



**Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Woodland Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

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Please note that the numerical order of items is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order on the request of any CAC member with the concurrence of the CAC. Staff recommendations are advisory to the CAC. The CAC may take any action it deems appropriate on any item on the agenda even if it varies from the staff recommendation.

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Committee Members: Keith Taylor (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, David Springer, Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Ari Halberstadt

5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Public Comment:** This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the CAC on any VCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda or are listed on the Consent portion of the agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the Regular agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the CAC are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker, electronically submitted comments should be limited to approximately 300 words. Comments that are longer than 300 words will only be read for two minutes. All electronically submitted comments, whether read in their entirety or not, will be posted to the VCE website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. See the information below under **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.
- 3. Brief Task Group Reports and VCE Staff Report (~ 15 minutes)** - Representatives of VCE staff will provide verbal updates on on-going Staff work. (Task Group recommendations requiring Committee attention require a regular agenda item. Summaries of written reports received by the Committee in advance of the meeting will receive a time allocation of up to ten minutes. Otherwise, the time allocation will be five minutes, including questions and answers. The Committee may decide to allocate additional time at the end of the regular agenda.)

CONSENT AGENDA (~ 5 minutes)

- 4. Approval of December 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes.**
- 5. Receive Customer Participation update (4th Quarter 2025).**
- 6. Receive 2026 Long Range Calendar. (Information)**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7. Review and approve draft 2026 CAC Task Group Charges. (Discussion/Action) (~ 20 minutes)**
- 8. Receive Power Portfolio update. (Information) (~ 15 minutes)**
- 9. 2025 year in review: Customer Care and Marketing. (Information) (~ 25 minutes)**



10. Advisory Committee Member and Announcements. (~ 5 minutes) Action items and reports from members of the Advisory Committee, including announcements, reports on meetings, and information which would be of interest to the Committee or the public.

11. Announcement and Adjournment. The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public Comments: Public participation for this meeting will be done electronically via e-mail and during the meeting as described below.

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Verbal public participation during the meeting:

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- 2) **If attending remotely via Zoom**, there are two (2) ways for the public to provide verbal comments:
 - A. If you are attending by computer, activate the “participants” icon at the bottom of your screen, then raise your hand (hand clap icon) under “reactions”. When called upon, you will be “unmuted” to allow to speak.
 - B. If you are attending by phone only, you will need to press *9 to raise your hand. When called upon, press *6 to unmute your microphone.

VCE staff will acknowledge that you have a public comment to make during the item and will call upon you to make your verbal comment.

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Alisa.Lembke@ValleyCleanEnergy.org. The Valley Clean Energy website is located at:
<https://valleycleanenergy.org/cac-meetings/>.

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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC December 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes
DATE: January 22, 2026

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached December 18, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes.

Attachment: December 18, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Davis Conference Room
(located inside Community Chambers building)
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616**

Chair Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2025 beginning at 5:01 p.m., held at the City of Davis Conference Room located inside the Community Chambers building at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, Mark Aulman, David Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez, Ari Halberstadt

Committee Members Absent: Danielle Ballard, Diccon Westworth

Welcome Chair Athalye 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 or on Consent Agenda items.

Item 3: Task Group and VCE Staff Reports **Programs & Outreach:** VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski informed those present that the Task Group met to review general updates, including the status of the SHELF grant, and worked on the 2025 Year-end report.

Legislative & Regulatory: VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter reported that Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group (PPG) informed the Task Group on the changes in the legislative session, budgets and regulatory issues. The Task Group worked on the 2025 Year-end report.

Local Energy: CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that there was nothing to report at this time, but that the draft Charge is on tonight's Agenda.

VCE Staff Report: VCE Staff Edward Burnham informed those present that at the Board's December meeting, VCE Customer 2026 generation rates were adopted and the 2026 Operating budget was approved. In addition, the Board accepted large hydro and nuclear 2026 Greenhouse Gas Free (GHG) allocations from PG&E. Staff reported that VCE has submitted a Microgrid Incentive Grant application for the Esparto area to PG&E. Lastly, Chad Curran, VCE's Director of Power Services, introduced himself since there were a few CAC members who have not met him yet.



Agenda

Consent Items 4 and 5

Cynthia Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Ari Halberstadt. Motion passed with Danielle Ballard and Diccon Westworth absent. The following items were:

4. approved November 20, 2025 meeting Minutes; and
5. received 2025 and 2026 Long Range Calendar.

Item 6: Review and approved CAC Draft 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports. (Discussion/Action)

Chair Athalye announced that if the Year-end reports are approved, the Board Clerk will provide the reports to the Board at their February 2026 meeting.

Mr. Kristov provided a brief overview of the draft Legislative & Regulatory Task Group 2025 year-end report. It was suggested that in the upcoming year, that legislative issues related to VCE and other Community Choice Aggregates (CCAs) be summarized for VCE customers on social media and/or the website. This was suggested in an effort to bring attention to issues being discussed in the CCA community.

CAC Member Mark Aulman provided a brief overview of the draft Programs & Outreach Task Group 2025 year-end report. He noted that this Task Group is busy providing input to Staff on programs and enhancing communications to VCE's customers. He commented that this Task Group could use more membership from the CAC.

Mr. Burham provided highlights of the draft Strategic Plan 2025 year-end report. Updates to the Strategic Plan line up with the off years of the Integrated Resource Plan scheduled updates.

Mr. Aulman informed those present that the Bioenergy Task Group has been dormant for the past several months. He highlighted that information was gathered and distributed on various bioenergy products. The Task Group will not be reactivated until the Board and/or VCE Staff ask for advisory information.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to approve the 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports with one correction to the Programs & Outreach Year-end report changing the year from 2024 to 2025, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Ballard and Westworth absent.



Item 7: Discuss and review draft CAC Local Energy Task Group “Charge”. (Discussion/Action) Mr. Kristov briefly reviewed the draft Local Energy Task Group “Charge”. Input was provided by the other CAC Members and Staff. Mr. Kristov informed those present that a final draft Charge will be provided to the CAC for their review along with the other draft Task Group Charges at the CAC’s January 22, 2026 meeting. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 8: Formation of 2026 CAC Task Groups. (Discussion/Action) The CAC briefly discussed the formation of Task Groups for the 2026 year reminding those present that the Local Energy Task Group was formed at the CAC’s October 2025 meeting. The CAC agreed to reaffirm the Legislative and Regulatory and Programs and Outreach Task Groups for 2026. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Chair Athalye made a motion to approve the formation of the Legislative & Regulatory and Programs & Outreach Task Groups for 2026, seconded by Ari Halberstadt. Motion passed with Ballard and Westworth absent.

The following CAC Members wish to serve on the following Task Groups:

- Legislative & Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov, Rahul Athalye, and Ari Halberstadt
- Programs & Outreach: Mark Aulman, David Springer and Diccon Westworth
- Local Energy: Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Keith Taylor, Diccon Westworth and Ari Halberstadt

Board Clerk Alisa Lembke will send out an email to the CAC Members informing them of the Task Groups formed, which Task Groups are available to participate in, and ask the Task Groups to submit a draft 2026 Charge for the CAC’s January 22, 2026 meeting. Ms. Lembke informed the CAC that draft Charges will be due on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

Item 9: Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026. (Discussion/Action) There were no written or verbal public comments. Rahul Athalye made a motion to nominate Keith Taylor to serve as Chair for 2026, seconded by Ari Halberstadt. Motion passed with Keith Taylor abstaining and Ballard and Westworth absent.

Keith Taylor made a motion for Rahul Athalye to serve as Vice Chair for 2026, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. Motion passed with Rahul Athalye abstaining and Ballard and Westworth absent.



**Item 10: Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements**

Mr. Kristov informed those present that the town of Pescadero applied for an MIP grant. He will forward an article to the Board Clerk for distribution. He announced that the ACWA (Association of California Water Agencies) recently held their annual meeting. He found out that they have an Energy Committee that discussed have microgrids on water facility sites. And, Mr. Kristov informed those present that SMUD's Cayote Creek Project will remove approximately 4,000 Oak Trees. Mr. Kristov will forward the article to the Board Clerk for distribution.

Chair Keith Taylor informed those present that UC Davis will be hosting another cooperative conference in early Spring 2026, similar, but larger than the conference held in November 2025. Chair Taylor informed those present that electric cooperatives have been invited to attend.

**Item 11:
Announcement
and Adjournment
to Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, January 22, 2026 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Rebecca Boyles, Director of Customer Care & Marketing

SUBJECT: Receive Quarterly Customer Participation (4th Quarter 2025) Update (Information)

DATE: January 22, 2026

RECOMMENDATION (Information only)

Receive the quarterly Customer Participation update staff report reflecting the time period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 (Quarter 4 2025).

Attachment: VCE 2025 Quarter 4 Customer Participation Update

Item 5 – Customer Participation Update

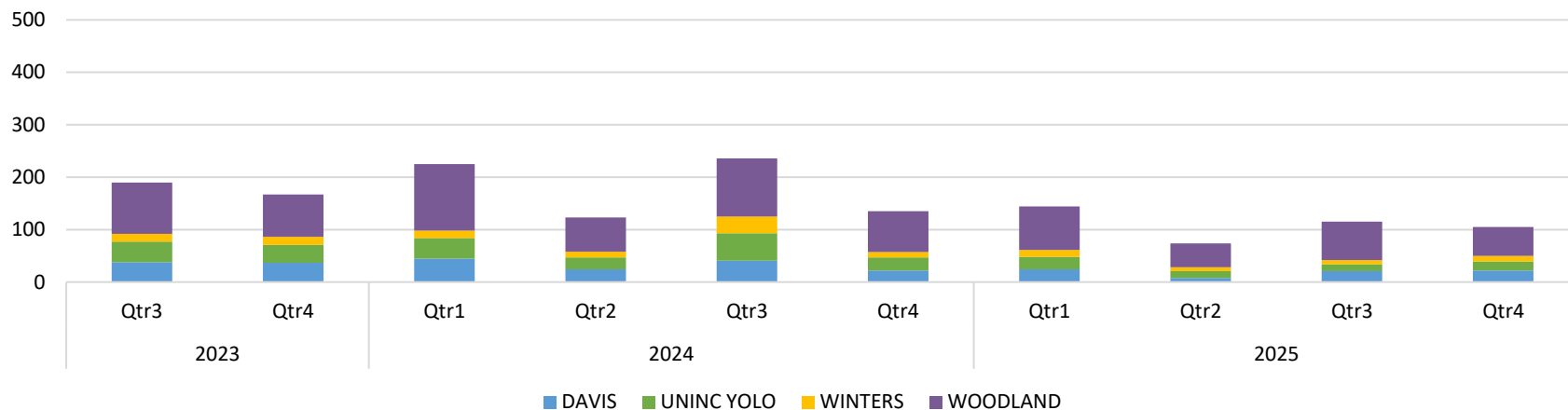
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Eligible customers	30,144	24,173	3,095	12,491	69,903	60,960	6,775	11	2,157	17,379	52,524
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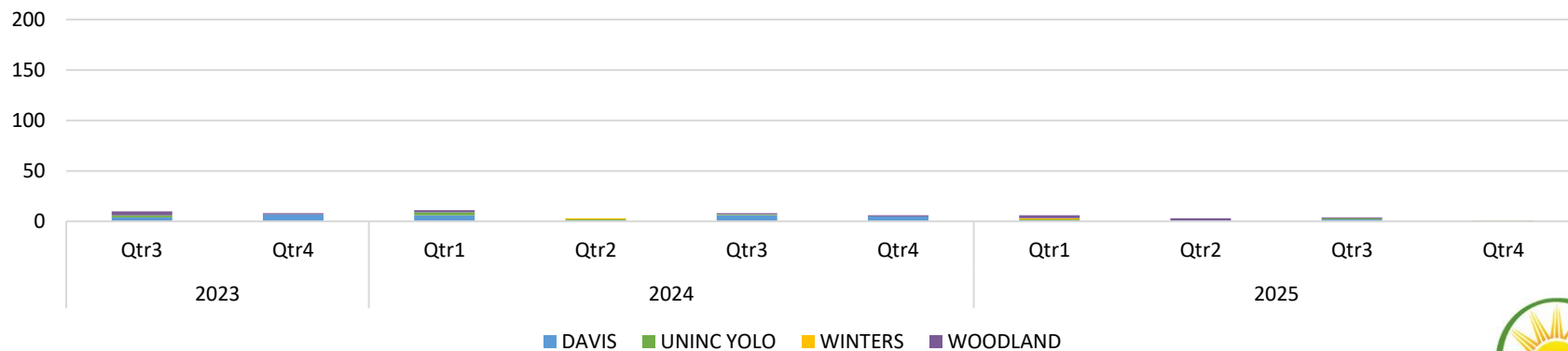
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Item 5 – Customer Participation Update

Quarterly Opt-Outs

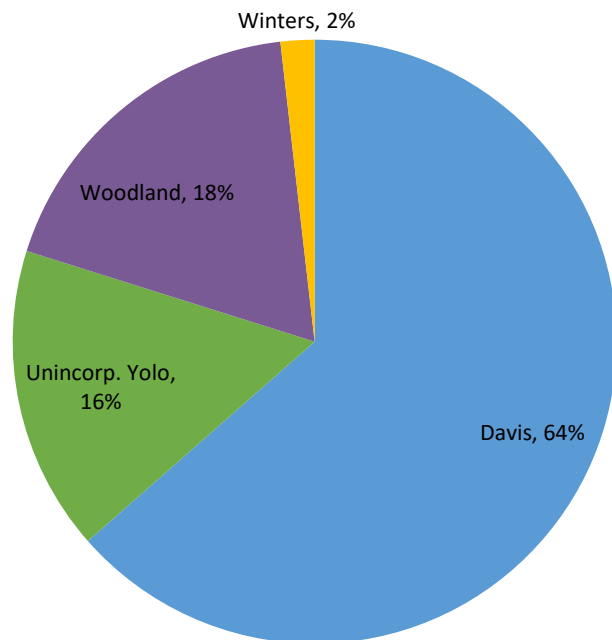


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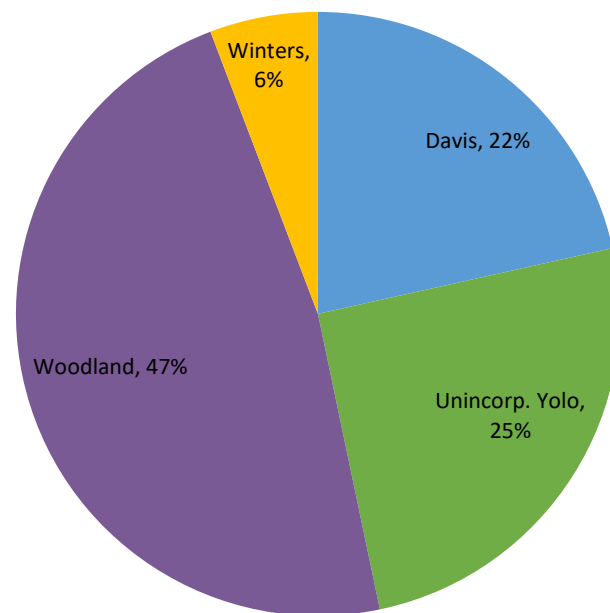


Item 5 – Customer Participation Update

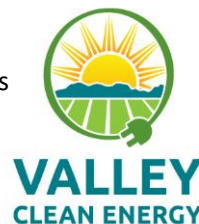
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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Receive 2026 Long Range Calendar meeting topics

DATE: January 22, 2026

Please find attached the 2026 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. Please note that the long range calendars have some added information (coding) to each item for Staff purposes only.

At any time, if you have an item that you would like added, including future topics, please send an email to Chief Financial Officer Edward Burnham, Board Clerk Alisa Lembke, CAC Chair and/or Vice Chair for consideration.

Due to the holidays in November and December 2026, the CAC's meeting dates have been moved to the 3rd Thursday and are as follows:

- November 19, 2026 (3rd Thursday) – Woodland
- December 17, 2026 (3rd Thursday) – Davis

Attachment:

1. 2026 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
2026 Meeting Dates and Proposed Topics
Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
(Note: Meeting locations and Topics are subject to change)

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
January 8, 2026 CANCELLED	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual – new Members only) (R) (placeholder) • Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R) (placeholder) • Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2025) (O) (placeholder) • 2025 Year-end review (R) (placeholder) • VCE Employee Handbook Update (R) (placeholder) • Annual Strategic Plan Report (R) (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Nominations • Information • Information • Action • Information
January 22, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates/Budget 2026 Update (O) • Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2025) (O) • Review and approve 2026 draft CAC Task Group(s) “Charges” (R) • Power Portfolio update (R) • 2025 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Discussion/Action • Information • Information
February 12, 2026	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R) • Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R) • Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2025) (O) • 2025 Year-end review (O) • VCE Employee Handbook update (R) • Annual Strategic Plan Report (R) • Receive CAC 2025 Year-end Task Group Reports (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Nominations • Information • Information • Action • Information • Information
February 26, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (R) (placeholder) • Strategic Plan (O) • Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Discussion/Action • Discussion/Action
March 12, 2026	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Action

March 26, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	•	•
April 9, 2026	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) (R) • Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2026) (O) • Calendar Year 2025 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) (placeholder) (R) • Electric Vehicle Rebate Program (O) • Load Management Standards Update (O) • Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) / Rates Workshop (placeholder) (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Action • Discussion/Action • Information • Information
April 23, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Load Management Standards Update (O) • 2025 Net Margin Allocation (R) • Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2026) (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Discussion/Action • Discussion/Action
May 12-14, 2026	CalCCA Annual Conference (Sacramento)	VCE Staff and some Board and CAC members attending	
May 14, 2026 Cancelled, may be rescheduled.	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • * No meeting due to CalCCA Annual Conference. A special meeting may be scheduled if an urgent matter needs to be addressed. 	
May 28, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	•	•
June 11, 2026	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual) (R) • Mid-Year 2026 Financial Update (R) • 2025 Net Margin Allocation (R) • Summer Preparedness outlook (O) • Recap of CalCCA May 2026 Annual Conference (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Information • Discussion/Action • Information • Information
June 25, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Preparedness outlook (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

July 9, 2026	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Participation update (2nd Quarter 2026) (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information
July 23, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tentatively no meeting. 	
August 13, 2026	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tentatively no meeting. 	
August 27, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2026) (O) Power Portfolio Update (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information
September 10, 2026	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification of 2025 Power Content Label (Annual) (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action
September 24, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
October 8, 2026 Possibly meeting date conflict with League of Cities Annual Conference	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise Risk Management Update (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2026) (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Information Information
October 22, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Power Content Label Outreach (O) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2026) (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) 2027 Legislative & Regulatory Platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information Information Discussion/Action
November 12, 2026	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2027 Preliminary Operating Budget (R) Contract Renewals (R) (placeholder) Approve 2027 Legislative and Regulatory Platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
November 26, 2026 November 19, 2026 (rescheduled to November 19 due to Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 26 th)	Advisory Committee (Woodland) (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review CAC Draft 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) GHG Free Attributes (R) (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Discussion/Action

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

December 10, 2026	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve 2027 Operating Budget (Annual) and 2027 Customer Rates (R) • Receive VCE Grant/Program Annual Report (R) • GHG Free Attributes (R) (placeholder) • Contract Renewals (R) (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Action • Information • Discussion/Action • Action
December 24, 2026 December 17, 2026 (rescheduled to December 17 due to Christmas Eve on Dec. 24 th)	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) • Power Portfolio Update (R) • Election of Officers for 2027 (Annual) (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Action • Information • Nominations
January 14, 2027	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R) • Election of Officers for 2027 (Annual) (R) • Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2026) (O) • 2026 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (R) • Receive 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) • VCE Employee Handbook Update (R) • Annual Strategic Plan Report (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Nominations • Information • Information • Information • Action • Information
January 28, 2027	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rates/Budget 2027 Update (O) • Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2026) (O) • Approve 2027 CAC Task Group(s) "Charges" (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Discuss/Action

PLEASE NOTE: May 12-14, 2026: CalCCA Annual Conference in Sacramento, California

CAC PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS Topics and Discussion dates may change as needed	<u>ESTIMATED</u> MEETING DATE(S)

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 7

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Edward Burnham, Chief Financial Officer
Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Review 2026 CAC Task Group draft "Charges"

DATE: January 22, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Review, provide feedback and approve the draft 2026 Task Group Charges.

BACKGROUND

Task Groups were formed for the 2026 year at the CAC's October 23, 2025 and December 18, 2025 meetings. Thereafter, CAC Members have volunteered to continue to serve and serve on the Task Groups as follows:

1. Legislative/Regulatory
 - A. Members: Lorenzo Kristov (Chair), Rahul Athalye, Ari Halberstadt
2. Programs & Outreach
 - A. Members: David Springer, Mark Aulman, Diccon Westworth
3. Local Energy
 - A. Members: Lorenzo Kristov, Keith Taylor, David Springer, Diccon Westworth, Ari Halberstadt

Please review the attached draft Charges, provide input and consider approving the draft Charges.

Attachments:

1. Legislative & Regulatory 2026 Task Group draft charge
2. Programs & Outreach 2026 Task Group draft charge
3. Local Energy Task 2026 Group draft charge

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

2026 LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY TASK GROUP CHARGE

Members: Lorenzo Kristov, Chair
Rahul Athalye
Ari Halberstadt

Staff: Mitch Sears, Chief Executive Officer
Yvonne Hunter, Legislative and Project Specialist
Mark Fenstermaker, VCE Lobbyist, Pacific Policy Group

2026 Charge:

Work with VCE staff and VCE's lobbyist to:

- Provide feedback, recommendations on potential VCE positions on legislation, and technical and strategic input to VCE staff on key legislative and regulatory issues facing VCE and the CCA community in general in 2026. This includes, but is not limited to, legislation and regulatory issues related to VCE's Legislative and Regulatory Platform, Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice Statement.
- Provide periodic reports to the CAC about legislation and regulatory issues in general and those discussed by the LRTG.
- Lead CAC discussions to solicit recommendations from the CAC to inform VCE positions on key legislation and regulatory proceedings of interest to VCE and to CCAs in general.
- Contribute to VCE's engagement with legislators, regulatory proceedings and other stakeholders.
- Receive periodic updates about and discuss CalCCA legislative and regulatory priorities and activities, emphasizing how VCE can most effectively contribute.
- Work with staff to periodically review and update VCE's Legislative and Regulatory Platform for consideration by the CAC and the VCE Board.

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2026 PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH TASK GROUP CHARGE

Members: TBD (Chair)
TBD (Co-Chair)
David Springer
Mark Aulman
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Staff Lead: Rebecca Kuczynski, Chief Customer Officer

2026 Charge:

Collaborate with VCE staff and consultants on policies, procedures and programs aimed at improving the customer experience and customer satisfaction in VCE, including:

1. Assist in the development of public information strategies, planning, and materials related to VCE customer marketing, outreach, policies, and programs. As requested by staff, review draft materials and provide comments as appropriate; assist with customer-facing community outreach to, and liaison with, member communities.
2. In consultation with staff, help define audience segments within VCE's service area and consult on appropriate messages and communications approaches. Provide a sounding board to assist in message development and copy testing. Conduct review of marketing materials at the draft (pre-release) stage upon request from staff. Assist with planning for focus groups in VCE service territory to better assess customer needs and preferences.
3. Assist with identification of statewide program opportunities and development of strategies for disseminating information on eligibility, rebate amounts, stacked incentives, and other details; assist staff with finding and applying for external funding for potential programs.
4. Collaborate with staff on an annual update to the 3-year Programs Plan. Discuss 2026 program implementation with Staff.
5. Collaborate with staff and consultants on policies, procedures and programs aimed at improving customer experience and customer satisfaction in VCE. Assist development of public information strategies, planning, and materials related to VCE customer programs.
6. Collaborate with staff on an update to the 3-Year Programs Plan, the Outreach and Marketing Plan, and discuss 2026 program implementation with Staff.

7. As requested by the Chief Customer Officer, provide outreach and messaging support for the efforts of other CAC task groups, as well as outreach to VCE's participating jurisdictions to encourage collaborative dissemination regarding programs, energy-savings tips, rebates/incentives etc. on their websites and social media platforms.
8. Provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities, as necessary.

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2026 LOCAL ENERGY TASK GROUP CHARGE

Members: Lorenzo Kristov
Keith Taylor
David Springer
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Ari Halberstadt

Staff: Edward Burnham, Chief Financial Officer

The Rationale for Creating the LETG

Local Energy Resources (“LER”) is a broad category of electricity technologies that includes: scalable renewable generation facilities (solar, wind, small hydro & geothermal); batteries & other types of energy storage; control systems to manage energy supply and customer load; electric vehicles and vehicle charging systems; microgrid controls to provide continuous “islanded” service during utility grid outages (e.g., Community Resilience Centers or CRC); energy efficiency (e.g., weatherization of buildings); and back-up emergency generators.

In recent years LER have been rapidly improving in performance and cost-effectiveness, making them more attractive to diverse customer types and communities for reasons of affordability, resilience, local control and ownership, ability to avoid transmission and distribution system upgrades and interconnection costs, and ability to support local clean energy and electrification initiatives.

To move from recognition of the potential benefits of LER to the identification of practical LER applications in which VCE could play an effective role, there is a need for (1) accurate education about LER applications, benefits, technologies and costs, both for decision makers and for the general public (VCE customers and member jurisdictions); (2) identification and evaluation of potential LER applications in VCE’s territory in which VCE could participate or play an enabling or supportive role; and (3) development of a vision and strategy for increasing LERs in VCE’s energy planning and procurement and in member communities’ energy systems.

The LETG would support the following objectives in VCE’s 2026-29 Strategic Plan:

2.3 Objective: Develop strategies to identify and pursue cost-effective, local distributed energy resources. Strategies could include, but are not limited to, an allocation of resource portfolio investment in cost-effective local energy and storage resources even though such local investment may affect achievement of overall resource portfolio goals.

4.1 Objective: Work with a variety of local, regional and state partners, to develop strategies and initiatives to pressure state policy makers to remove barriers to technical feasibility and economic viability of local renewable and storage resources, both FOM and BTM.

4.2 Objective: Work with member jurisdictions (e.g., city and school district planning staff) to

help plan and implement local energy resilience, decarbonization and electrification initiatives and where practical, powered by local supply resources.

5.2 Objective: Work with partners and policy makers at the local, regional and state levels to remove barriers to the technical feasibility and economic viability of local solar+storage and other renewable resources, for both in front of the meter and behind the meter installations.

Proposed LETG Charge

1. The LETG will meet monthly, outside of regular VCE Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. Specific research or other tasks may be performed by LETG members outside of LETG meetings.
2. The LETG will compile and organize educational materials on LER technologies and applications that could be appropriate for VCE's service area. Educational materials would include the following:
 - Definitions and descriptions of LER terms, concepts and major types of applications.
 - Examples of LER applications deployed elsewhere, with information on benefits, costs, implementation processes, etc., as available.
 - Description of risks, challenges, and benefits associated with types of LER applications, including technical and financial risks, policy uncertainties and community benefits.
 - Identification of existing obstacles to LER deployment, including policy and regulatory obstacles, and any efforts by other CCAs or stakeholders to reduce those obstacles.
3. The LETG will identify potential LER applications that would be beneficial in VCE's territory and will develop brief initial descriptions. Applications may include conceptual models, specific projects and programs.
4. The LETG will assist VCE staff in developing evaluation methods for LER applications.
5. The LETG will provide short (5-10 minute) reports at each CAC meeting to inform the CAC about the above topics. When a CAC agenda is light, the LETG may lead a longer discussion on an LER topic.
6. The LETG will assist VCE staff in the development of a vision, strategy and plans for increasing LERs in VCE's energy planning and procurement and in member communities' energy systems.
7. When opportunities arise, the LETG, in its advisory and research role, may assist VCE staff in outreach to stakeholders about LER applications and issues of interest.