Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Davis Conference Room
(inside Community Chambers building)
23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616

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If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC and included in the official record, please hand it to a member of VCE staff who will distribute the information to the CAC members and other staff.

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; times listed are estimates. 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, Mark Murray, Jennifer Rindahl

5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

1. **Welcome**
2. **Public Comment:** This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board 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 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 Board are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker. All electronically submitted comments will be posted to the VCE website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. See below under **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** on how to provide your public comment.
3. **Brief Task Group and VCE Staff Reports (≈ 15 minutes) -** Representatives of VCE staff and active Task Groups will provide verbal updates on on-going Staff and Task Group 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.
   a. **Task Group Reports**
   b. **Staff Report**

CONSENT AGENDA (≈ 5 minutes)

4. **Approval of October 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes.**
5. **Receive 2026 Long Range Calendar. (Information)**

REGULAR AGENDA

6. **Review and approve CAC draft 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 20 minutes)**
7. **Discuss and seek recommendation to the Board on GHG-Free allocations from large hydro and nuclear resources. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 15 minutes)**

8. **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.
9. **Announcement and Adjournment.** The CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 17, 2026 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside the 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.

Public participation via e-mail: If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the Board and included in the official record, please e-mail it to VCE staff at Meetings@ValleyCleanEnergy.org . If information is received by 3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting, it will be e-mailed to the CAC members and other staff prior to the meeting. If it is received after 3:00 p.m. the information will be distributed after the meeting, but within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. *Written public comment on individual agenda items should include the item number in the "Subject" line for the e-mail.* All written comments received will be posted to the VCE website.

Verbal public participation during the meeting:

1) **If attending in person**, please complete a **Comment Card** and return it to the Board Clerk.
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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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC October 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 19, 2026

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached October 22, 2026 CAC meeting Minutes.

Attachment: October 22, 2026 CAC meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Davis Conference Room
(inside Community Chambers building)
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis California 95616

Vice Chair Rahul Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2026 beginning at 5:02 p.m., held at the City of Davis Conference Room, located insides the Community Chambers building at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, David Springer, Ari Halberstadt, Mark Murray, Cynthia Rodriguez, Jennifer Rindahl (arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Keith Taylor (Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard,

Item 1: Welcome Vice Chair Rahul Athalye welcomed everyone and established there was a quorum.

Item 2: Public Comment There were no verbal or written public comments on items not listed on the agenda nor on Consent Agenda items.

Item 3: Task Group Reports and Staff Reports Task Group reports:

Programs & Outreach: Mark Aulman informed those present that he and David Springer will be assisting VCE Staff in the Focus Group Research and Marketing, Website and Social Media services interviews.

Legislative & Regulatory: VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter informed those present that the CAC will be reviewing the draft 2027 Legislative & Regulatory Platform at tonight's meeting during the regular portion of the Agenda.

Local Energy: Ari Halberstadt informed those present that he met with a few VCE Customers in the Capay Valley area. They talked about the challenges residents face in this area due to the numerous PG&E Enhanced Powerline Safety Events (ESPS) that have occurred. He will be bringing back their concerns to the LETG. David Springer informed those present that he has been

pursuing the idea of a consolidated battery in multifamily buildings, instead of a distributed battery in each unit, which would reduce the cost and possibly lower the resource adequacy for VCE. He has been in touch with a manufacturer who has taken an interest.

Staff report: VCE Staff Edward Burnham informed the CAC Members that 2026 Year-end Task Group reports will be due for the CAC's November meeting, with the final Task Group reports going to the Board at their December meeting. Mr. Burnham welcomed VCE's new employee Christian Filbrun who is VCE's Policy Analyst – Legislative and Regulatory. Mr. Filbrun introduced himself. (Jennifer Rindahl arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

Mr. Burnham informed those present that the Board at their October meeting approved the Power Selection Guidelines. There is the Board's Workshop (Special Meeting) scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, October 23, 2026 at Hotel Winters from 9 a.m. – 12 noon, where the Board will review accomplishments, Board governance, values and principles in tough years, and strategy looking ahead. At the November Board meeting, Staff will provide a report on that meeting. Mr. Burnham reported that in 2027, there will be a Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) increase and PG&E rate decrease, these two subjects will be on the Board's November meeting agenda. SMUD has given their notice terming out at the end of our contract which is in 2028.

Agenda Consent Items

Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Ari Halberstadt abstaining from the August 27, 2026 meeting minutes and Taylor, Kristov, Ballard, and Westworth absent. The following items were:

4. Approved August 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes;
5. Received 2026 Long Range Calendar;
6. Received Customer Participation update (3rd Quarter);
7. Received Residential Dynamic Pricing Pilot program (HFP) and Vehicle-Grid Integration (VGI) Pilot Program update; and,
8. Received Legislative End of Session update.

Item 9: Receive Power Portfolio update. (Information)

VCE Staff Chad Curran provided VCE's power portfolio update. He reviewed the Power Resources map, noting that some details about the Willow Rock and Indian Valley Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) were update on the map on VCE's website. Mr. Curran reviewed power resources that are "in-development" and status updates on those that are operating. He provided an update on upcoming procurement, such as long-duration storage and geothermal to meet CPUC procurement orders for 2031 and 2032. In addition,

Mr. Curran provided the status of existing PPAs and VCE's long-term planning as these contracts expire. He informed those present that VCE is forecasted to meet or exceed its strategic plan goals of 90% renewable energy and 100% carbon free energy by 2030. He reviewed forecasted load against projected long-term power contracts starting in 2023 through 2030.

The CAC and Staff discussed topics, such as: tax credits, CC Power and its projects, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) procurement requirements, load and forecasting, and residential solar within VCE's jurisdiction. There was no written or verbal public comment.

Item 10: Review and provide feedback on draft 2027 Legislative & Regulatory Platform. (Discussion/Action)

VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter reviewed highlights of the changes, as outlined in the Staff Report, to the draft 2027 Legislative and Regulatory Platform. The CAC and Staff briefly discussed the review process and VCE's participation with CalCCA's Legislative Committee. There was no written or verbal public comment.

Motion made by Ari Halberstadt to approve the draft 2027 VCE Legislative Platform outlining policy, legislative and regulatory issues and positions that VCE would take on them and recommend that the VCE Board approve the 2027 Platform. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Aulman, Springer, Rodriguez, Halberstadt, Murray, Rindahl, Athalye
NOES: None
ABSENT: Taylor, Kristov, Westworth, Ballard
ABSTAIN: None

Item 11: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements

Mr. Burnham informed those present that VCE will be participating in the Winters Farmers Market. He also informed those present that Ms. Hunter will be retiring from VCE at the end of the year.

Item 12: Adjournment to Next Meeting

Vice Chair Athalye informed those present that the CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2026 at the City of Davis Conference Room, inside the Community Chambers building, located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616 not at the City of Woodland as written on the Agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 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: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Receive 2026 Long Range Calendar meeting topics

DATE: November 17, 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) – DAVIS
- 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)**	• ~~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)~~	• ~~Action~~ • ~~Nominations~~ • ~~Information~~ • ~~Information~~ • ~~Action~~ • ~~Information~~
January 22, 2026	**Advisory Committee (Woodland)**	• 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)	• Information • Information • Discussion/Action • Information • Information
February 12, 2026	**Board (Davis)**	• 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)	• Action • Nominations • Information • Information • Action • Information • Information
~~February 26, 2026~~ Cancelled	**Advisory Committee (Davis)**	• This meeting has been cancelled.	•
~~March 12, 2026~~ Cancelled.	**Board (Woodland)**	• This meeting has been cancelled.	•

March 26, 2026	**Advisory Committee (Woodland)**	• Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update (O) • Local Energy Task Group Update (O) • Update on CalCCA sponsored legislative bills (O)	• Information • Information • Information
April 9, 2026	**Board (Davis)**	• Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) (R) • Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2026) (O) • Receive Treasury and Financial update; ratify Investment Policy; and extend RCB Credit Agreement (R/O) • Update Exhibits C & D of VCE's JPA (R) • Update VCE's Conflict of Interest Code (R) • Brown Act compliance (R) • Ratify VCE's position on legislative bills	• Information • Information • Action • • Action • Action • Action • Action
~~April 23, 2026~~ Cancelled.	**Advisory Committee (Davis)**	• This meeting has been cancelled.	•
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)**	• * 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)**	• 2025 Net Margin Allocation (R) • Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2026) (O) • Seek feedback on updates to Integrated Resource Plan (O) • Receive update on three (3) legislative bills. (O) • Recap of CalCCA May 2026 Annual Conference (O)	• Discussion/Action • Information • Discussion/Action • Information • Information
June 11, 2026	**Board (Davis)**	• Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual) (R) • Calendar Year 2025 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) (placeholder) (R) • Mid-Year 2026 Financial Update (R) • 2025 Net Margin Allocation (R) • CC Power Amendment to Fish Lake Geothermal PPA • Summer Preparedness outlook (O) • Receive annual Load Management Standards (LMS) update (O) • Recap of CalCCA May 2026 Annual Conference (O)	• Action • Action • Information • Discussion/Action • Action • Information • Information • Information

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

June 25, 2026	**Advisory Committee (Davis)**	• Receive Summer Preparedness outlook (O) • Receive annual Load Management Standards (LMS) update (O) • Seek recommendation to Board on updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) (O)	• Information • Information • Discussion/Action
July 9, 2026	**Board (Woodland)**	• Customer Participation update (2nd Quarter 2026) (O) • Approve Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) updates (R) • Indian Valley Long Term PPA (placeholder) (O)	• Information • Discussion/Action • Action
~~July 23, 2026~~ *Cancelled*	**Advisory Committee (Woodland)**	• Cancelled.	
~~August 13, 2026~~ *Cancelled*	**Board (Davis)**	• Cancelled. A Special meeting may be scheduled if needed.	
August 27, 2026	**Advisory Committee ~~(Davis)~~ Yolo County Dept. of Community Services, Cache Creek Room, Woodland**	• Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2026) (O) • Receive updated Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) (O) • Focus Group Engagement • Draft Power Project Selection Criteria Guidelines • Receive Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS) Intern Update	• Information • Information • Information • Discussion/Action • Information
September 10, 2026	**Board (Woodland)**	• Certification of 2025 Power Content Label (Annual) (R) • Residential Dynamic Pricing Pilot Program (HFP) and Vehicle-Grid Integration (VGI) Pilot Program update (placeholder) (O) • Approve AI Usage IT Policy • Approve updated Collections Policy • Approve Power Project Selection Criteria Guidelines • Ratify Amendment 1 to First Principles Advisory Agreement • Designate Alternate to California Community Power (CC Power) Board • Gibson Solar	• Action • Information • Action • Action • Discussion/Action • Action • Action • Action
~~September 24, 2026~~ *CANCELLED*	**Advisory Committee (Woodland)**	• *Cancelled.*	•
October 8, 2026	**Board (Davis)**	• Enterprise Risk Management Update (Annual) (R) • Legislative End of Session Update (O) • Draft Power Project Selection Criteria Guidelines	• Discussion/Action • Information • Discussion/Action

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

October 22, 2026	**Advisory Committee (Davis)**	• Power Portfolio Update (O) • Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2026) (O) • Legislative End of Session Update (O) • Draft 2027 Legislative & Regulatory Platform	• Information • Information • Information • Information • Discussion/Action
October 23, 2026	**Board Workshop** (Winters)	• The Board will be holding a Workshop (Special Meeting) on VCE's strategic vision.	• Information/Discussion
November 12, 2026	**Board (Woodland)**	• Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and Rates • 2027 Preliminary Operating Budget (R) • Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2026) (O) • Contract Renewals (R) • Recap of Board's 10/23/26 Workshop (Special Meeting)	• Discussion • Information/Discussion • Information • Information/Action • Information
~~November 26, 2026~~ **November 19, 2026 (rescheduled to November 19 due to Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 26th)**	**Advisory Committee (~~Woodland~~) (Davis)**	• Review and approve CAC Draft 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) • GHG Free Attributes (R) (placeholder)	• Discussion/Action • Discussion/Action
December 10, 2026	**Board (Davis)**	• 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) • Approve 2027 Legislative and Regulatory Platform (R) • CC Power – Willow Rock PPA (placeholder) (O) • Receive 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports (R)	• Discussion/Action • Information • Discussion/Action • Information/Action • Discussion/Action • Action • Information
~~December 24, 2026~~ **December 17, 2026 (rescheduled to December 17 due to Christmas Eve on Dec. 24th)**	**Advisory Committee (Davis)**	• 2025 Power Content Label Outreach (O) • Election of Officers for 2027 (Annual) (R) • Local Energy Task Group update (O) (placeholder) • Formation of 2027 Task Groups	• Information • Nominations • Information • Discussion/Action
January 14, 2027	**Board (Woodland)**	• 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)	• Action • Nominations • Information • Information

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		• VCE Employee Handbook Update (R) • Annual Strategic Plan Report (R)	• Information • Information
January 28, 2027	**Advisory Committee (Woodland)**	• Rates/Budget 2027 Update (O) • Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2026) (O) • Review and approve 2027 CAC Task Group(s) "Charges" (R)	• 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**	***ESTIMATED* MEETING DATE(S)**

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report – Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Edward Burnham, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Review and approve draft 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports

DATE: November 19, 2026

Recommendation:
Review and approve draft 2026 Task Group year-end reports.

Attached for your review are the following draft Task Group year-end reports:

1. Legislative & Regulatory
2. Programs & Outreach
3. Local Energy
4. Bio Energy (No 2026 activity)

The schedule is to provide all final year-end reports to the Board for their information at their December 10, 2026, meeting.

Attachments:
1. 2026 Legislative & Regulatory TG Draft Year-end Report
2. 2026 Programs & Outreach TG Draft Year-end Report
3. 2026 Local Energy TG Year-end Report
4. 2026 Bio Energy TG Year-end Report

LEGISLATIVE/ REGULATORY TASK GROUP
2026 YEAR END REPORT

Members:

- Lorenzo Kristov
- Rahul Athalye
- Ari Halberstadt
- Mark Murray

Primary Staff Contacts: Mitch Sears, Yvonne Hunter, Christian Filbrun (effective October)

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, with emphasis on items most relevant to VCE.
- 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.
- Discuss and provide feedback on VCE's engagement with legislators, regulatory proceedings and other stakeholders.
- Receive periodic updates about and discuss CalCCA legislative and regulatory priorities and activities, identifying any potential differences in perspectives and 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.

Highlights of Activities and Accomplishments in 2026

During 2026, the Leg/Reg Task Group met bi-weekly with staff and VCE's lobbyist and worked closely with them. During 2026 the Task Group:

1. Reviewed pending legislation; provided feedback, technical and policy information, and strategic guidance on legislative and regulatory issues; discussed and recommended VCE positions and legislative strategies for pending legislation and regulatory issues.

2. Energy-related legislative issues the Task Group discussed in 2026 included:

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TOPIC	LEGISLATION AND RESULT
• Large loads and data centers	• SB 886 (Padilla, signed by the Governor) • AB 2383 (Zbur, signed by the Governor) — VCE was opposed unless amended due to language that would give the CPUC improper control over CCAs related to large load customers; after the amended, VCE went neutral • SB 887 (Padilla, signed by the Governor) • SB 978 (Perez, held in Senate Appropriations)
• Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)	• AB 1761 (Rogers, CalCCA sponsored, vetoed by the Governor); PCIA data transparency — VCE supported
• Affordability	• SB 943 (Becker, held in Assembly Appropriations) • AB 1677 (Boerner, held in Assembly Utilities & Energy)
• Resource Adequacy (RA)	• SB 1138 (Padilla, CalCCA sponsored, held in Assembly Appropriations); hourly RA capacity trading between CCAs — VCE supported • SB 913 (Becker, signed by the Governor)
• Diablo Canyon Power Plant	• Legislation was not introduced in 2026 to extend operation
• Balcony solar	• SB 868 (Wiener, signed by the Governor)
• Battery Storage	• SB 1295 (Stern, held in Assembly Appropriations)
• Virtual power plants (VPPs)	• AB 1787 (Schultz, held in Senate Appropriations)

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• Electrification and gas distribution line replacements	• AB 2313 (Berman, signed by the Governor) • SB 905 (Becker, signed by the Governor)
• Community solar	• AB 1813 (Ward, vetoed by the Governor)
• Dynamic pricing and Time of Use rates	• Subject of several informational hearings in the Legislature • AB 710 (Irwin, held in Senate Appropriations)
• Transmission planning and financing	• Subject of several informational hearings in the Legislature • AB 2111 (Papan, signed by the Governor) • SB 1097 (Wiener, held in Senate Appropriations) • AB 2396 (Irwin, held in Assembly Appropriations)
• State budget	• Issues relevant to Valley Clean Energy and energy issues in general.

3. Various regulatory proceedings, including:

TOPIC	PROCEEDING AND DESCRIPTION
• CPUC Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)	• Track 2 (Decision D.26-09-047) related to Pre-2019 Banked Renewable Energy Credit (REC) valuation for 2026 and later • Track 3 related to data transparency and reforms to PCIA (R.25-02-005 – This proceeding is ongoing) (Track 3 has split into two sub-tracks: Track 3A and Track 3B to address distinct elements of the PCIA including refinements to the current PCIA [Track 3A] and structural changes [Track 3B])

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• CPUC Large loads and data centers	• Discussion of large load customers and their impacts on other customers and to the grid and how this relates to pending legislation (R.26-04-009 – this proceeding is ongoing)
• CEC SB 100	• CEC conducts a resource planning process for how to achieve 100% carbon-free electricity by 2045; required to report to the Leg. every 4 years; the latest report was due in January 2025 and is still outstanding, so it is not clear whether and how the SB 100 process will be restored.
• CARB Climate Credit	• Discussion of climate credit implementation at the California Air Resources Board related to reauthorization of Cap and Invest in 2025 and the decision by CARB to provide free allocations for oil refineries. These changes were adopted by CARB.
• CPUC Dynamic rates	• Discussion of dynamic rate structures to reduce costs and encourage flexing of energy consumption.
• CPUC High Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Future Grid	• R.21-06-017 was opened in 2021 to develop utility reforms for a future grid with high volumes and diversity of distributed energy resources (DER). The CPUC has adopted the term "DER Orchestration" to describe the IOUs' central function. CPUC has issued proposed decisions to close out the proceeding this year without resolving the inherent IOU conflict of interest between enabling non-utility DERs to provide grid benefits and maximizing IOU profit through capital investment. Several parties have raised this concern. Decision D.26.10-054, adopted Oct. 29, affirms the IOU

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	application process following a workshop series in 2027.

4. Discussion on how best to engage legislators and regulators on issues of key importance to CalCCA and VCE.

5. Reviewed and discussed California state budget issues that affect matters of concern to VCE and all CCAs.

6. Provided periodic updates to the CAC on key legislative and regulatory issues.

7. Received and discussed periodic updates about CalCCA legislative and regulatory activities, including critical opportunities for VCE to engage and lobby its legislators and provide input to CPUC and CEC proceedings.

8. Updated the Legislative and Regulatory Platform for 2027 for review by the CAC and VCE Board, including adding statements related to large loads and RA transactability.

Challenges

1. Identifying those legislative and regulatory areas where VCE has a significant interest and can make a difference given VCE's limited resources.

2. This is particularly challenging with regard to CPUC proceedings because there are so many that affect retail electricity customers and CCAs.

3. How to be most effective in the legislative and regulatory arenas given VCE's limited resources. How best to engage VCE's two legislators and tell VCE's story.

4. How best to educate legislators, legislative staff and regulators about CCAs, changing the narrative from a negative to a positive message.

Opportunities

1. With the addition of Christian Filbrun, VCE's new Legislative and Regulatory Analyst, VCE will be able to play a larger role in legislative and regulatory issues of importance to VCE, developing ongoing relations with district and legislative staff, as well as becoming more involved with CalCCA's legislative and regulatory activities.

2. Continue to monitor, and where feasible engage in, legislative and regulatory activities that can benefit VCE customers, such as Demand-Side Grid Support, Virtual Power Plants, and EV bi-directional charging.

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PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH TASK GROUP (POTG)
2026 YEAR-END REPORT

Task Group Members: Mark Aulman, David Springer, Diccon Westworth

Primary Staff Contact: Rebecca Kuczynski

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

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websites and social media platforms.

8. Provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities, as necessary.

Highlights of Accomplishments:

- POTG members continued to keep a finger on the pulse of the community, notifying VCE staff when VCE-specific issues arise on social media or within the community, e.g. firms impersonating VCE.
- The POTG has actively participated in the development and finalization of customer-facing materials, including:
  - VCE Adventure Booklet
  - Business Customer Toolkit
  - Water Bill Advertisements
  - Bus advertisements
- POTG members continued to brainstorm with staff on how to best support low-income households in the adoption of electrification, as well as steps VCE can take to include renters.
- The POTG continued to actively assist in the ongoing conversations with member jurisdictions to opt their municipal accounts up to UltraGreen.
- The POTG participated with advising, recruitment, and conducting interviews of prospective Focus Group firms.
- The POTG continued to provide analysis and recommendations on VCE's social media and assisted with the VCE intern developing VCE's Social Media Style Guide.
- Staff continued to discuss the UltraGreen service option with the POTG, who helped with formulating strategies on marketing the program going forward, especially while VCE's default power content is very high in renewables.
- POTG members provided event support, which has increased staff's capacity to attend events within the community.
- The POTG assisted with several program concept developments and/or grant applications for:
  - The Microgrid Incentive Program
  - Customer Tree Shade Program
  - DERMs
- Due to limitations on staff time, POTG efforts are invaluable. Members may move forward to support staff on specific items that best suit their interests and industry expertise.

<u>Lessons Learned – Challenges and Opportunities:</u>

Challenges:

- Limited staff time to develop, market, and manage programs, especially as programs continue to grow in complexity and scope.
- Partnerships (e.g. with constituent jurisdictions, community organizations, and others) have proven to be time-consuming but productive.
- VCE's customer base is diverse, and some segments either are unaware of VCE's role or are unaware of the benefits which apply to them.

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Opportunities

- Engagement with Yolo County residents through focus groups and direct contact can help strengthen the perception of value VCE brings to residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers through clean electricity, electrification programs and lower rates.
- Active communication with customers provides a proactive means of reducing opt-outs.
- Continue to learn from experiences of other CCAs on programs that have worked well for their customers.
- Potential to add staff and/or hire consultants to help with program implementation.
- Engage with Staff on availability of funding as reserves build.
- Support Staff with specific needs as time permits, such as ideas for and review of website updates, strategies to maximize customer access to incentives, and identification of future program and outreach needs.
- Collaborate with Yolo, Woodland, Davis, and Winters Climate Action Commissions and Cool Davis.
- Potential to collaborate with other public utilities.

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LOCAL ENERGY TASK GROUP
2026 YEAR-END REPORT

Members:

Lorenzo Kristov
David Springer
Ari Halberstadt
Keith Taylor
Diccon Westworth (partial year)
Mark Aulman (partial year)

Staff:

Chad Curran (Director of Power Services) (Lead)
Edward Burnham
Sierra Huffman
Mary-Kathryn Rueff

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2026 Charge:

- Compile and organize educational materials on Local Energy Resource (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.
- 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.
- Assist VCE staff in developing evaluation methods for LER applications.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Highlights of Accomplishments:

- Members and staff developed a list of four types of local energy projects that the task force could investigate and described these types of projects and their potential benefits and challenges at the March CAC meeting. The types of projects included:
    - Community resilience centers
    - Community-scale solar + storage projects
    - Public or coop-owned EV charging stations
    - Energy self-supply for new housing & mixed-use developments / aka greenfield developments
- Members developed a potential framework for evaluating and prioritizing potential local energy projects VCE could pursue, including financial, local considerations, and VCE's role.
- Staff presented to the LETG on several topics that could help consider and evaluate local resources, including:
    - Overview of the economics of VCE procuring different types of energy projects, such as CAISO-participating resources and behind the meter solar or batteries
    - Amounts of installed behind the meter PV and batteries in VCE's service territory
    - Distributed energy resource management systems (DERMS)
- Members shared materials on a wide variety of local energy resources, including a draft proposal for VCE engagement on community resilience centers and resilience hubs.
- Members raised concerns about frequent outages in the Capay Valley and proposed exploring ways VCE could help improve energy resiliency in the area.

<u>Lessons Learned – Challenges and Opportunities:</u>

Challenges:

- Staff and task group member transitions.
- The LETG was enthusiastic and had many informative discussions, but group did not form consensus on priority projects to recommend.
- Presentations to the broader CAC and Board were limited.
- Uncertainty about the mechanics and economics of local energy projects.
- Difficulty maintaining momentum between monthly meetings.
- Broad scope of potential issues and solutions made it difficult to commit to specific actions.

Opportunities:

- Begin the year with education from VCE staff on past and existing VCE programs.
- Improve member education about policy barriers to local energy.
- Increase consistency of task group report-outs to the broader CAC and board.
- Identify topics and outside resources for task group education.
- Increase touchpoints outside of monthly meetings or increase meeting frequency.
- Develop an achievable schedule for annual deliverables early.
- Develop annual schedule for educational topics, with different members assigned to prepare for presentations.
- Borrow resources and best practices from other CAC task groups and other CCAs.
- More focus on turning discussions and ideas into action items.

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BIOENERGY TASK GROUP
2027 YEAR-END REPORT

Members: Danielle Ballard
Diccon Westworth
Mark Aulman

Staff Lead: N/A (was Director of Power Procurement)

Summary:
This task group was not active during 2026 because no appropriate RFIs were ever identified. The information below dates from the 2025 report.

The charge of the Bioenergy Task Group is to collaborate with VCE staff on development of recommendations to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) on bioenergy electricity generation which may be applicable to Valley Clean Energy.

Specific tasks enumerated in the 2025 charge and respective outcomes to date:

Task 1: *Identify bioenergy-based power generation technologies and resources which are currently available or may become available to Valley Clean Energy.* **Outcome to date:** While VCE potentially could benefit from the addition of baseload resources such as bioenergy to its portfolio in the 40-50MW range, adequate resources have not been identified to date. The Task Group agrees with staff that VCE could benefit from the creation of a small-scale request for information (RFI) solicitation relating to the potential availability of small, locally situated projects. There are no results to report at this time.

Task 2: *Engage with external information sources including subject matter experts, relevant stakeholders, other CCAs, and others.* **Outcome to date:** The categories of information pertinent to 2025 Task Group Charge are yet to be determined, due to the absence of an appropriate RFI solicitation.

Task 3: *Provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Bioenergy Task Group activities, including recommendations as appropriate.* **Outcome to date:** Task Group meetings and participation by CAC members have been paused, effective December 2024, contingent on staff assessment of a RFI solicitation relating to small-scale, locally sited projects. As of December 2025, resumption of Task Group activity has not been requested by staff, and for this reason Task Group activity remains suspended. Resumption of Task Group activity may occur if requested by staff.

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 7

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Sierra Huffman, Sr. Financial Analyst

SUBJECT: Valley Clean Energy's Policy regarding PG&E allocation of Greenhouse Gas (GHG)-free (Large Hydro and Nuclear) resources to Community Choice Aggregators

DATE: November 19, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the VCE Board of Directors:

1. Accept the 2027 allocation of large hydro GHG-free attributes;

2. Accept the 2027 allocation of nuclear power GHG-free attributes;

3. Authorize the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement(s) with PG&E to accept the 2027 Large Hydro and Nuclear GHG-free allocations

BACKGROUND and ANALYSIS

PG&E owns or contracts for several GHG-free resources including nuclear from Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Together these resources are counted on PG&E's power content label (PCL) to meet their GHG-free targets. Historically load serving entities (LSEs) including VCE, paid for these same assets through the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), yet did not receive the GHG-free benefits.

In mid-2019, CCAs approached PG&E to discuss whether PG&E would be agreeable to selling energy from their large hydro facilities. PG&E refused to make sales but subsequently offered to allocate GHG-free resources (nuclear and large hydro) to both CCAs and other eligible LSEs. Beginning in 2020, the allocations became available and the VCE Board elected to receive the large hydro attributes.

In earlier years, VCE did not elect to receive the PG&E nuclear GHG-free allocation. But in 2024, regulatory and energy market changes prompted staff to reassess their recommendation and ultimately accept both the hydro and nuclear allocation. The changes that led to staff recommending to elect nuclear in both 2025 and 2026 are still in effect today. These changes include that all CPUC-jurisdictional LSE customers pay the operational cost of Diablo Canyon (i.e. regardless of whether VCE accepts or rejects the nuclear attribute, VCE customers still pay for it) and if an LSE does not accept the allocation, then PG&E will count their share of the GHG-free energy attributes on its PCL.

There is no obligation to accept the allocation of GHG-free attributes. An LSE can choose to accept neither resource pool, one or the other, or both. The volume that each LSE receives will ultimately

depend on the volume of electricity generated by each resource pool and the proportion of PG&E's load served by the LSE.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

2027 GHG-Free Energy Sales (Allocation) Tentative Timeline	
Tuesday, November 3, 2026	· Notice and form 2027 Sales Agreement issued.
Friday, November 6, 2026 (***ACTION REQUIRED***)	· Feedback on form Sales Agreement due to PG&E.
Up to Week of December 14, 2026 (***ACTION REQUIRED***)	· PG&E will provide Eligible LSEs Offers and a final version of 2027 Sales Agreement · PG&E and Eligible LSEs will execute 2027 Sales Agreement
January 1, 2027 (*pending execution of Sales Agreement*)	· Expected start of Delivery Period under 2027 Sales Agreement
Week of June 14, 2027 (*approximation*)	· First Quarterly Report with estimated Allocation Amount will be distributed
On or about April 15, 2028	· Final Report will be distributed to participating LSEs

Staff's position on both the large hydro and nuclear allocations are consistent with the 2026 recommendation. Key factors include:

- VCE is using capacity from Diablo for resource adequacy (RA); many of VCE's counterparts continue to elect to receive nuclear attributes; large hydro and nuclear improve VCE's emission rate.
- The monetary value has improved over prior years. The large hydro allocations can be resold, but per the CPUC decision the nuclear attributes cannot be resold.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on these factors, staff believes that VCE is better served by accepting both the hydro and nuclear allocations for 2027. Staff are looking for the CAC's recommendation for the VCE Board to approve the following:

1. Accept the 2027 allocation of large hydro GHG-free attributes;

2. Accept the 2027 allocation of nuclear power GHG-free attributes;

3. Recommend the Executive Officer enter into an agreement(s) with PG&E to accept the 2027 Large Hydro and Nuclear GHG-free allocations.