

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes
DATE: December 18, 2025

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached November 20, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes.

Attachment: November 20, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Woodland Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

Vice Chair Keith Taylor established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025 beginning at 5:05 p.m., held at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Ari Halberstadt, David Springer, Danielle Ballard (departed at 5:49 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Mark Aulman, Diccon Westworth

- Welcome** Vice Chair Taylor welcomed everyone and moved into the public comment period.
- Public Comment** There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items.
- Agenda** Board Clerk Alisa Lembke informed those present that Item 3 – Brief Task Group Reports and VCE Staff Report will be moved to after the Regular Agenda and before Item 8 - Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.
- Consent Items** There were no written or verbal public comments as identified above. Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Athalye, Aulman, and Westworth absent. The following items were:
4. approved October 23, 2025 meeting Minutes; and
5. received 2025 Long Range Calendar.
- Item 6: Discuss and seek recommendation to the Board on GHG-Free** VCE Staff Sierra Huffman reviewed the background on GHG-free attributes offered by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and site locations of the large hydro and nuclear offerings. Ms. Huffman defined an attribute allocation and attribute ratio and provide VCE’s allocation history. She reviewed the key points of accepting GHG-free attributes and Staff’s recommendation. The CAC



**allocations (2026)
from large hydro
and nuclear
resources.**

and Staff discussed: hydro allocations and weather, 2025 allocations received, and how PG&E uses the energy. There were no written or verbal public comments.

(Discussion/Action)

Ari Halberstadt made a motion to recommend to the Board that the VCE Board of Directors:

1. Accept the 2026 allocation of large hydro GHG-free attributes;
2. Accept the 2026 allocation of nuclear power GHG-free attributes;
3. Authorize the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement(s) with PG&E to accept the 2026 Large Hydro and Nuclear GHG-free allocations

This motion was seconded by Danielle Ballard. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rodriguez, Halberstadt, Ballard, Springer, Taylor (Vice Chair)

NOES: Kristov

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Athalye (Chair), Aulman, Westworth

**Staff Introduction
and
Announcement**

VCE Chief Financial Officer Edward Burnham took a few minutes to introduce VCE's Director of Power Services Chad Curran. In addition, he announced that Jennifer Rindahl, representing the City of Winters, resigned from the CAC. Mr. Burnham then moved on to Item 7 – Financial update.

**Item 7: Receive
Financial update.
(Information)**

Mr. Burnham provided an overview of VCE's short-term outlook. He reviewed key factors, such as inflation costs (Consumer Price Index), incorporated into the preliminary 2026 draft budget. Mr. Burnham reviewed some of the guidelines of the Reserve and Dividend Policy adopted in December 2024, that were incorporated into the draft budget. He reviewed revenues, rate discounts, and three (3) rate scenarios. Mr. Burnham provided a summary of the preliminary 2026 operating budget and the next steps.

The CAC and Staff discussed: forecasted budgets, revenues, load variation, PG&E rate filings and PCIA, large load customers, and power costs and hedging. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 3: Brief Task
Group Reports and
VCE Staff Report**

Task Group Reports:

1. Legislative & Regulatory – CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Board approved the 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Platform at their November 13, 2025 meeting and that the Task Group will be getting back to their meeting schedule.



2. Programs & Outreach – CAC Member David Springer informed those present that there was nothing to report.

3. Local Energy – Mr. Kristov informed those present that at the CAC’s October 23, 2025 meeting a Local Energy Task Group was formed. CAC members who have indicated interest in being on this Task Group will meet tomorrow to discuss a timeline and ideas of what is to be included in a draft Charge.

(Danielle Ballard departed at 5:49 p.m.)

Mr. Burnham informed those present that the Board at their November 13, 2025 meeting approved the 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Platform; received a 2025 Operating budget update and a review of the 2026 preliminary Operating budget; and approved Phase 2 of VCE’s Electrical Vehicle Rebate Program (“Charge Your Ride”).

**Item 8: Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements**

Ms. Huffman invited CAC Members to attend several upcoming events that VCE will be participating in: 1) the Downtown Candlelight Parade in Davis on Thursday, December 4th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 2) the Woodland Holiday Parade in Woodland on Saturday, December 13th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

VCE Chief Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that he and Mr. Burnham represented VCE at a 2 day conference at UC Davis on cooperatives, hybrid institutions which include CCAs, research development, education, and business development. Mr. Sears thanked CAC Vice Chair Keith Taylor for inviting VCE to attend.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, December 18, 2025 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst