Item 13 – Legislative Update
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Background

• VCE Legislative Platform - 2022
  • Adopted Annually (Dec 2021)
  • Consistent with VCE Vision/Mission/Strategic Plan
  • Informs Legislative Positions and Communications
  • Legislative Positions Consistent with Platform

• Bills Categorized by Priority
  • Priority 1: Focused Engagement – Direct Connection to VCE Mission/Strategic Plan Goals
  • Priority 2: Active Engagement/Monitoring – Issues Related to VCE Mission/Strategic Plan Goals
  • Priority 3: Monitoring - Minimal Direct or Indirect impact on VCE Mission/Strategic Plan Goals but Warrant Monitoring as they Address Broader Energy, Utility, Climate and Sustainability Topics

• Generally Align with CalCCA Positions and work Directly with CalCCA Legislative Team
Covid and the Capitol

• Some Committees requiring lead witness testimony in person.
  • At least one committee has eliminated phone option entirely.

• Legislators back to carrying a full bill load.

• Some in-person meetings
Money Pouring In – State Budget is Flush

- Surplus anticipated to reach $68 billion
- May Revise to be released any day
- Done in June?
- What’s available for clean energy programs
Key Bills

• SB 1020 (Laird, Atkins) – Leadership Supported Bill
  • 2035: 90% Carbon Free Energy | 2040: 95% Carbon Free Energy
  • Electricity serving the state to be 100% carbon free by 2030
  • California Affordable Decarbonization Authority


• AB 1814 (Grayson) – CalCCA sponsored bill – no hearing

• SB 1287 (Bradford) – CCA financial security requirement – no hearing
## Bills Being Tracked - Active

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Note:  
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VCE’s Strategic Plan (Nov 2020):

Goal 3) Prioritize VCE’s community benefits and increase customer satisfaction and retention

Goal 4) Promote and deploy local decarbonization and grid innovation programs to improve grid stability, reliability, community energy resilience, and safety

VCE’s 3-Year Programs Plan (June 2021):

1) Promote the electrification of transportation, residential and commercial buildings, and agricultural operations.
2) Encourage and incentivize energy efficiency, demand response flexibility, and resiliency.

Active VCE Programs:

1) Energy efficiency ME+O
2) SACOG Grant – Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
3) AgFIT – Automation; dynamic prices
4) Heat Pump Pilot – home energy rebates; contractor ME+O
Background & Context:
Nat’l, Statewide push toward transportation electrification

• Five Million Zero Emission Vehicles on the road in CA by 2030 (E.O. B-48-18)

• All new cars and passenger trucks sold in CA must be Zero Emission Vehicles by 2035 (E.O. N-79-20)

The number of EV registered in CA totals to 930,811 vehicles, with 425,300 being all electric – as of Jun 2021
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• The California Air Resources Board identified that nearly 35% of the State’s emissions are from the transportation sector – High need to decarbonize our transportation

• US has seen EV sales nearly double from 308,000 in 2020 to 608,000 in 2021
Program Design:

Rebates and tax credits available; VCE’s pilot designed to stack and demystify the process

Phased approach

- **Phase 1**: Streamlined and simplified. Providing rebates based on proof from customer of other (vetted) rebate program
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**Rebates/Incentives for Standard Applicants**

- Total: $5,250
  - CA Clean Fuel Reward (CCFR)
  - Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP)
  - VCE EV Rebate

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**Item 14 – Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program**

- **Total**: $5,250
Recommended Approach:

Align with Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP)

• Apply within 3 months after purchase (if under “high earners cap”); higher rebates for income-qualified customers

Staff recommends alignment with CVRP because...

• Funding is available
• Incorporates income eligibility criteria, with differing rebate amounts
• Includes a luxury vehicle cap
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Proposed Budget:

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**Amount would be reallocated to customer rebates should staff not need additional program support**
Rebates:

Estimating to provide nearly **30** rebates to our customers

- Assuming 25% of funds go to income qualified applicants - $4,000 rebate
- Assuming all standard applicants purchased BEVs - $2,500 rebate

Based on evidence from another CCA...

- Around 4-5 applications will be submitted and processed per month
- Program funding expected to last between 7-8 months
Program Equity: Ensuring that income-qualified customers have equitable access to rebates

Staff is recommending:

1. Income-qualified customer applications are given priority and processed before standard applications.
2. Income-qualified applicants fill out a VCE rebate interest form and VCE would consider these rebate funds “on hold” for a period of time, providing time for their CVRP application to be processed.
3. Allocate 25% of rebate funds in Phase 1 for income-qualified applicants. 6 months after program launch, the funds would be released for all applications.

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Total: $14,250
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Next Steps:

• Develop full list of eligibility criteria with terms and conditions
• Expand marketing, outreach, and education materials
• Outline and establish customer application process
• Implement program