TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Community Advisory Committee May 26, 2022 Meeting Summary

DATE: June 9, 2022

This report summarizes the Community Advisory Committee’s meeting held via Zoom webinar on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

A. Welcomed new CAC Members. Newly appointed CAC Members Keith Taylor and Kristin Jacobs were welcomed to the Committee and provided a brief introduction of themselves to the group.

B. Receive information on VCE forecasting – financial modeling. Staff provided the second of two informational reports on financial and load forecasting focusing on total power costs and revenue modeling. Staff provided an overview of the report, answered questions and received feedback from the CAC Members. Items discussed were: long term forecasting and how to improve; challenges of forecasting PCIA and PG&E rates; reviewing differences in load forecasting if 10-year (vs. 20-year) average temperatures are used; and, subsidized investments and potential ways to reduce costs.

C. Received report and provided feedback on draft Customer Rate structure. This item regarding an additional rate option was brought to the CAC after analysis was provided to the CAC and Board in 2021, then postponed until mid-2022. Staff provided an updated draft customer rate/product options, incorporating the CAC’s input from their April 2022 meeting. Staff and the CAC discussed the additional detail on adding another rate option and the CAC provided further input. Items discussed were: differences of Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets of the 3 rate options; the need for sensitivity analysis on customer tolerance of price and renewable content; impact on VCE message; and, marketing outreach and implementation of rate options, focusing on education and retention.

D. Reviewed and considered recommendation on updating VCE’s Legislative and Regulatory Policy and Procedure process. Staff worked with VCE’s lobbyist consultant and the CAC’s Leg/Reg Task Group to update VCE’s Legislative and Regulatory Action Policy and the CAC was presented with a draft Legislative Regulatory Policy and Procedure. The CAC recommended that the Board approve the Legislative and Regulatory Policy and Procedure after confirming that the policy and procedure does not violate the Brown Act and the annual formation of CAC Task Groups.
E. Received update on Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0. Staff provided a verbal update on Net Energy Metering (NEM) 3.0 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) proceeding and status. Staff informed the CAC that opening comments are due to the CPUC by June 10th with reply comments due by June 24th. Staff informed those present that VCE is not a party to this proceeding but that CalCCA is.