

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 11

TO: Community Advisory Committee

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

SUBJECT: Formation of CAC Task Groups for 2022

DATE: January 20, 2022

At the CAC's December 16, 2021 meeting, Staff discussed with the CAC the formation of task groups for the 2022 calendar year. It was agreed that the Legislative/Regulatory, Outreach and Programs task groups will continue into 2022. There was discussion on rates, procurement, carbon neutrality and decarbonization. Also, it was agreed that a Rates task group and a decarbonization focused task group should be formed. CAC members, along with Staff input and guidance from VCE's Strategic Plan (SP), were asked to draft charges and tasks for presentation to the CAC for discussion. This staff report transmits the draft charges and tasks:

1. Legislative/Regulatory: works with VCE's lobbyist and VCE Staff to provide feedback, technical information and strategic advice on key legislative and regulatory issues facing VCE and the CCA community in general.
2. Outreach: collaborates with VCE Staff and consultants on community outreach to, and liaison with, member communities by assisting in the development of public information strategies, planning, and materials related to VCE policies and programs.
3. Programs: development, planning and implementation of Customer Programs that meet with VCE's mission and Strategic Plan.
4. Rates: assist staff, consultants and Board in reviewing, considering and evaluating existing and/or new rate options. Staff would like to discuss the timing of "activating" this task group.
5. Proposed Energy Resilience: work with VCE Staff, its member jurisdictions, and any other local collaborators to address challenges related to climate disruption, focusing on building local energy resilience.

Attachments:

1. Leg/Reg draft charge
2. Outreach draft charge
3. Programs draft charge
4. Rates draft charge
5. Proposed Energy Resilience draft charge

2022 LEG/REG TASK GROUP CHARGE
Review Draft

A. Members: [2022 members to be added](#)

B. 2022~~4~~ Charge:

Work with VCE's lobbyist and VCE staff to:

- Provide feedback, technical information and strategic advice to VCE staff on key legislative and regulatory issues facing VCE and the CCA community in general, including legislation and regulatory issues related to VCE's Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice Statement.
- Provide periodic reports to the CAC about legislation and regulatory issues.
- Solicit recommendations from the CAC on VCE positions on key legislation and regulatory proceedings.
- ~~Contribute to VCE's engagement with legislators and other stakeholders.~~
- Advise VCE staff on CalCCA's regulatory work ~~where and~~ when appropriate.
- [Work with staff to consider options to enhance the Task Group's and CAC's understanding of regularoty proceedings.](#)
- ~~Contribute to VCE's engagement with legislators and other stakeholders.~~
- [Work with staff to periodically review and update VCE's Legislative Platform for consideration by the CAC and VCE Board.](#)

CAC 202~~21~~ Outreach Task Group Charge

~~Mark Aulman—Chair~~

~~Marsha Baird~~

~~Yvonne Hunter~~

Staff lead: Rebecca Boyles

Charge

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

Assist in the development of public information strategies, planning, and materials related to VCEA policies and programs. As requested by staff, review draft materials and provide comments as appropriate

Specific Tasks

1. Consult with staff and Green Ideals on short-term and long-term outreach strategies and communications projects
2. Help define audience segments within VCE's service area and consult on appropriate messages and communications approaches
3. Provide a sounding board to assist in message development and copy testing
4. Review development procedures for marketing communications and public relations projects
5. Conduct review of marketing materials at the draft (pre-release) stage
6. Provide concise summaries of activities at the monthly CAC meetings
7. Assist with projects designed to implement the VCE Outreach and Marketing Plan with emphasis on environmental justice and the VCE Strategic Plan
8. As requested by the Director of Customer Care and Marketing, provide outreach and messaging support for the efforts of other CAC task groups, e.g., Programs TG and Rates TG.

Programs Task Group

CAC Members: TBD at 1/20/22 CAC meeting

VCE Staff Contact: Rebecca Boyles

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

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

2022 Rate Options Task Group

Members

To be determined

Charge

Assist staff, consultants, and the Board as requested, when existing or new rate options are being considered and evaluated.

Help staff evaluate the impact of current and potential rate options on VCE customer responses and other energy choices.

Specific Tasks

1. Conduct CAC Rate Options Task Group meetings and expand participation to other interested CAC members or external experts, as needed.
2. Review rate-related financial analysis conducted by staff and consultants and provide staff with input and feedback.
3. Review proposed staff recommendations regarding rate options, including Net Energy Metering, and provide input and feedback.
4. Inform CAC on rate options and analyses reviewed by the Task Group.

Potential “Energy Resilience Task Group” for VCE CAC 2022

January 12, 2022

CAC Members:

To be determined.

VCE Staff Contact: Gordon Samuel

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

Energy Resilience TG Charge:

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

Ideas the TG could explore include:

- Ways VCE could advance carbon-free, resilient, microgrids to serve Yolo County communities as “resilience hubs” for emergency power during grid failure and clean energy supply under normal conditions.
- Something like the MCE battery program: Incentivize/assist customers to install on-site battery storage, which VCE could operate as a virtual power plant (VPP) during peak load hours, to reduce VCE’s Resource Adequacy (RA) requirement and reduce impacts on distribution grid circuits (possible intersection with Programs TG).
- Convene representatives of all VCE member jurisdictions and other local entities to discuss energy resilience strategies for Yolo County.
- Other possibilities TBD.

Strategic Plan: **Goal 4. Promote and deploy local decarbonization and grid innovation programs to improve grid stability, reliability, community energy resilience, and safety.**

- 4.1 Objective: Working with a variety of local, regional and state partners, develop a grid innovation roadmap for VCE’s service territory that supports community energy resilience and reliability.
- 4.2 Objective: Develop a VCE decarbonization roadmap to guide near and long-term program decisions and offerings.