

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 14

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority Consideration

DATE: February 11, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Approve VCE membership in the California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The purpose of California Community Power or “CC Power” Joint Powers Authority is to acquire energy, capacity, storage or other energy products on a scale that the individual members most likely would not be able to achieve on their own. The first proposed project of CC Power focuses on entering into one or more long-duration storage contracts. CC Power is designed as a procurement and project based public agency, rather than policy making agency. The JPA agreement states that “CC Power is not intended to be a policy-maker or advocate, though it may, from time to time, advance or support public policies in support of its purpose that do not conflict with interests or policies advanced by any Member.”

The JPA Agreement created a new public agency in December 2020. The origins of this JPA stem from last year’s joint CCAs long duration storage Request for Information (RFI). Although that RFI did not result in any agreements it did inform the CCAs that economies of scale and risk diversification are essential for (1) large scale projects and (2) emerging technology projects. The initial members of CC Power are all CCA’s and currently include SVCE, 3CE, MCE, EBCE, PCE, SCP, San Jose Clean Energy, Redwood Coast Energy Authority. SFCleanPower and Valley Clean Energy are actively considering membership. The JPA Agreement provides that the CC Power Board of Directors may adopt a policy establishing the criteria for other public agencies that are not CCA’s to become members with the approval of the Board.

Based on analysis conducted by other CCA’s the liability safeguard of the JPA structure will apply to CC Power. As a member, VCE would not be liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of CC Power. However, VCE would take on legal obligations with respect to each CC Power project it decides to join (e.g. long-duration storage). These projects must be approved by the VCE Board by way of a project agreement. Each project agreement will define the legal obligations of the parties to it. Therefore, the VCE Board will have the opportunity to fully consider the benefits, obligations, and risks of each CC Power project that VCE may want to join.

The JPA Agreement provides that CC Power will be governed by a Board of Directors with each member having one director and one vote. The director will be the CEO or General Manager (or their designee) of the Member. The manner of selecting the director is a policy question. In the original drafting and preparation of the JPA Agreement, the CEO's and General Counsels leading the effort decided to propose that the directors be administrative staff of the JPA members due to the very technical nature of this JPA which is project rather than policy oriented. It is relevant to this choice that the CC Power Board will not be able to commit Members to any obligations other than the annual payment for administrative costs of the JPA. Also, it was felt that continuity on the Board is important due to the fact that the project agreements will be long-term obligations and having directors with a long-term knowledge base is important with respect to decision-making on this JPA Board. In the analysis of the founding members of the JPA, it is more likely that staff members on the Board will have greater tenure with their agency than elected officials.

CAC Recommendation

At its January 28, 2021 meeting the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), voted unanimously to recommend membership in CC Power. This recommendation was based on limited risk to VCE balanced with the opportunity to participate in larger scale and/or emerging technology projects than VCE could achieve on its own. Note: estimated costs to participate in CC Power have been updated since the CAC meeting based on additional information gathered from other participating CCA's. These updated costs are provided in the Financial section below; based on the CAC discussion at their meeting, Staff does not believe that this new information would have altered the overall recommendation of the CAC.

JPA Costs

The only costs imposed by the JPA Agreement on the members are the administrative costs of CC Power which do not include any project costs. All project related costs, including costs of consultants, will be allocated to the projects and the project participants. Administrative costs will be paid on an equal share basis by the members unless the CC Power Board decides by a two-thirds vote to provide for a different method of cost sharing. Project cost sharing will be determined by each project agreement and may take into account several factors such as the level of participation and credit strength of the project participants.

The JPA Agreement makes it easy for a member to withdraw from CC Power. The process simply involves notice of withdrawal by the member and the satisfaction of any outstanding obligations to CC Power by it. As long as there are no outstanding obligations, the CC Power Board is required to approve the withdrawal. For VCE, there should be no outstanding obligations to CC Power itself as any such obligations would require VCE Board approval. However, if VCE enters into any project agreements, it will remain bound to the project agreement even if it withdraws from CC Power. Each individual project agreement will define the manner in which project participants may withdraw from the project and at what cost.

If VCE joined the CC Power JPA it would have the opportunity, but not the obligation to participate in energy projects that most likely would not be otherwise available to it as an individual

CCA. The costs of entry are not substantial as the staffing of this JPA will be limited with most staffing and operating costs allocated to individual projects that will be paid by project participants. VCE would only incur significant financial obligations if it later decides to join specific CC Power projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

It is anticipated that the total annual administrative and general costs to operate CC Power will be approximately \$10,000-\$20,000 depending on the number of entities that join CC Power. The cost of setting up CC Power has been budgeted at \$120,000 to be shared equally by the participating entities, with VCE’s share being approximately \$12,000. Staff notes that the CAC is supportive of VCE joining CC Power, but at the time this topic was presented to the CAC, information from other CCA’s available to Staff showed estimated annual costs would be approximately \$10,000/yr. Since the 1/28/2021 CAC meeting, Staff has had the opportunity to engage several other CCAs and believes that it is appropriate to provide a range of potential costs rather than a single estimate.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approves the Interim General Manager executing the California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

1. California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Agreement
2. Resolution

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER AGENCY JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

This Joint Powers Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and among those public agencies who are signatories to this Agreement, and those public agencies which may hereafter become signatories to this Agreement, for the purpose of operating a separate joint powers agency, which is named "California Community Power" or "CC Power."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual benefit of the Members and in the public interest that the Members join together to engage in the exercise of powers they have in common including, but not limited to, (i) the acquisition and operation of wholesale power supplies, resource adequacy and renewable attributes, (ii) the provision of joint consulting and contracting services via master agreements and bulk purchasing and financing of decarbonization products, (iii) the offering of energy risk management and California Independent System Operator ("CAISO") scheduling services; and (iv) other energy services or programs which may be of benefit to Members (collectively, hereinafter "energy related programs");

WHEREAS, CC Power's primary objective is to provide for joint procurement of electrical power and storage and other energy projects for its Members, as set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Members intend that CC Power shall better position the Members to administer community choice energy programs, and achieve their local agency goals, including but not limited to meeting or exceeding California's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through procurement of renewable resources.

WHEREAS, each of the public community choice aggregation agencies which is a Member to this Agreement has the power to establish, manage, operate and maintain Community Choice Aggregation ("CCA") programs, electric service enterprises available to cities and counties pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 331.1(c) and 366.2 and to study, promote, develop, conduct, operate and manage energy related programs; and

WHEREAS, Title I, Division 7, Chapter 5, Article 1 of the California Government Code (the "Joint Powers Act" or "Act") authorizes the joint exercise by two or more public agencies of any power which is common to each of them.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements herein contained, do hereby agree as follows:

Article I. DEFINITIONS

In addition to the other terms defined herein, the following terms, whether in the singular or in the plural, when used herein and initially capitalized, shall have the meanings specified throughout this Agreement.

Section 1.01 "Board" means the Board of Directors of CC Power as established by this Agreement.

Section 1.02 "CC Power" means the Joint Powers Authority established by this Agreement.

Section 1.03 "Member" means a Public CCA Agency, or other public agency the Board determines to be eligible pursuant to Section 3.02, that is a signatory to this Agreement and has met the requirements of

Article III; the term “Member” shall, however, exclude any Public CCA Agency or other eligible public agency which shall have withdrawn or been excluded from CC Power pursuant to Section 3.04 below.

Section 1.04 “Project” means any and all of the following matters, which are approved by the Board pursuant to Article VI: (i) the construction, financing or acquisition of a wholesale power resource, resource adequacy and/or renewable and environmental attributes for use by the Members, and such other transactions, services, and goods that may be necessary or convenient to construct, finance, acquire or optimize the value of such resources, (ii) the bulk purchasing and/or financing of decarbonization products, including, but not limited to, heat pump water heaters, space heater heat pumps and electric vehicle charging services, (iii) energy risk management and CAISO scheduling products and services, (iv) acquisition, construction and financing of facilities for the generation or transmission of electrical energy and any related transactions, services, and goods that may be necessary or convenient to acquire, construct, and finance these facilities, (v) grid integration services, (vi) acquisition of capacity rights in any facility for the generation or transmission of electric energy, and (vii) any other energy related programs.

Section 1.05 “Project Agreement” means a contract between and among CC Power and Project Participants.

Section 1.06 “Project Participants” means any Member or group of Members who participate in a Project pursuant to Article VI below.

Section 1.07 “Public CCA Agency” means any public agency, or such joint powers agencies/authorities consisting of one or more public agencies, that has implemented a CCA program pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Sections 331.1 and 366.2.

Article II. FORMATION OF AUTHORITY

Section 2.01 Creation of CC Power. Pursuant to the Joint Powers Act, there is hereby created a public entity, to be known as “CC Power,” which shall be a public entity separate and apart from its Members.

Section 2.02 Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is for CC Power to develop, acquire, construct, own, manage, contract for, engage in, finance and/or provide energy related programs for the use of and by its Members. CC Power is not intended to be a policy-maker or advocate, though it may, from time to time, advance or support public policies in support of its purpose that do not conflict with interests or policies advanced by any Member.

Section 2.03 Powers. CC Power is authorized, in its own name, to do all acts necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Agreement as referred to in Section 2.02 above, and engage in the exercise of powers the Members have in common including, but not limited to, each of the following:

- (a) Acquire, purchase, finance, offer, arrange, construct, maintain, utilize and/or operate one or more Projects;
- (b) Establish, operate, maintain and/or fund energy related programs;
- (c) Make and enter into contracts;
- (d) Employ agents and employees;
- (e) Acquire, contract, manage, maintain, sell or otherwise dispose of real and personal property and operate any buildings, infrastructure, works, or improvements;
- (f) Receive contributions and donations of property, funds, services and other forms of assistance from any source;
- (g) Lease real or personal property as lessee and as lessor;
- (h) Sue and be sued in its own name;

- (i) Incur debts, liabilities, and obligations, including but not limited to loans from private lending sources pursuant to its temporary borrowing powers such as Government Code Sections 53850 et seq. and authority under the Act;
- (j) Receive, collect, invest and disburse moneys;
- (k) Issue revenue bonds and other forms of indebtedness, as provided by law;
- (l) Apply for, accept, and receive all licenses, permits, grants, loans or other aids from any federal, state, or local public agency;
- (m) Make and enter into service agreements relating to the provision of services necessary to plan, implement, operate and administer energy related programs;
- (n) Adopt from time to time such policies, procedures, bylaws, rules or regulations for the conduct of its affairs as deemed necessary by the Board;
- (o) Exercise all other powers necessary and proper to carry out this Agreement; and
- (p) Defend, hold harmless, and indemnify, to the fullest extent permitted by law, each Member from any liability, claims, suits, or other actions.

Such powers shall be exercised in the manner provided in Section 6509 of the Government Code of the State of California, as amended, subject only to such restrictions upon the manner of exercising such powers as are imposed upon Silicon Valley Clean Energy in the exercise of similar powers. Should Silicon Valley Clean Energy withdraw or be excluded from this Agreement pursuant to Section 3.04 hereof, the manner of exercising any power shall be subject only to the restrictions upon the manner of exercising such powers as are imposed upon Marin Clean Energy.

Section 2.04 Compliance with Local Zoning and Building Laws and CEQA. Unless state or federal law provides otherwise, any facilities, buildings or structures located, constructed, or caused to be constructed by CC Power within the territory of CC Power shall comply with the General Plan, zoning and building laws of the local jurisdiction within which the facilities, buildings or structures are constructed and comply with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 3.01 Member Agencies. Any Public CCA Agency, or other public agency determined by the Board to be eligible pursuant to Section 3.02, may become a Member upon meeting the following conditions:

- (a) The Public CCA Agency or other eligible public agency shall file with the Board a certified copy of a resolution of its governing body whereby it (i) agrees to the provisions of this Agreement, and (ii) requests to become a Member; and
- (b) No such Public CCA Agency or other eligible public agency shall become a Member until (i) its admission is approved at a regular or special meeting of the Board by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board, and (ii) it deposits or agrees to pay CC Power a share of organization, planning and other costs and charges as determined by the Board to be appropriate, if any.

Upon completion of the foregoing, the Public CCA Agency or other eligible public agency shall become a Member for all purposes of this Agreement.

Section 3.02 Eligible Public Agency Members. The Board may adopt policies to determine whether public agencies that are not Public CCA Agencies may be eligible to become a Member of CC Power.

Section 3.03 Cost Allocations.

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board, each Member shall pay an equal share of one member one share for general and administrative costs as determined by the Board associated with all operations of CC Power. General and administrative costs do not include any costs that relate solely to any specific Project Agreement.

- (b) Project Agreements and other program agreements between and among any Member and/or CC Power will determine cost allocation and may consider, among other relevant factors, credit strength of the Members and may differ in price and collateral requirements as determined solely for such Project Agreement or other program agreements.

Section 3.04 Withdrawal or Exclusion of Member.

- (a) Any Member may withdraw from CC Power upon the following conditions:
 - (i) The Member shall have filed with the Board Secretary a certified copy of a resolution of its governing body expressing its desire to so withdraw. Once a Member files a resolution to withdraw with the Board Secretary, that Member no longer has any voting rights on the Board;
 - (ii) Members participating in Projects, programs or services pursuant to Project Agreements or other program agreements approved by the Board are subject to the participation and withdrawal terms and conditions described in the applicable agreement; and
 - (iii) Prior to accepting the Member's filing of such resolution, any Member so terminating shall be obligated to pay its share of all debts, liabilities, and obligations of CC Power specifically assumed by the Member. However, this obligation shall take into account any refunds due to the Member and shall not extend to debts, liabilities and obligations secured or otherwise committed pursuant to Project Agreements or other program agreements between and among any Member and/or CC Power. The debts, liabilities and obligations of the Members to such Project Agreements or other program agreements shall be determined by their terms. Any obligations under this Agreement are subject to the limitations set forth in Article VIII.
- (b) Upon compliance with the conditions specified in Section 3.04(a), the Board shall accept the withdrawing Member's resolution and the withdrawing Member shall no longer be considered a Member for any reason or purpose under this Agreement and its rights and obligations under this Agreement shall terminate. The withdrawal of a Member shall not affect any obligations of such Member under any Project Agreement or other program agreement.
- (c) Any Member which has (i) defaulted under this Agreement, a Project Agreement, or other program agreement, (ii) failed to appoint a Director to serve on the Board in accordance with Section 4.02 below, or (iii) failed to pay any required share of costs in accordance with Sections 3.01 and 3.03 above, may have its rights under this Agreement terminated and may be excluded from participation in CC Power by the vote (taken at a regular or special meeting of the Board) of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board (including the Director representing the defaulting Member). Prior to any vote to terminate participation of any Member, written notice of the proposed termination and the reason(s) for such termination shall be delivered to the Member whose termination is proposed at least 60 days prior to the Board meeting at which such matter shall first be discussed as an agenda item. The written notice of the proposed termination shall specify the particular provisions of this Agreement or a Project Agreement or other program agreement which the Member has allegedly defaulted on, or whether the proposed termination is based on failure to appoint a Director or pay any required share of costs. The Member subject to possible termination shall have the opportunity to cure the violation prior to the meeting at which termination will be considered. At the meeting where termination of the Member is considered, the Member shall be given the opportunity to respond to any reasons and allegations that may be cited as a basis for termination prior to a termination vote. Any excluded Member shall continue to be liable for its obligations under any Project Agreement or other program agreement and for any unpaid contribution, payment, or advance approved by the Board prior to such Member's exclusion.

- (d) The withdrawal or termination of a Member shall not affect the provisions or obligations set forth in Article VIII or Section 11.03 below.

Article IV. POWERS OF BOARD & MANAGEMENT OF CC POWER

Section 4.01 Board. CC Power shall be administered by a Board which shall consist of one Director representing each Member. Such Board shall be the governing body of this CC Power, and, as such, shall be vested with the powers set forth in this Agreement, and shall execute and administer this Agreement in accordance with the purposes and functions provided herein. The Board shall have the authority to provide for the general management and oversight of the affairs, property and business of CC Power.

Section 4.02 Appointment and Vacancies. Each Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer, General Manager, or designee of the Chief Executive Officer or General Manager of each Member and shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Member that the Director represents, and may be removed as Director by such Member at any time. If at any time a vacancy occurs on the Board, a replacement shall be appointed by the Member to fill the position of the previous Director in accordance with the provisions of this Article IV within 60 days of the date that such position becomes vacant or the Member shall be subject to the exclusion procedures in Section 3.04(c) above. Each Director may appoint an alternate to serve in their absence.

Section 4.03 Notices. The Board shall comply with the applicable provisions of Sections 6503.5, 6503.6 and 53051 of the Government Code requiring the filing of notices and a statement with the Secretary of State, the State Controller, the applicable county clerk and local agency formation commissions, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Causing a notice of the Agreement or any amendment to the Agreement to be prepared and filed with the office of the Secretary of State within 30 days of the effective date of the Agreement or amendment, and
- (b) Filing a statement of facts with the Secretary of State within 70 days after the date of commencement of CC Power's legal existence. Upon any change in the statement of facts presented to the Secretary of State, an amended statement of facts shall be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days of the change.

Section 4.04 Committees. The Board may create committees to provide advice to the Board or conduct the business of CC Power subject to delegation of authority from the Board.

Section 4.05 Director Compensation. Compensation for work performed by Directors, including alternates, on behalf of CC Power shall be borne by the Member that appointed the Director. The Board, however, may adopt by resolution a policy relating to the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Directors.

Section 4.06 Board Officers. At its first meeting in each calendar year, the Board shall elect or re-elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair each of whom shall be selected from among the Directors and shall also appoint or re-appoint a Secretary and a Treasurer/Controller each of whom may, but need not, be selected from among the Directors.

- (a) **Chair and Vice-Chair.** The duties of the Chair shall be to preside over the Board meetings, sign all ordinances, resolutions, contracts and correspondence adopted or authorized by the Board, and to help ensure the Board's directives and resolutions are carried out. In the absence or inability of the Chair to act, the Vice Chair shall act as Chair.
- (b) **Treasurer and Controller.** The Board shall appoint a qualified person to act as the Treasurer and a qualified person to act as the Controller, neither of whom needs to be a Director. If the Board so designates, and in accordance with the provisions of applicable law,

a qualified person may hold both the office of Treasurer and the office of Controller of CC Power. The Treasurer shall be the depository of CC Power to have custody of all the money of CC Power, from whatever source. The Controller shall draw warrants to pay demands against CC Power when the demands have been approved by the Chair or Vice Chair of CC Power. The Treasurer and Controller shall have the other powers, duties and responsibilities of such officers as specified in Section 6505 of the Government Code of the State of California, as amended, except insofar as such powers, duties and responsibilities are assigned to a trustee appointed, as is provided for and authorized in Section 6550 of the Government Code of the State of California, as amended, pursuant to any resolution, indenture or other instrument providing for the issuance of bonds or notes of CC Power pursuant to this Agreement. The Board may require the Treasurer and/or Controller to file with CC Power an official bond in an amount to be fixed by the Board, and if so requested CC Power shall pay the cost of premiums associated with the bond. The Treasurer and Controller shall cause an independent audit to be made by a certified public accountant, or public accountants, in compliance with Section 6505 of the Government Code.

- (c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Board and all other official records of CC Power, and responding to public records requests of the JPA.

Section 4.07 Management of CC Power. The Board shall appoint a part-time or full-time General Manager, and may appoint one or more part-time or full-time Assistant General Managers, to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The General Manager shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of CC Power. The General Manager may enter into and execute contracts in accordance with the policies established and direction provided by the Board, and shall file an official bond in the amount determined from time to time by the Board.

Section 4.08 Other Officers and Employees. The Board shall have the power to appoint such other officers and staff as it may deem necessary who shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities as are determined by the Board, and to retain independent accountants, legal counsel, engineers and other consultants. The Members may contract with CC Power to provide staff to perform services for CC Power, but such employees shall at all times, and for all purposes including benefits and compensation, remain employees of the Member only.

Section 4.09 Budget. The budget shall be approved by the Board. The Board may revise the budget from time-to-time as may be reasonably necessary to address contingencies and expected expenses. All subsequent budgets of CC Power shall be approved by the Board in accordance with rules as may be adopted by the Board from time to time. All expenditures must be made in accordance with the adopted budget.

Article V. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

Section 5.01 Regular Meetings. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting per year, but the Board may provide for the holding of regular meetings at more frequent intervals. The date, hour and place of each regular meeting shall be fixed by resolution of the Board. Regular meetings may be adjourned to another meeting time.

Section 5.02 Special Meetings. Special and emergency meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code Sections 54956 and 54956.5, as amended.

Section 5.03 Brown Act Compliance. All meetings of the Board shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.), and as

augmented by rules of the Board not inconsistent therewith. Directors may participate in meetings telephonically or by other electronic means, with full voting rights, only to the extent permitted by law.

Section 5.04 Minutes. The Secretary shall cause to be kept minutes of the meetings of the Board, both regular and special, and shall cause a copy of the minutes to be forwarded promptly to each Director.

Section 5.05 Quorum. A quorum of the Board shall consist of a majority of the Directors, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time in accordance with law.

Section 5.06 Voting. Except to the extent set forth in a Project Agreement or as otherwise specified in this Agreement, each Member shall have one vote, which may be cast on any matter before the Board by each Director or alternate. Except to the extent otherwise specified in this Agreement, or by law, a vote of the majority of the Directors in attendance shall be sufficient to constitute action, provided a quorum is established and maintained.

(a) **Special Voting Requirements as specified in this Agreement:**

- (i) Action of the Board to amend Section 3.03 related to cost allocations shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board.
- (ii) Action of the Board on the matters set forth in Section 3.04(c) related to involuntary termination of a Member shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board.
- (iii) Action of the Board on the matters set forth in Section 9.01 related to termination of this Agreement shall require the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire Board approved by resolution of each Member's governing body.
- (iv) Action of the Board to amend this Agreement shall be subject to the voting requirements set forth in Section 11.02 below.

Article VI. PROJECTS

Section 6.01 Projects. The Board has the power, upon majority vote of the Directors in attendance, provided a quorum is established and maintained, to establish Projects within the purpose and power of CC Power and to adopt guidelines for their implementation.

Section 6.02 Right to Participate in Projects. The Board shall provide at least sixty (60) days prior written notice to all Members, unless such notice is otherwise waived, before any Project may be considered for adoption by a vote of the Board. Such notice shall be provided to the Director of each Member. Once a Project is approved by the Board as set forth in Section 6.01 above, all Members shall have the right, but not the obligation, to participate in a pro-rata share in the Project as determined by the Project Agreement. All Members who elect not to participate in the Project have no obligations under the Project.

Section 6.03 Project Agreement. All expenses, rights and obligations to any specific Projects will be handled through Project Agreements that will be separate and distinct from this Agreement.

Article VII. BONDS AND OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

CC Power shall also have the power to issue, sell and deliver bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Act for the purpose of acquiring, financing, performing or constructing one or more Projects and to enter into other indebtedness for the purpose of financing one or more studies or Projects and for the purpose of providing temporary financing of costs of development, construction or acquisition of one or more Projects. The terms and conditions of the issuance of any such bonds or indebtedness shall be set forth in such resolution, indenture or other instrument, as required by law and as approved by the Board. Bonds issued under this article and contracts or obligations entered into to carry out the purposes for which bonds are issued, payable in whole or in part from the proceeds of said bonds, shall not constitute a debt, liability or

obligation of any of the Members unless the governing body of the Member by resolution expressly agrees that the Member will be obligated under the bond or other indebtedness or the Member takes on obligations pursuant to a Project Agreement.

Article VIII. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

Section 8.01 Pursuant to Section 6508.1 of the Government Code of the State of California, no debt, liability or obligation of CC Power shall be a debt, liability or obligation of any Member unless such Member agrees in writing to assume any of the debts, liabilities, or obligations of CC Power pursuant to a Project Agreement. Nothing contained in this Article VIII shall in any way diminish the liability of any Member with respect to any Project Agreement such Member enters into pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 8.02 Individual Member Provisions.

- (a) The City of San José is a municipal corporation and is precluded under the California State Constitution and applicable law from entering into obligations that financially bind future governing bodies, and, therefore, nothing in the Agreement shall constitute an obligation of future legislative bodies of the City to appropriate funds for purposes of the Agreement. Any obligations under this Agreement and any Project Agreement are special limited obligations of San José Clean Energy payable solely from the Designated Fund (defined as the San Jose Energy Operating Fund established pursuant to City of San Jose Municipal Code, Title 4, Part 63, Section 4.80.4050 *et seq.*) (“Designated Fund”) and shall not be a charge upon the revenues or general fund of the City of San José or upon any non- San José Clean Energy moneys or other property of the Community Energy Department or the City of San José.
- (b) CleanPowerSF’s payment obligations under this Agreement are special limited obligations of CleanPowerSF payable solely from the revenues of CleanPowerSF. CleanPowerSF’s payment obligations under this Agreement are not a charge upon the revenues or general fund of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission or the City and County of San Francisco or upon any non-CleanPowerSF moneys or other property of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission or the City and County of San Francisco. CleanPowerSF’s obligations hereunder shall not at any time exceed the amount certified by the San Francisco City Controller for the purpose and period stated in such certification. Except as may be provided by laws governing emergency procedures, officers and employees of CleanPowerSF are not authorized to request, and CleanPowerSF is not required to reimburse CC Power for, commodities or services beyond the agreed upon contract scope unless the changed scope is authorized by amendment and approved as required by law. Officers and employees of CleanPowerSF are not authorized to offer or promise, nor is CleanPowerSF required to honor, any offered or promised additional funding in excess of the maximum amount of funding for which the contract is certified without certification of the additional amount by the San Francisco City Controller. The San Francisco City Controller is not authorized to make payments on any contract for which funds have not been certified as available in the budget or by supplemental appropriation.

Article IX. TERM; TERMINATION; LIQUIDATION; DISTRIBUTION

Section 9.01 Term and Termination. This Agreement shall become effective when at least two Members execute this Agreement. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until terminated as provided in this Article; provided however, this Agreement cannot be terminated until such time as all principal of and interest on bonds and other forms of indebtedness issued by CC Power are paid in full. Thereafter, this Agreement may be terminated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board approved by resolution of each Member’s governing body; provided, however, that this Agreement and CC Power shall continue to exist after termination for the purpose of disposing of all claims, distribution of assets and all other functions necessary to conclude the obligations and affairs of CC Power. In no event shall this

Agreement or the powers herein granted to CC Power be terminated until (a) all bonds and other indebtedness of CC Power and the interest thereon shall have been paid or adequate provision for such payment shall have been made in accordance with the instruments governing such bonds and indebtedness and (b) all other obligations and liabilities of CC Power shall have been met or adequately provided for.

Section 9.02 Liquidation; Distribution. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Board shall liquidate the business and assets and the property of CC Power as expeditiously as possible, and distribute any net proceeds, after the conclusions of all debts and obligations of CC Power, to any Members in proportion to the contributions made or in such manner as otherwise provided by law. The Board is vested with all powers of CC Power for the purpose of concluding and dissolving the business affairs of CC Power.

ARTICLE X. ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

Section 10.01 Establishment and Administration of Funds. CC Power is responsible for the strict accountability of all funds and reports of all receipts and disbursements. It will comply with every provision of law relating to the establishment and administration of funds, particularly Section 6505 of the California Government Code. CC Power shall establish and maintain such funds and accounts as may be required by good accounting practice or by any provision of any resolution, indenture or other instrument of CC Power securing its bonds or other indebtedness, except insofar as such powers, duties and responsibilities are assigned to a trustee appointed pursuant to such resolution, indenture or other instrument. The books and records of CC Power shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times to each Member and its representatives.

Section 10.02 Annual Audits and Audit Reports. The Treasurer/Controller shall cause an annual independent audit of the accounts and records of CC Power to be made by a certified public accountant or public accountant in accordance with all applicable laws. If permitted by applicable law and authorized by the Board, the audit(s) may be conducted at the longer interval authorized by applicable law. A report of the financial audit will be filed as a public record with each Member. CC Power will pay the cost of the financial audit and charge the cost against the Members in the same manner as other administrative costs.

ARTICLE XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 11.01 Successors and Assigns. No Member may assign any right or obligation under this Agreement without the consent of all other Members. This section shall not affect, in any respect, any right of assignment under any Project Agreement.

Section 11.02 Amendments. Subject to any requirements of law, a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board will be required to amend Articles II, III, VIII, and IX of this Agreement. Once an amendment of Articles II, III, VIII, or IX is adopted by the Board, the amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the Members pursuant to that Members' applicable approval process. All other provisions of this Agreement may be amended at any time or from time to time by an amendment approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Board. Written notice shall be provided to all Members of proposed amendments to this Agreement, including the effective date of such amendments, at least 60 days prior to the date upon which the Board votes on such amendments.

Section 11.03 Indemnification and Insurance. To the fullest extent permitted by law, CC Power shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Members and each of their respective Directors, alternates, officers, employees and agents from any and all claims losses damages, costs, injuries and liabilities of every kind arising directly or indirectly from the conduct, activities, operations, acts, and omissions of CC Power under this Agreement to the extent not otherwise provided under a Project Agreement. CC Power shall acquire such insurance coverage as the Board deems is necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of CC Power and the Members.

Section 11.04 Notices. The Board shall designate its principal office as the location at which it will receive notices, correspondence, and other communications, and shall designate one of its Directors or staff as an officer for the purpose of receiving service on behalf of the Board. Any notice given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be dated and signed by the Member giving such notice. Notice to each Member under this Agreement is sufficient if mailed to the Member and separately to the Member's Director to their respective addresses on file with CC Power.

Section 11.05 Severability. Should any portion, term, condition, or provision of this Agreement be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of California, or be otherwise rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the remaining portions, terms, conditions, and provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 11.06 Section Headings. The section headings herein are for convenience only and are not to be construed as modifying or governing the language in the section to which they refer.

Section 11.07 Choice of Law. This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Section 11.08 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument and as if all Members had signed the same instrument.

Section 11.09 Dispute Resolution. The Members shall make reasonable efforts to informally settle all disputes arising out of, or in connection with, this Agreement. Should such informal efforts to settle a dispute fail, the dispute shall be mediated in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Board.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the Members hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed as an original counterpart by its duly authorized representative on the date indicated below.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

CCA Name: _____

Date: _____

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY POWER AGENCY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, in December 2020, the California Community Power (“CC Power”) Joint Powers Authority was formed by several Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) to acquire energy, capacity, storage or other energy products on a scale that individual members most likely would not be able to achieve on their own; and

WHEREAS, initial members of CC Power are all Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs); and

WHEREAS, each CC Power project would be evaluated and reviewed by VCE Staff and the Board to fully consider the benefits, obligations, and risks without taking on legal obligations with respect to CC Power and only taking on the legal obligations related to specific projects VCE enters into; and,

WHEREAS, CC Power will be governed by a Board of Directors with each member having one director and one vote, with the director being the CEO or General Manager of each member agency (or their designee); and

WHEREAS, the VCE Board finds that membership in CC Power will help VCE achieve its strategic goals and mission to deliver cost effective clean electricity and programs to its customers and member communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance resolves as follows:

1. Approve Valley Clean Energy’s membership in the California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority; and
2. The Interim General Manager is authorized to finalize, execute, and sign the CC Power JPA agreement on behalf of VCE and, in consultation with legal counsel, to implement the Board’s decision.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance, held on the ____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dan Carson, VCE Chair

Alisa M. Lembke, VCEA Board Secretary

Attachment A: California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Agreement

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