

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 16

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mitch Sears, Executive Officer  
Rebecca Kuczynski, Director of Customer Care and Marketing

**SUBJECT:** Agreements for Hourly Flex Pricing Pilot Programs

**DATE:** December 12, 2024

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve resolution authorizing the Executive Officer and/or his designee to execute and take all actions necessary to implement the agreements with Pacific Gas & Electric for the Hourly Flex Pricing Pilot Programs.

#### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

In November 2024, the VCE Board of Directors approved participation in the Hourly Flex Pricing (HFP) pilot programs, otherwise known as the expanded Agricultural Flexible Irrigation Technology (AgFIT) Pilots. The Pilot allows for up to \$750,000 of California Public Utilities Commission funds to reimburse VCE's administrative expenses (through PG&E) for the HFP pilots #1 and #2. In order to recoup expenses from PG&E, VCE must sign two agreements.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The HFP Pilot Programs should have a net-neutral effect on VCE's budget, as VCE's submitted and approved budget totals \$750,000.

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE APPROVING TWO AGREEMENTS WITH PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOURLY FLEX PRICING PILOT PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (“VCE”) was formed as a community choice aggregation agency (“CCA”) on November 16, 2016, under the Joint Exercise of Power Act, California Government Code sections 6500 et seq., among the County of Yolo, and the Cities of Davis and Woodland, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, provide electricity, carry out programs to reduce energy consumption, develop local jobs in renewable energy, and promote energy security and rate stability in all of the member jurisdictions. The City of Winters, located in Yolo County, was added as a member of VCE and a party to the JPA in December of 2019; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Public Utilities Commission approved the Hourly Flex Pricing Pilots in Decision 24-01-032 (the “Expanded AgFIT Pilots Decision”) in January 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, The Expanded Pilots Decision continued the process from the original AgFIT Pilot of CPUC approval of invoices covering VCE’s authorized administrative expenses and Energy Division direction of PG&E to disburse such authorized expenses to VCE; and

**WHEREAS**, PG&E requires two agreements between the parties in order for VCE to seek reimbursement for administrative expenses;

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

1. The VCE Executive Officer, in consultation with VCE Legal General Counsel, is authorized to finalize, approve, execute, and extend on behalf of VCE the Agreements with PG&E through December 31, 2027, for the Hourly Flex Pricing Pilots, for a not to exceed amount of \$750,000.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, at a regular meeting of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance, held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Lucas Frerichs, VCE Board Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alisa M. Lembke, VCE Board Secretary