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**Item 10 – CC Power Long Duration Storage (LDS): Goal Line Project**





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# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: Overview

1. Long Duration Storage Procurement Goals
2. CPUC Mid-term Reliability Procurement Order
3. Onward Energy's Goal Line Project Overview
4. CC Power Participating Members
5. Allocations and Authority
6. Conclusion

# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: LDS Joint Procurement Goals

- Enhance portfolio value via cost-effective resources: value of energy + capacity > costs
- Integrate intermittent resources (solar + wind)
- Support grid reliability
- Share development and project performance risk via new joint powers agency → California Community Power (CC Power)
- “Right-size” project subscription
- Meet potential CPUC procurement mandates

# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: Mid-term Reliability Procurement Order (MTR)

## **D.21-06-035 adopted by CPUC on June 24, 2021 to address mid-term reliability**

- LSEs required to collectively procure 11,500 MW NQC of new resources
- Follow-on to November 7, 2019 CPUC decision mandating 3,300 MW NQC procurement for 2021-2023 to maintain reliability
- Contract of at least 10 years
- Allocated to LSEs by load share
- Resources must be zero-emission or RPS eligible (no fossil resources)
- 4,500 MW of obligation subject to specific category requirements

# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: Procurement Order Timing

## Procurement Obligation in Net Qualifying Capacity (MW) for All LSEs by Category and Year

Procurement Category	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Zero-emissions generation, generation paired with storage, or demand response resources	-	-	2,500	-	2,500
Firm zero-emitting resources	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Long-duration storage resources	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Remaining New Capacity Required			-	-	7,000
<b>Total Annual Capacity Requirements</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>11,500</b>

### 1,000 MW of LDS ordered by CPUC

- Technology agnostic
- 8-hour minimum discharge duration
- COD June 2026 – demonstrate reasonable effort by February 2023
- 10-year minimum term
- Subject to Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) adjustments

### CPUC Interim ELCCs

Procurement Category	2023	2024	2025 <i>Indicative</i>	2026 <i>Indicative</i>
4-Hour Battery	96.3%	90.7%	74.2%	69.0%
6-Hour Battery	98.0%	93.4%	79.6%	75.1%
8-Hour Battery	98.2%	94.3%	82.2%	<b>78.2%</b>
8-Hour Pumped Storage Hydro				76.8%
12-Hour Pumped Storage Hydro				80.8%

# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: Project Overview

## Goal Line was one of the highest-ranking LDS projects out of the Joint RFO issued in October 2020

- **Seller** - Goal Line BESS 1, LLC
- **Developer** – Onward Energy
- **Technology** –Lithium-ion, 8 hours discharge duration
- **Project size** - 50 MW/400 MWh
- **Product** – Tolling Agreement w/full capacity rights
- **Location** – Escondido, CA
- **COD** – June 2025
- **Price** - fixed \$/kw-mo, no escalation
- **Term** – 15 years



# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: Member Participation

## 6 CCAs agreed to move forward with joint LDS procurement for Goal Line

- MTR LDS procurement mandate for the 6 CCAs is 77.5 MW<sup>1</sup>
- 99.1 MW adjusted by ELCC
- Goal Line is 50 MW nameplate – meeting nearly 50% of ELCC adjusted need under the MTR
- Capacity to be allocated based on MTR share obligation



1) PCE participated in the Tumbleweed project but is not a participant in the Goal Line proj.



# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: Allocations & Authority

Each CCA will seek their respective governing body authority to participate

CCA	Entitlement Share %	Expected Entitlement Share MW
CPSF	21.50%	10.75
RCEA	4.00%	2.00
SJCE	24.22%	12.11
SVCE	28.42%	14.21
SCPA	17.36%	8.68
VCE	4.50%	2.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50</b>

VCE will satisfy the MTR obligation through participation in the Tumbleweed & Goal Line LDS projects

MTR Requirement NQC MW	MTR Obligation NQC MW	Tumbleweed Entitlement Nameplate MW	Remaining Need NQC MW	Goal Line Entitlement Nameplate MW	Net Open Position +Surplus/(-) Deficit NQC MW
4.0	5.1	2.86	2.25	2.25	0

# Item 10 – CC Power LDS Goal Line Project: Conclusion

- Goal Line was selected through a robust and competitive solicitation process
- Goal Line NPV to participating CCAs is highly uncertain
- Project is expected to include project labor agreement
- Contracting Structure includes a “step-up” provision which exposes VCE to taking up to additional capacity (based on contract share) in the event a participant defaults<sup>1</sup>
- Procurement of Long Duration Storage (8-hours or more) is mandated through MTR order
- VCE’s expected share of Goal Line is 2.25 MW (nearly 50% of obligation)
- VCE’s has a need for additional long duration storage<sup>2</sup>



1) Staff will seek approval from the VCE Board for a maximum authorized amount of 3.61MW.

2) Per the Carbon Neutral study VCE has a need beyond the mandate which can be procured at a later date.





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**Item 11 – Receive overview of VCE forecasting**





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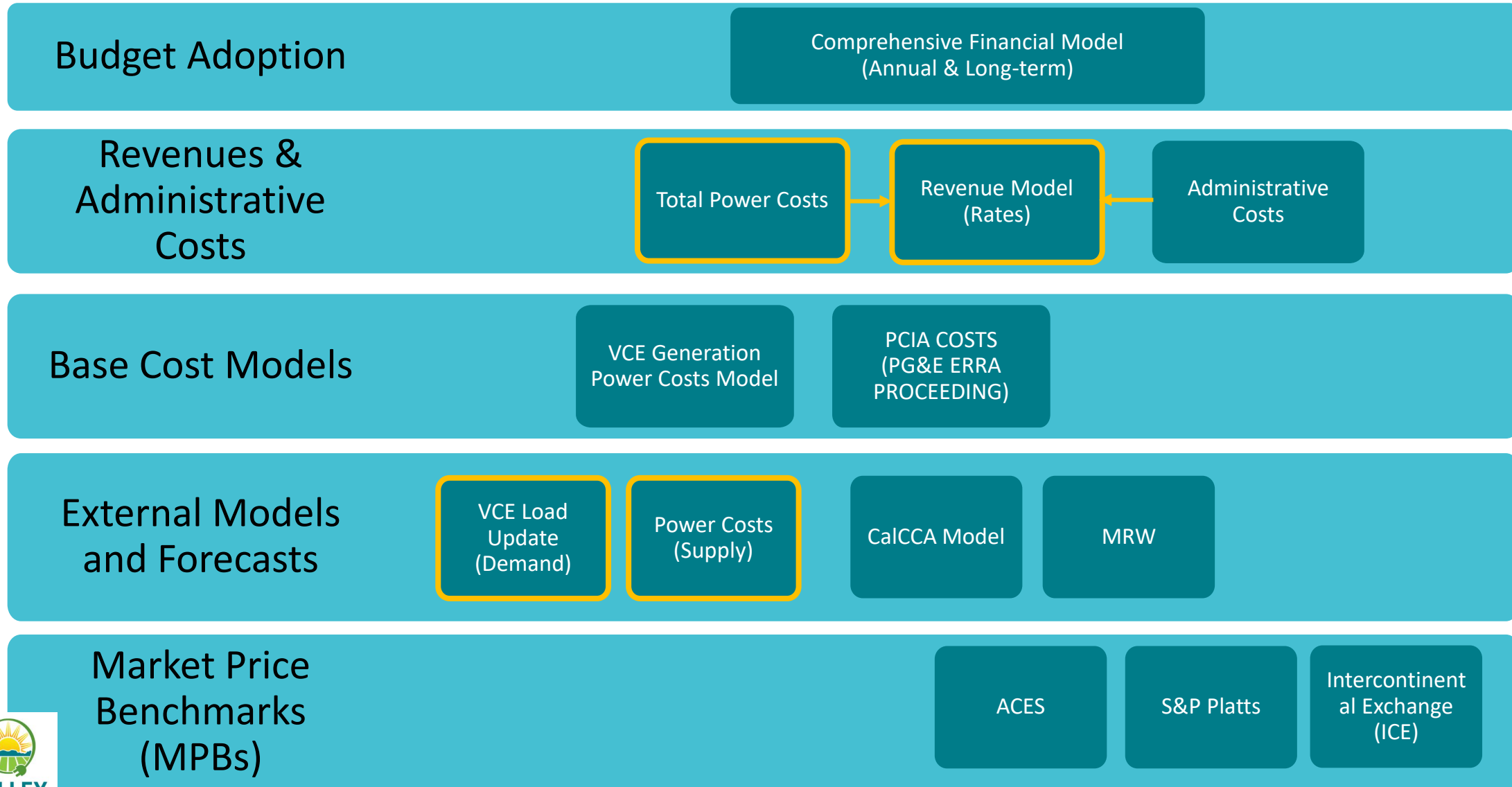
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# Item 11 – Forecasting Overview



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## Market Price Benchmarks

- Represent a forecasted price at a specific point in time
- External market influences – Covid, recession, political climate
- Snapshot view
- Short-term volatility
- High risk of uncertainty – speculative traded prices



Market Price  
Benchmarks  
(MPBs)

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# Item 11 – Forecasting Overview

## External Models and Forecasts

- Load Forecast – Weather, Growth, Electrification, etc.
- Power Costs – Resource Adequacy, Power Purchase Agreements (PPA), hedged positions, unhedged positions
- Analyst Forecasts – Partial PG&E Filings and market prices

External Models  
and Forecasts

VCE Load  
Update  
(Demand)

Power Costs  
(Supply)

CalCCA Model

MRW

Market Price  
Benchmarks  
(MPBs)

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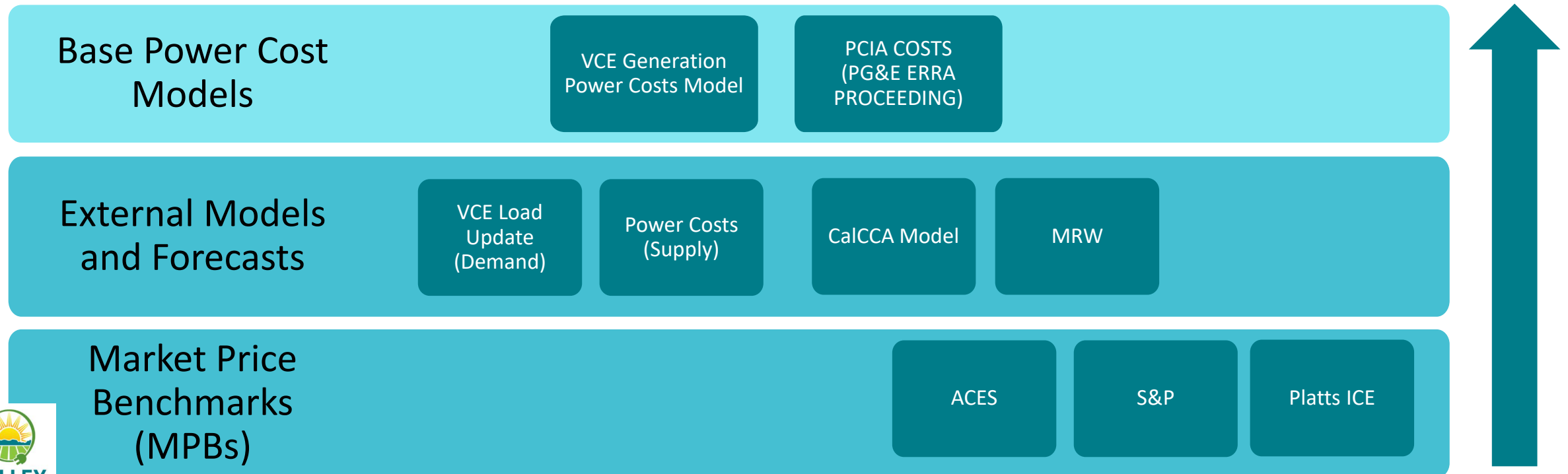
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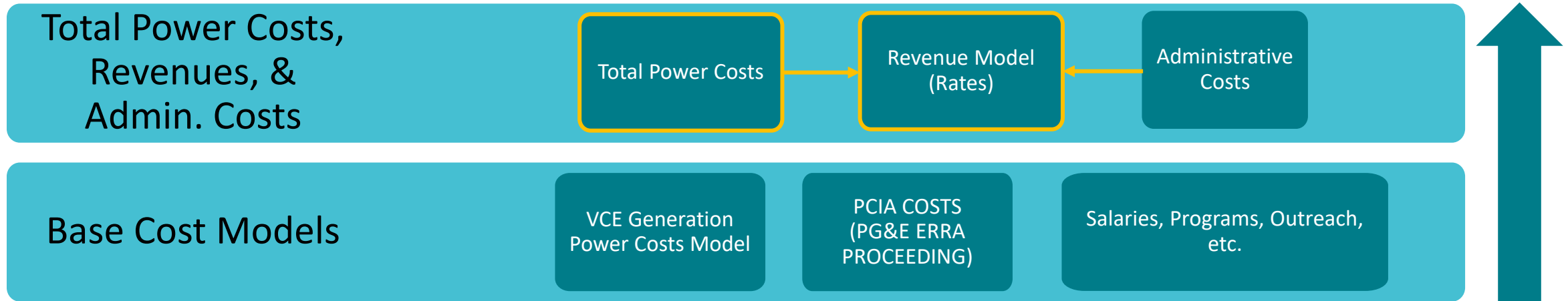
## Base Power Costs

- VCE Generation Power Costs – More certainty with annual load update, PPAs on-line, and annual hedging process aligned with budget adoption.
- PCIA Costs – More certainty with PG&E Filings including peak season in the ERRR October Update.





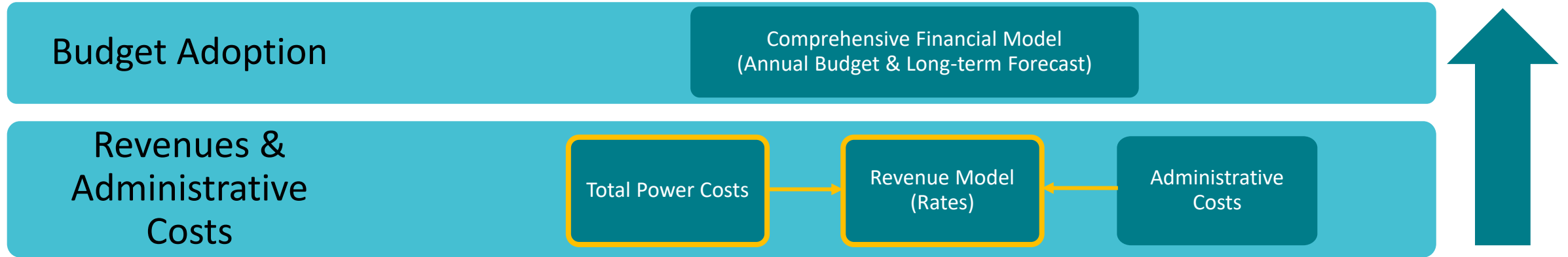
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## Revenues (Rates) & Administrative Costs

- Total Power Costs – PPAs, Hedging, and power costs contingency.
- Revenues & Rates – Cost-recovery based policy adoption and power costs with load update and hedging.
- Administrative Costs - salaries, programs, outreach, etc.

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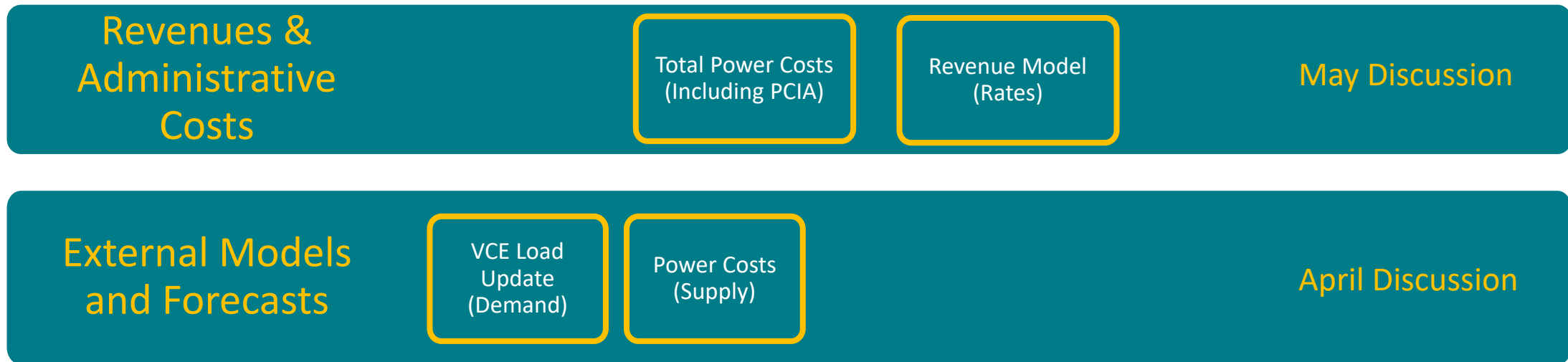
## Comprehensive Financial Model

- Annual Budget – Includes fully developed base power costs, cost-recovery rate policy including financial reserves, and ERRA timeline.
- Long-term Financial Forecast– More certainty with PPAs, financial reserves, and credit rating.

# Item 11 – Forecasting Overview

## Next Steps & Discussion

- April – Load Forecast & Power Costs
- May – Revenues & Budget







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**Item 12 – VCE’s Rates Update**





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# Item 12 – VCE Rates Update

## Overview

- Background/Review
- Proposed Customer Rate Structure
- Next Steps (Schedule)
- Discussion

# Item 12 – VCE Rates Update

## Background/Review

- November 10th VCE Board adopted cost-based rate policy and deferred consideration of an expanded customer rate structure.
  - The cost-based rate setting approach is designed to meet VCE’s annual expenditures and build long-term fiscal stability through the establishment and maintenance of reserves.
- Primary financial drivers remain Power market costs volatility and PCIA uncertainty
- 2023 Short-term outlook: continued volatility with PG&E PCIA rates and generation rates.
- Longer-term outlook (2024+): increased stability and cost certainty due to long-term PPA’s and cost-recovery rate structure.

NOTE: The materials being presented have not be updated with any changes from the previous discussions.

# Item 12 – VCE Rates Update

## **Proposed Cost-Based Rate Structure**

The proposed customer rate structure incorporates the following:

- 1. Rate Structure** - Three customer rate options – (1) Basic (new), (2) Standard (existing default), and (3) UltraGreen (existing opt-up)
- 2. Customer Distribution**
  - a. All CARE/FERA customers automatically opted down (approx. 27% of VCE load)
  - b. Assumed additional customer load opt-down/out: 5%
- 3. Portfolio/Price (renewable/GHG content)**
  - a. Basic Green rate (new): competitive with PG&E generation rate (+/- 2%) and maintain minimum portfolio to comply with regulatory requirements; ineligible for customer dividend program.
    - i. CARE/FERA customers maintain existing VCE multi-year portfolio mix for Standard default through 2023; shift to enhanced portfolio in 2024: PG&E renewable content plus a minimum of 5%.
  - b. Standard rate (existing default): cost-based rate and maintain existing VCE multi-year portfolio mix.
  - c. UltraGreen rate (existing opt-up): cost-based rate and maintain existing 100% renewable/GHG free mix.

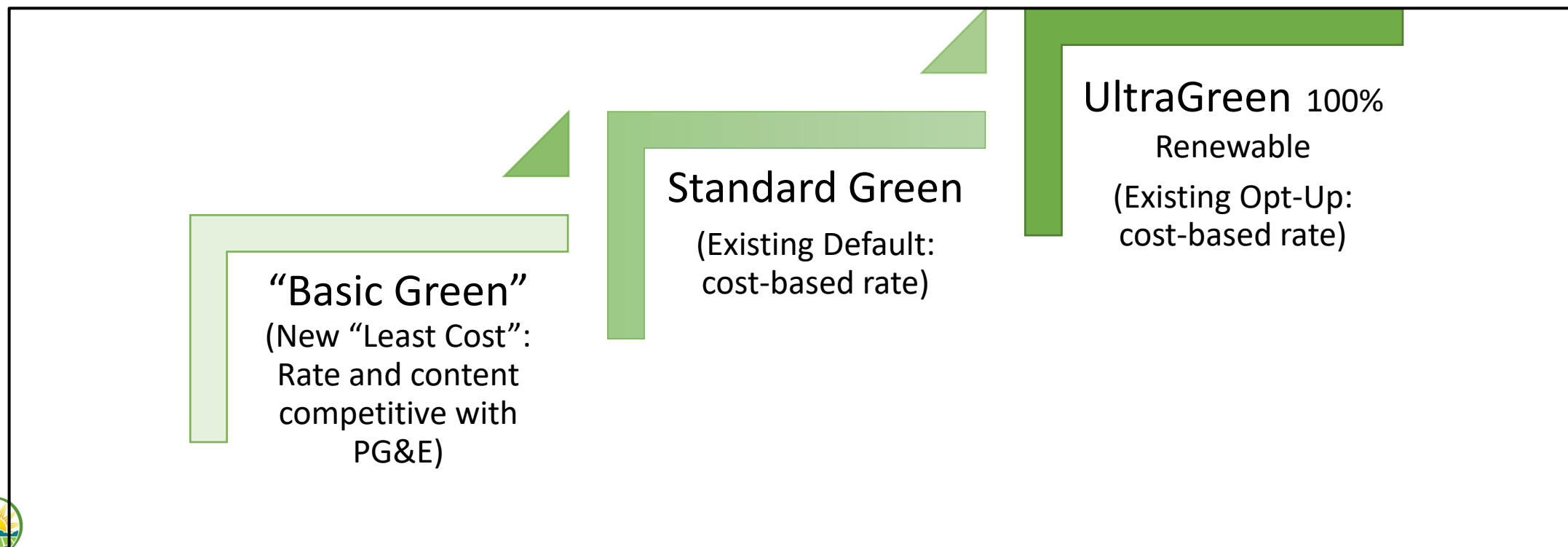


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## Proposed Cost-Based Rate Structure

- Increase customer choice and incorporate cost-based rates for default and opt-up options.

### Proposed Customer Rate Structure Design



# Item 12 – VCE Rates Update

## Proposed VCE Cost-based Rate Structure

Customer Rate Option	Rate	Portfolio	Notes
<b>Basic (new)</b>	Competitive with PG&E (+/- 2%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum portfolio for VCE to comply with regulatory requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not eligible for customer dividend program</li> <li>CARE/FERA customers maintain existing VCE multi-year portfolio mix for Standard default through 2023; shift to the enhanced portfolio in 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Standard Green - Default (existing)</b>	Cost-based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain existing VCE multi-year portfolio mix</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Portfolio minimum percent renewable content above Basic</li> <li>Eligible for customer dividend program</li> </ul>
<b>UltraGreen – Opt-up (existing)</b>	Cost-based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain existing 100% renewable portfolio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eligible for customer dividend program</li> </ul>

# Item 12 – VCE Rates Update

## **Next Steps**

Staff will continue to develop the potential establishment of a third customer rate option with feedback from this discussion as follows:

- April: CAC consideration/feedback on draft rate structure.
- May: CAC consideration/recommendation on updated draft rate structure.
- June: Board consideration/ feedback action on updated draft rate structure.
- July: Board consideration/ feedback and action on final draft rate structure.
- August: Begin 2023 Rate study/preliminary revenue needs
- September: Mid-year rate review of 2022 actuals
- October to December: Review 2023 customer rate study review and rate adoption.
- Jan 2023: Rates update report to Board/CAC.

## **Discussion**





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**Item 13 – Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program**





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# Item 13 – Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program

Requested Action: Review and provide feedback on Phase 1 of EV Rebate Pilot

## **Background & Context:**

- Began developing pilot in 2021
- Nat'l, Statewide push toward transportation electrification
- Rebates and tax credits available; VCE's pilot designed to stack and demystify the process
- Phased approach:
  - Phase 1 is streamlined. Providing rebates based on proof from customer of other (vetted) rebate programs
  - Phase 2: Reevaluate approach after phase 1 to potentially include used/leased vehicles, Point-of-Sale (POS) rebates, etc.

# Item 13 – Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program

## Existing State/Regional Rebate Programs

- Clean Vehicle Assistance Program (CVAP)
  - Income-qualified applicants before purchase
  - Currently out of funds; customers on waitlist
- Drive Clean Assistance Program (DCAP)
  - Income-qualified applicants before purchase
- California Clean Fuel Reward (CCFR)
  - Small, automatic Point-of-Sale (POS) incentive
- Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (CVRP)
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  - 3-6 months after purchase (if under “high earners cap”); higher rebates for income-qualified customers
  - Staff is considering alignment because it currently has funding; differentiates between low- and mid-high income eligibility; approach RCEA took

# Item 13 – Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program

## Next Steps

- Gather feedback from Community Advisory Committee; discuss with Programs Task Group
- Finalize budget (including marketing/advertising components)
- Further research engagement aspect (webinars, in-person events)
- Return to CAC next month with draft Implementation/Design form, seek recommendation to Board