TO: VCE Community Advisory Committee

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

SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee Updated and Revised Charge

DATE: November 15, 2018

Recommendation: Adopt the attached resolution approving the updated and revised VCE Community Outreach Advisory “Charge”.

Background: On December 13, 2016, the VCE Board via Resolution (#2016-006) formed a Community Advisory Committee wherein the Board defined its “charge” or purpose and scope. In July 2017 the Board directed the Advisory Committee to review the initial “charge” adopted by the Board in December 2016 and recommend revision for Board consideration. On September 11, 2017, the CAC considered and voted unanimously to adopt the amendments to the original “charge” and on September 20, 2017, the Board adopted the attached CAC recommended Charge. Within the adopted Charge, the CAC was asked to “periodically review the charge and make recommendations for changes to the Board to reflect new issues, opportunities and challenges impacting VCE”.

After VCE completed their launch phase, the CAC reviewed and updated the existing Charge. A final draft updated Charge is being presented to the Board for adoption.

Attached are the following:

1) September 20, 2017 adopted Community Advisory Committee Charge;
2) September 20, 2017 adopted Community Advisory Committee Charge (redlined) version to show proposed revised verbiage changes; and,
3) the final updated and revised Charge.

The current updated charge shifts in focus from pre-launch activities to post-launch activities. Staff supports the CAC recommendations.

Attachments:
1. CAC Charge adopted September 20, 2017
2. Updated CAC Charge (redlined)
3. Draft updated CAC Charge
4. Resolution
Consistent with the policy adopted by the Valley Clean Energy (VCEA) Board of Directors, the VCEA Advisory Committee adopts the Charge to:

- Advise the VCEA Board of Directors on VCEA’s general policy and operational objectives, including portfolio mix and objectives, as well as technical, market, program and policy areas;
- Collaborate with VCEA staff and consultants with community outreach to and liaison with member communities;
- Provide a public forum to inform, advise and consult through community discussions on energy related issues and a wide variety of strategies to reduce carbon emissions;
- Collaborate with VCEA staff with monitoring legislative and regulatory activities related to Community Choice Energy issues.

In order to achieve the goals and mission of VCEA, the Advisory Committee will develop, periodically review and update a workplan for the short and longer terms. The Committee will assist in the development of a Vision Statement to recommend to the VCEA Board of Directors. The Advisory Committee will also engage, evaluate, and make recommendations on select items to the VCEA Board, Staff and consultants, and engage with VCEA member jurisdictions and others, as directed by the Board or initiated by the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee will periodically review this charge and make recommendations for changes to the Board of Directors in order to reflect new issues, opportunities and challenges impacting the VCEA.
Consistent with the policy adopted by the Valley Clean Energy (VCEA) Board of Directors, the VCEA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) adopts the Charge to:

- Advise the VCEA Board of Directors on VCEA’s general policy and operational objectives, including portfolio mix and objectives, as well as technical, market, program and policy areas, strategic objectives and strategies to reduce carbon emissions, accelerate development of local resources and promote energy resilience;

- Assist in the development of public information materials related to customer energy investments and choices offered by VCEA, PG&E and third parties;

- Collaborate with VCEA staff and consultants with community outreach to and liaison with member communities;

- Provide a public forum to inform, advise and consult through community discussions on energy related issues and a wide variety of strategies to reduce carbon emissions;

- Collaborate with VCEA staff on monitoring legislative and regulatory activities related to Community Choice Energy issues.

In order to achieve the goals and mission of VCEA, the CAC Advisory Committee will develop, periodically review and update a workplan for the short and longer terms. The Committee will monitor organizational performance toward fulfillment of the VCEA Board of Director’s assist in the development of a Vision Statement and may recommend policy changes to further the VCEA Vision, to the VCEA Board of Directors. The CAC Advisory Committee will also engage with VCEA, evaluate, and make recommendations on select items to the VCEA Board, Staff and consultants through its task groups, and evaluate, and make recommendations on select items at the request of engage with VCEA member jurisdictions and others, as directed by the Board or in consultation with the Interim General Manager, initiated by the Advisory Committee.

The Community Advisory Committee will periodically review this charge and make recommendations for changes to the Board of Directors in order to reflect new issues, opportunities and challenges impacting the VCEA.

Originally Adopted 9-20-2017
WHEREAS, the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (“VCEA”) is a joint powers agency (JPA) established under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act of the State of California (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.) (“Act”), and pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to and Creating the Valley Clean Energy Alliance between the County of Yolo (“County”), the City of Davis (“Davis”), and the City of Woodland (“City”) (the “JPA Agreement”), to collectively study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy programs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 3.5.1 Commissions, Boards, and Committees of the JPA Agreement, the VCEA Board of Directors on December 13, 2016 via Resolution #2016-006 formed a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) wherein the Board defined its “charge” or purpose and scope.

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2017 the Board directed the Community Advisory Committee to review the initial “charge” adopted by the Board in December 2016 and recommend revision for Board consideration.

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2017, the CAC considered and voted unanimously to adopt the amendments to the original “charge” and on September 20, 2017, the Board adopted the attached CAC recommended Charge. Within the adopted Charge, the CAC was asked to “periodically review the charge and make recommendations for changes to the Board to reflect new issues, opportunities and challenges impacting VCE”.

WHEREAS, after VCEA completed its launch phase, the CAC reviewed and updated the existing Charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the VCEA Board of Directors approve the revised and updated Charge (Exhibit A) of the Community Advisory Committee.

ADOPTED, this ___ day of ____________ 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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Lucas Frerichs, VCEA Board Chair

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Alisa M. Lembke, VCEA Board Secretary

Exhibit A: Updated Community Advisory Committee Charge
EXHIBIT A

UPDATED COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARGE
Consistent with the policy adopted by the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) Board of Directors, the VCEA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) adopts the Charge to:

- Advise the VCEA Board of Directors on VCEA’s general policy and operational objectives, including portfolio mix and objectives, technical, market, program and policy areas, strategic objectives and strategies to reduce carbon emissions, accelerate development of local resources and promote energy resilience.

- Assist in the development of public information materials related to customer energy investments and choices offered by VCEA, PG&E and third parties.

- Collaborate with VCEA staff and consultants on community outreach to and liaison with member communities;

- Collaborate with VCEA staff on monitoring legislative and regulatory activities related to Community Choice Energy issues.

In order to achieve the goals and mission of VCEA, the CAC will develop, periodically review and update a workplan for the short and longer terms. The Committee will monitor organizational performance toward fulfillment of the VCEA Board of Director’s Vision Statement and may recommend policy changes to further the VCEA vision. The CAC will also engage with VCEA, Staff and consultants through its task groups, and evaluate, and make recommendations on select items at the request of the Board or Interim General Manager’s request or in consultation with the Interim General Manager.

The Community Advisory Committee will periodically review this charge and make recommendations for changes to the Board of Directors in order to reflect new issues, opportunities and challenges impacting the VCEA.

Adopted: November ____ , 2018