

VCE Community Advisory Committee Meeting – November 19, 2026

Item 6 – 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports

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Item 6 – 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports: Overview

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

Legislative & Regulatory

Draft report – Att. 1

4 members · met bi-weekly

Programs & Outreach

Draft report – Att. 2

3 members

Local Energy

Draft report – Att. 3

6 members (2 partial year)

Bioenergy

No 2026 activity – Att. 4

3 members · paused since Dec 2024

Schedule

Nov 19, 2026 CAC reviews and approves draft reports

Dec 10, 2026 Final reports to the Board for information

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Item 6 – 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports: Legislative & Regulatory

Advised staff on a full slate of bills, proceedings and the 2027 Platform

13

legislative topics reviewed, from large loads to transmission

6

CPUC, CEC and CARB proceedings followed

2027

Leg/Reg Platform updated: adds large loads and RA transactability

Notable 2026 VCE positions

AB 2383 (Zbur) – Large loads	Opposed unless amended, then neutral after amendments · Signed
AB 1761 (Rogers) – PCIA data transparency	Supported · Vetoed
SB 1138 (Padilla) – Hourly RA trading between CCAs	Supported · Held in Asm. Appropriations

Challenges

- Focusing limited resources where VCE can make a difference
- Volume of CPUC proceedings affecting CCAs

Opportunities

- New Leg/Reg Analyst expands VCE's role with legislators and CalCCA
- Engage on VPPs, grid support, EV bi-directional charging

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Item 6 – 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports: Programs & Outreach

Shaped customer materials, UltraGreen outreach and new program ideas

Customer materials

Adventure Booklet, Business Customer Toolkit, water bill and bus ads

UltraGreen

Municipal opt-up conversations and marketing strategy

Focus groups

Advised on, recruited and interviewed prospective firms

Social media

Analysis and input on VCE's Social Media Style Guide

Program concepts & grants

Microgrid Incentive, Customer Tree Shade, DERMs

Community

Event support; flagged local issues such as firms impersonating VCE

Challenges

- Limited staff time as programs grow in complexity
- Partnerships are productive but time-consuming
- Some customer segments are unaware of VCE's role

Opportunities

- Focus groups and direct contact to show VCE's value
- Proactive customer communication to reduce opt-outs
- Partner with local Climate Action Commissions, Cool Davis

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Item 6 – 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports: Local Energy

Identified four types of local energy projects to explore

Community resilience centers

Community-scale solar + storage

Public or co-op owned EV charging

Energy self-supply for new developments

Other 2026 work

- Draft framework to evaluate projects: financials, local factors, VCE's role
- Staff briefings: project economics, local rooftop solar and batteries, DERMS
- Raised Capay Valley outages and ways to improve local resilience

Lessons for 2027

- Group did not reach consensus on priority projects
- Set an annual education schedule and deliverables early
- More consistent report-outs to the CAC and Board
- Turn discussions into action items

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Item 6 – 2026 Task Group Year-end Reports: Bioenergy & Next Steps

Recommendation: review and approve the draft reports

Bioenergy Task Group

No 2026 activity

- Paused since Dec 2024 pending a small-scale, local RFI
- No appropriate RFIs identified
- May resume if requested by staff

Next steps

1. **CAC reviews and approves the draft reports**
   Today – November 19, 2026
2. **Staff finalizes reports with any CAC changes**
   Late November
3. **Final reports go to the Board for information**
   December 10, 2026

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Item 7 – GHG Free Attributes (2027)

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Agenda:

- Background and Site Locations
- Hydropower Reform
- VCE's Allocation History
- Benefits and Key Points
- Staff's Recommendation



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Background Information:

In 2019, following discussions with CCAs, PG&E offered to allocate GHG-free resources to CCAs and other eligible LSEs.

GHG-free resources:

1) Large hydroelectric – 30 MW or more
2) Nuclear
    - Diablo Canyon

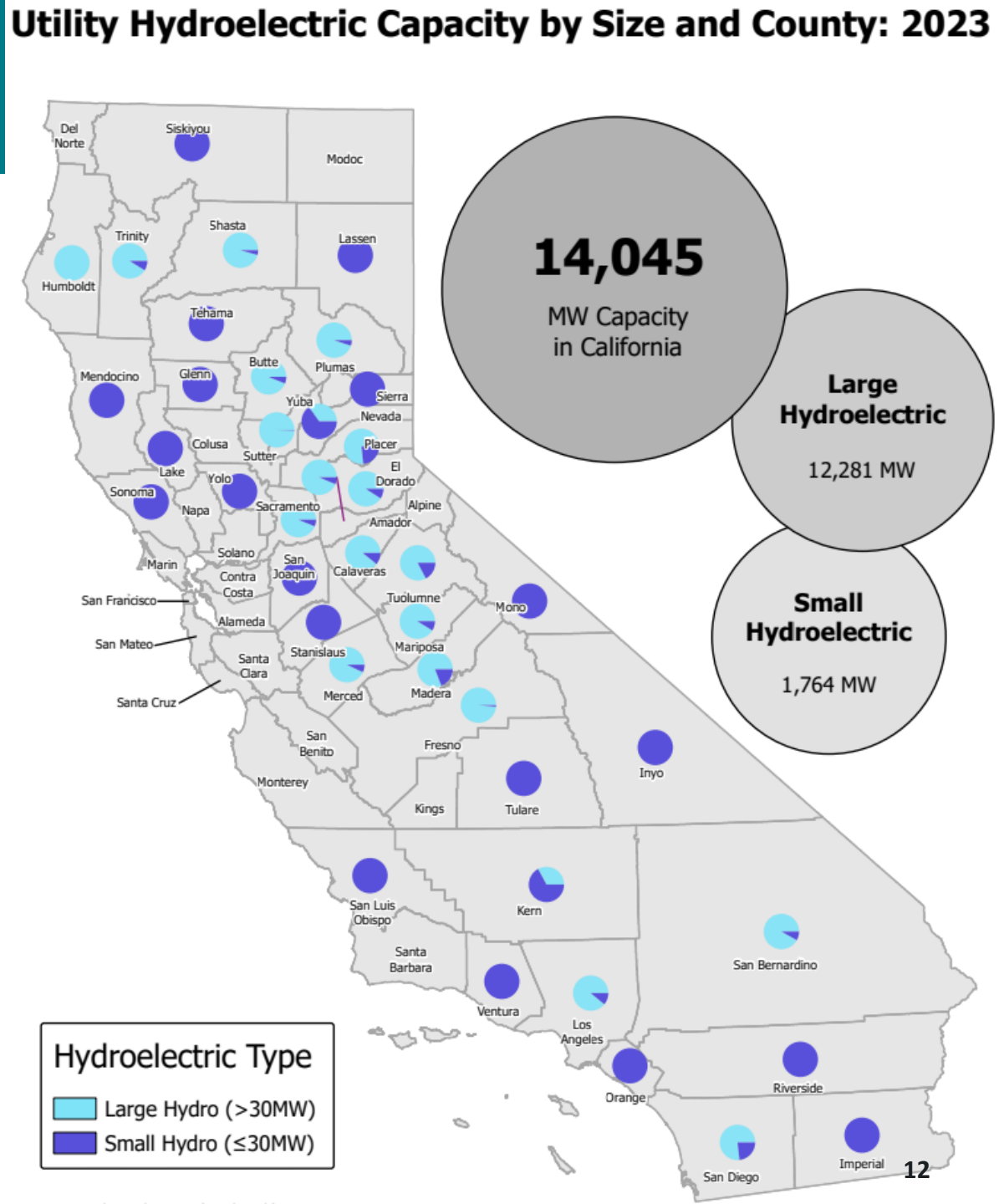


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PG&E's Allocated Resources:

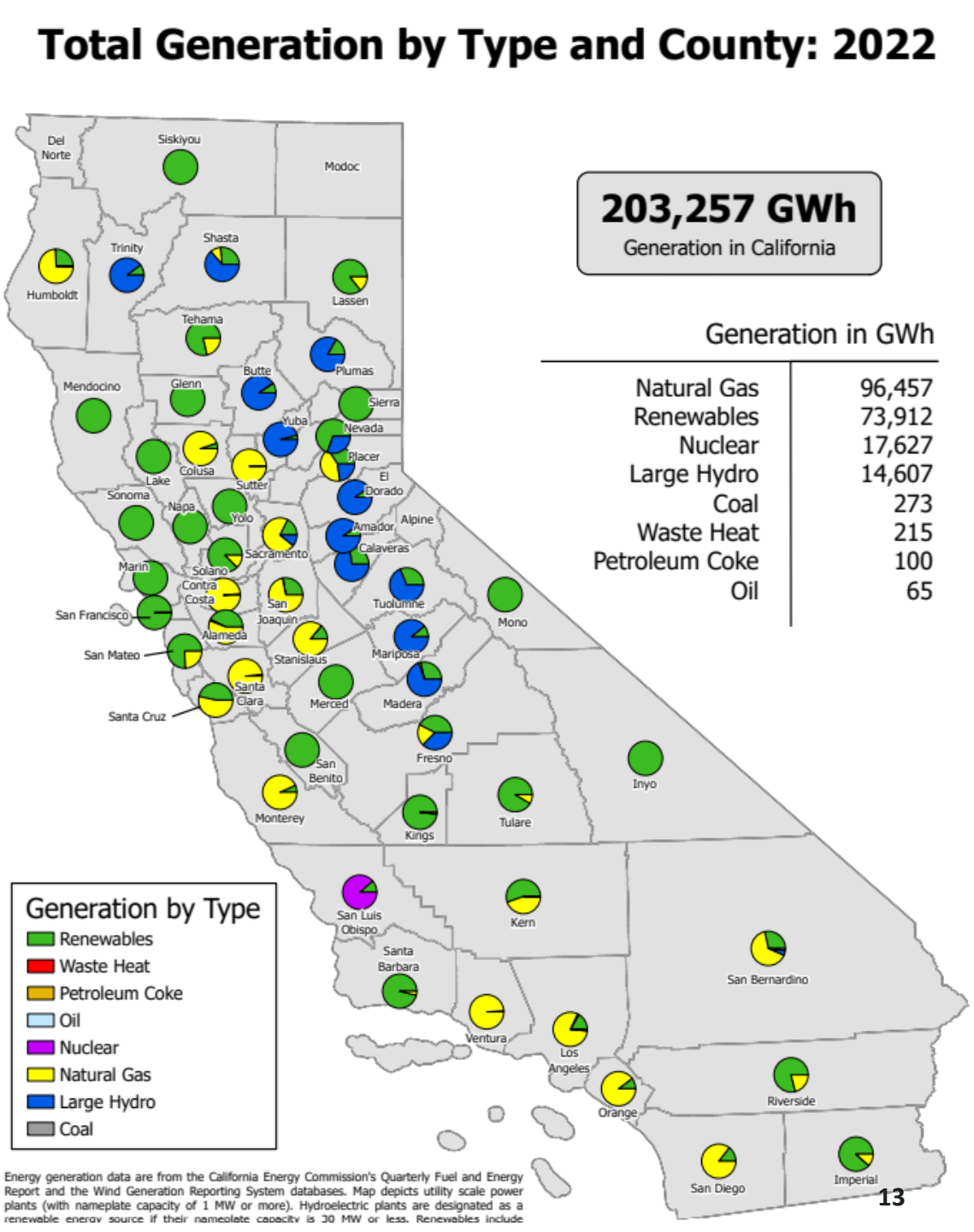
- 27 large hydro resources
- Located in Nevada, Amador, Shasta, Fresno, and Plumas County
- 2 top resources: North Fork Feather River in Plumas and Pit River in Shasta



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PG&E's Allocated Resources Continued:

- 1 nuclear resource
  - Diablo Canyon near San Louis Obispo
  - Over 2000 MW capacity
- 5 other nuclear power plants have been decommissioned over the last several decades



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Hydropower Regulation:

- Projects are regulated by both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and California Public Utility Commission
- Groups like the Hydropower Reform Coalition which are protecting and restoring rivers affected by hydropower dams, ensuring public access to these lands and waters, and reforming the federal licensing process

https://www.pge.com/en/about/pge-systems/hydroelectric-system.html



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Example of Hydropower Reform:

Pit River

- Largest River in Northeastern CA
- Heavily dammed for hydropower
- In the early 90's PG&E had few environmental requirements
- Starting in 2003, PG&E has minimum flow requirements, natural run requirements, and stewardship funding/management duties



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Attribute Allocation:

- Allocation amount is the amount of GHG-Free Energy generated from the non-RPS-eligible resources at each LSE's allocation ratio

- Allocation ratio is the monthly % share allocated to each LSE using the LSE's load forecast for PCIA-paying customers responsible for the cost of the non-RPS-eligible resources and the total forecasted load for PCIA-paying customers responsible for the cost of the resources

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VCE's Allocation History:

- 2020 – 24,000 MWH
- 2021 – 37,382 MWh
- 2022 – 53,886 MWh
- 2023 – 83,073 MWh
- 2024 – 79,109 MWh
- 2025 – 123,790 MWh
- 2026 – 142,439 MWh (estimated)
- 2027 – Forecast available in December



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Key Points:

- Free product: no additional cost to VCE (VCE customers already paying for it)
- Will increase VCE's carbon free position and improve our emissions rate
- VCE staff has the option of selling the large hydro allocations
  - Made $250,000 in 2025
- Many CCAs – including MCE, SCP, PCE, Ava, DCE, Pioneer, RCEA, and SVCE – continue to accept the nuclear attributes
- Prior years nuclear was not allocated to LSEs for RA purposes. Now LSEs must take the nuclear RA allocations.

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Staff Recommendation:

- Recommend the Board accept the 2027 allocation of large hydro GHG-free attributes and 2027 allocation of nuclear power GHG-free attributes;
- Recommend the Board allow the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement(s) with PG&E to accept the 2027 Large Hydro and Nuclear GHG-free allocations.

