and proposed topics for discussion.

Please make suggestions if there are additional topics you wish to add.

**Attachment:**

1. 2020 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY

### 2020 Meeting Dates and *Proposed* Topics – Board and Community Advisory Committee

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
January 9, 2020	<b>Board</b> WOODLAND	•	•
January 23, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	•	•
February 13, 2020	<b>Board</b> DAVIS	• Power Purchase Agreement	• Action
February 27, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Groups – Present Tasks/Projects</li> <li>• Update on Regulatory Assistance Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informational</li> <li>• Informational</li> </ul>
March 12, 2020	<b>Board</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary FY20/21 Operating Budget (Regular)</li> <li>• River City Bank Revolving Line of Credit</li> <li>• Appoint City of Winters seats to CAC</li> <li>• Power Purchase Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> <li>• Action</li> </ul>
Monday, March 23, 2020 <b>Special Board Meeting / Strategic Planning Workshop</b>	<b>Board</b> WOODLAND	• Strategic Plan	• Discussion/Action
March 26, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Term Load Forecast – Biannual 2020 Integrated Energy Planning Report</li> <li>• Review Draft Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) / Public Workshop, CAC to provide recommendation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Informational/Action</li> </ul>
April 9, 2020	<b>Board</b> DAVIS	• Review Draft Integrated Resource Plan and CAC Recommendation	• Informational / Action

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Term Load Forecast – Biannual 2020 Integrated Energy Planning Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information</li> </ul>
April 23, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	
May 14, 2020	<b>Board</b> WINTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of Integrated Resource Plan (due July 1, 2020)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action</li> </ul>
May 28, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information related to 2021 Integrated Resource Plan Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information</li> </ul>
June 11, 2020	<b>Board</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Approval of FY20/21 Operating Budget</li> <li>Extension of Waiver of Opt-Out Fees for one more year (??)</li> <li>Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval</li> <li>Action</li> <li>Action</li> </ul>
June 25, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information related to 2021 Integrated Resource Plan Update</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion</li> <li></li> </ul>
July 9, 2020	<b>Board</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
July 23, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information related to 2021 Integrated Resource Plan Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
August 13, 2020	<b>Board</b> DAVIS		
August 27, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revised Procurement Guide – Review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
September 10, 2020	<b>Board</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residential Time of Use Rate Classes Report</li> <li>Discussion on River City Bank Revolving Line of Credit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information/Discussion</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
September 24, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Evaluation of Calendar Year End (Draft Report)</li> <li>Revised Procurement Guide – Review Draft Recommendation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
October 8, 2020	<b>Board</b> WINTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of FY19/20 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta &amp; Co.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>River City Bank Revolving Line of Credit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
October 22, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Evaluation of Calendar Year End (Draft Report)</li> <li>Revised Procurement Guide- Review Draft Recommendation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>
November 12, 2020	<b>Board</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<del>November 26, 2020</del> Thanksgiving Holiday – Rescheduled to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, November 19, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Evaluation of Calendar Year End (Draft Report)</li> <li>Revised Procurement Guide – Finalize Recommendation to Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion</li> <li>Action: Recommendation to Board</li> </ul>
December 10, 2020	<b>Board</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of Officers for 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominations</li> </ul>
<del>December 24, 2020</del> Rescheduled to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, December 17, 2020	<b>Advisory Committee</b> DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of Officers for 2020</li> <li>Finalization of Committee Calendar Year End Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominations</li> <li>Approve Report</li> </ul>
January 14, 2021	<b>Board</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive CAC Calendar Year End Report</li> <li>Approve Revised Procurement Guide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive Report</li> <li>Action</li> </ul>
January 28, 2021	<b>Advisory Committee</b> WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and Discuss Task Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss/Action</li> </ul>