



**Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Davis Conference Room
(inside Community Chambers building)
23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616**

CAC Members will be attending in-person and public participation will be in-person or available via Zoom Webinar (video/teleconference). Valley Clean Energy (VCE) will, to the best of its ability, provide hybrid and remote options for VCE meeting participants and to the public; however, VCE cannot guarantee these options will be available due to technical limitations outside of our control. For assurance of public comment, VCE encourages in-person and written public comments to be submitted as described below when possible. VCE, to the best of its abilities, will provide participation via the Zoom platform.

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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. 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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Public comments may be submitted electronically or verbally during the meeting. Instructions on how to submit your public comments can be found in the **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** note at the end of this agenda.

Committee Members: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, David Springer, Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Jennifer Rindahl, 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 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 November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes.**
- 5. Receive 2025 and 2026 Long Range Calendar. (Information)**

6. **Review and approve CAC Draft 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 15 minutes)**
7. **Discuss and review draft CAC Local Energy Task Group “Charge”. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 20 minutes)**
8. **Formation of 2026 CAC Task Groups. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 10 minutes)**
9. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026. (Discussion/Action) (≈ 5 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 a meeting for Thursday, January 22, 2026 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695.

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 CAC 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. on the day of the CAC 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 comments that do not exceed 300 words will be read by the VCE Board Clerk, or other assigned VCE staff, to the CAC and the public during the meeting subject to the usual time limit for public comments [two (2) minutes]. General written public comments will be read during Item 2, Public Comment. Written public comment on individual agenda items should include the item number in the “Subject” line for the e-mail and the Clerk will read the comment during the item. Items read cannot exceed 300 words or approximately two (2) minutes in length. 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.

Public records that relate to any item on the agenda for a regular or special CAC meeting are available for public review on the VCE website. Records that are distributed to the CAC by VCE staff less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be posted to the VCE website at the same time they are distributed to all members, or a majority of the members of the CAC. Questions regarding VCE public records related to the meeting should be directed to Board Clerk Alisa Lembke at (530) 446-2750 or 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 November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: December 18, 2025

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached November 20, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes.

Attachment: November 20, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Woodland Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

Vice Chair Keith Taylor established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2025 beginning at 5:05 p.m., held at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Ari Halberstadt, David Springer, Danielle Ballard (departed at 5:49 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Mark Aulman, Diccon Westworth

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| Welcome | Vice Chair Taylor 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 and on Consent Agenda items. |
| Agenda | Board Clerk Alisa Lembke informed those present that Item 3 – Brief Task Group Reports and VCE Staff Report will be moved to after the Regular Agenda and before Item 8 - Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements. |
| Consent Items | There were no written or verbal public comments as identified above. Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Athalye, Aulman, and Westworth absent. The following items were:
4. approved October 23, 2025 meeting Minutes; and
5. received 2025 Long Range Calendar. |
| Item 6: Discuss and seek recommendation to the Board on GHG-Free | VCE Staff Sierra Huffman reviewed the background on GHG-free attributes offered by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and site locations of the large hydro and nuclear offerings. Ms. Huffman defined an attribute allocation and attribute ratio and provide VCE’s allocation history. She reviewed the key points of accepting GHG-free attributes and Staff’s recommendation. The CAC |



**allocations (2026)
from large hydro
and nuclear
resources.**

(Discussion/Action)

and Staff discussed: hydro allocations and weather, 2025 allocations received, and how PG&E uses the energy. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Ari Halberstadt made a motion to recommend to the Board that the VCE Board of Directors:

1. Accept the 2026 allocation of large hydro GHG-free attributes;
2. Accept the 2026 allocation of nuclear power GHG-free attributes;
3. Authorize the Executive Officer to enter into an agreement(s) with PG&E to accept the 2026 Large Hydro and Nuclear GHG-free allocations

This motion was seconded by Danielle Ballard. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Rodriguez, Halberstadt, Ballard, Springer, Taylor (Vice Chair)

NOES: Kristov

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Athalye (Chair), Aulman, Westworth

**Staff Introduction
and
Announcement**

VCE Chief Financial Officer Edward Burnham took a few minutes to introduce VCE's Director of Power Services Chad Curran. In addition, he announced that Jennifer Rindahl, representing the City of Winters, resigned from the CAC. Mr. Burnham then moved on to Item 7 – Financial update.

**Item 7: Receive
Financial update.
(Information)**

Mr. Burnham provided an overview of VCE's short-term outlook. He reviewed key factors, such as inflation costs (Consumer Price Index), incorporated into the preliminary 2026 draft budget. Mr. Burnham reviewed some of the guidelines of the Reserve and Dividend Policy adopted in December 2024, that were incorporated into the draft budget. He reviewed revenues, rate discounts, and three (3) rate scenarios. Mr. Burnham provided a summary of the preliminary 2026 operating budget and the next steps.

The CAC and Staff discussed: forecasted budgets, revenues, load variation, PG&E rate filings and PCIA, large load customers, and power costs and hedging. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 3: Brief Task
Group Reports and
VCE Staff Report**

Task Group Reports:

1. Legislative & Regulatory – CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Board approved the 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Platform at their November 13, 2025 meeting and that the Task Group will be getting back to their meeting schedule.



2. Programs & Outreach – CAC Member David Springer informed those present that there was nothing to report.

3. Local Energy – Mr. Kristov informed those present that at the CAC’s October 23, 2025 meeting a Local Energy Task Group was formed. CAC members who have indicated interest in being on this Task Group will meet tomorrow to discuss a timeline and ideas of what is to be included in a draft Charge.

(Danielle Ballard departed at 5:49 p.m.)

Mr. Burnham informed those present that the Board at their November 13, 2025 meeting approved the 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Platform; received a 2025 Operating budget update and a review of the 2026 preliminary Operating budget; and approved Phase 2 of VCE’s Electrical Vehicle Rebate Program (“Charge Your Ride”).

**Item 8: Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements**

Ms. Huffman invited CAC Members to attend several upcoming events that VCE will be participating in: 1) the Downtown Candlelight Parade in Davis on Thursday, December 4th from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 2) the Woodland Holiday Parade in Woodland on Saturday, December 13th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

VCE Chief Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that he and Mr. Burnham represented VCE at a 2 day conference at UC Davis on cooperatives, hybrid institutions which include CCAs, research development, education, and business development. Mr. Sears thanked CAC Vice Chair Keith Taylor for inviting VCE to attend.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, December 18, 2025 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 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 2025 and 2026 Long Range Calendar meeting topics

DATE: December 18, 2025

Please find attached the 2025 and 2026 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. The 2025 long-range calendar includes the January 2026 meeting schedule. 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

Attachments:

1. 2025 and 2026 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
2025 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 9, 2025 (Cancelled)	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This meeting was cancelled. 	
January 23, 2025 NO QUORUM, ITEMS MOVED TO FEBRUARY 27, 2025 MEETING	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 CAC Task Group (s) formation (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) 2024 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (Placeholder) (R) Strategic Plan (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Discuss/Action Information Discussion/Action
February 13, 2025	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R) Election of Officers for 2025 (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) Receive CAC Year-end Task Group Reports (O) 2024 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (O) Update to VCE Employee Handbook (Placeholder) (R) (historically Jan.) Prepay (Placeholder) (O) Annual Strategic Plan Report (R) (historically Jan.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Nominations Information Information Information Action Information/Discussion Discussion/Action
February 27, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 CAC Task Group (s) formation (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) 2024 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (Placeholder) (R) Strategic Plan (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Information Information Discussion/Action
March 13, 2025	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This meeting was cancelled. 	
March 27, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of 2025 CAC Task Group "Charges" (R) (historically in Jan.) Senate Bill 540 (Pathways Initiative & Regional Organization) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Information/Discussion

April 10, 2025	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) (R) Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2025) (O) Calendar Year 2024 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) (placeholder) (R) Load Management Standards Update (O) Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) / Rates Workshop (placeholder) (O) VCE Grant activity update (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information Action Information Information Information
April 24, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Load Management Standards Update (O) 2024 Net Margin Allocation (R) Senate Bill 540 (Pathways Initiative & Regional Organization) Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2025) (O) Introduction to Strategic Plan Major Update Roadmap/Timeline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Information Information
April 28 - 30, 2025	CalCCA Annual Conference (Irvine)	VCE Staff and some Board and CAC members attending	
May 8, 2025 CANCELLED	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled. 	
May 22, 2025	Advisory Committee / Strategic Plan Workshop (Esparto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Strategic Plan Workshop</u>: Focus: Financial Strength/Rates and Procurement & Power Supply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion
June 12, 2025	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual) (R) Mid-Year 2025 Financial Update (R) 2024 Net Margin Allocation (R) Summer Preparedness outlook (O) Recap of CalCCA April 2025 Annual Conference (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Information Discussion/Action Information Information
June 26, 2025	Advisory Committee / Strategic Plan Workshop (UCANR - Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Preparedness outlook (O) Strategic Plan Workshop: Focus: Customers & Community and Decarbonization and Grid Innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information/Discussion

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

July 10, 2025	Board Woodland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting cancelled. 	
July 24, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review preliminary draft Strategic Plan Major Update and Survey Plan (O) Power Portfolio Update (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Information
August 14, 2025	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO MEETING* 	
August 28, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review draft Strategic Plan Major update / Seeking recommendation to the Board Large Load Tariff Design Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2025) (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Information
September 11, 2025	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification of 2024 Power Content Label (Annual) (R) Capitalization Policy (placeholder) (O) Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2025) (O) AgFIT Pilot Program Update (O) Strategic Plan Major Update Workshop (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Information/Discussion Information Information Discussion/Action
September 25, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large Load Rate Setting Policy Discuss forming local energy Task Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Discussion
October 9, 2025 Cancelled and rescheduled to: Tuesday, October 14 th Special Meeting at 3:30 p.m.	Board (Davis) (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise Risk Management Update (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2025) (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) Adoption of Strategic Plan Major Update (placeholder) (O) Large Load Rate Setting Policy (O) Residential Dynamic Pricing Pilot Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Information Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
October 23, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Power Content Label Outreach (O) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2025) (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) 2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform Review Phase 2 of EV Rebate Program ("Charge Your Ride") / Seeking recommendation to the Board (placeholder) Discussion of forming local energy Task Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information Information Action Discussion/Action Discussion
November 13, 2025	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Operating Budget update and 2026 Preliminary Operating Budget (R) Approve 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information/Discussion Discussion/Action

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 of EV Rebate Program ("Charge Your Ride") (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action
November 27, 2025 November 20, 2025 (rescheduled to November 20 due to Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 27 th)	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review CAC Draft 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) GHG Free Attributes (R) (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
December 11, 2025	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve 2026 Operating Budget (Annual) and 2026 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 25, 2025 December 18, 2025 (rescheduled to December 18 due to Christmas holiday on Dec. 25 th)	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve CAC Draft 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) Formation of 2026 CAC Task Group(s) (Annual) (R) Review and discuss draft Local Energy Task Group "Charge" Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Information Nominations
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 Task Group(s) "Charges" (R) Power Portfolio update (R) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update (placeholder) 2025 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information Discussion/Action Information Discussion/Action Information

PLEASE NOTE: April 28-30, 2025: CalCCA Annual Conference in Irvine, California

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2026 Meeting Dates and Proposed Topics
Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
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February 26, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (R) (placeholder) Strategic Plan (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Discussion/Action

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
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) Load Management Standards Update (O) Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) / Rates Workshop (placeholder) (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Information 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
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

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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)

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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
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Staff Report - Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Review draft 2025 Task Group Year-End Reports

DATE: December 18, 2025

Recommendation:

Provide comments on the draft Task Group 2025 year-end reports and approve final reports.

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

1. Legislative & Regulatory
2. Programs & Outreach
3. Strategic Plan
4. Bioenergy

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

Attachments:

1. Legislative & Regulatory Task Group 2025 Draft Year-end Report
2. Programs & Outreach Task Group 2025 Draft Year-end Report
3. Strategic Plan Task Group 2025 Draft Year-end Report
4. Bioenergy Task Group 2025 Draft Year-end Report

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
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**LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY TASK GROUP (LRTG)
2025 YEAR END REPORT**

Members: Lorenzo Kristov
Jennifer Rindahl (until November 2025)
Rahul Athalye
Ari Halberstadt
Keith Taylor

Primary Staff Contacts: Mitch Sears, Yvonne Hunter

2025 Charge:

Work with VCE staff and VCE's lobbyist to:

- Provide feedback, technical information and strategic advice to VCE staff on key legislative and regulatory issues facing VCE and the CCA community in general in 2025, including 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.
- Lead CAC discussions to solicit recommendations from the CAC to inform VCE positions on key legislation and regulatory proceedings.
- Contribute to VCE's engagement with legislators, regulatory proceedings and other stakeholders.
- Receive periodic updates about and discuss CalCCA legislative and regulatory priorities, emphasizing how VCE can most effectively contribute.
- Discuss and evaluate potential 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Platform positions related to transport electrification and consideration of wildlife, open space and other impacts of new generation and storage facilities.
- 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 2025

During 2025, the Leg/Reg Task Group met bi-weekly with staff and VCE's lobbyist and worked closely with them. During 2025 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. Salient energy related issues for the Legislature in 2025 included energy affordability, wildfire risks and costs (following the Los Angeles fires in January), safety of utility-scale batteries (following the Moss Landing fire), and uncertainties around the growth and impacts of extremely large loads (data centers) anticipated in the next several years. Special attention

was devoted to discussing and advising on how best to engage legislators and regulators on issues of key importance to CalCCA and VCE.

2. Reviewed and discussed California state budget issues that affect matters of concern to VCE and all CCAs. For example, after the successful Demand Side Grid Services (DSGS) demonstration program in the summer, a program utilizing customer participation to provide grid relief during extreme peak load conditions, funding for the program was cut from the final budget. Restoration of DSGS funding is expected to be a 2026 legislative issue, as well as other measures to advance customer-side participation in and compensation for electric grid support.
3. Discussed and provided input on selected regulatory proceedings of interest to VCE. These included PCIA, the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) and Resource Adequacy (RA) proceedings. Other proceedings discussed by the LRTG included the following.
 - In the CPUC RA proceeding on the new Slice of Day structure, the CPUC rejected proposals by CalCCA and CCAs including VCE, to allow hourly trading of capacity between LSEs, a measure which could have reduced VCE's RA costs.
 - In the SGIP proceeding, VCE, CalCCA, and other CCAs advocated for changes to make CCA customers eligible to receive SGIP benefits, and the IOUs supported these changes. However, the CPUC denied the relevant Advice Letters submitted by CCAs.
 - The current CPUC Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) proceeding, which requires VCE to file its own plan, was delayed during the year and will be a major topic in 2026.
 - Late in the year the CPUC opened a new proceeding on Demand Response, which is at an early stage and will be continued in 2026.
4. Provided periodic updates to the CAC on key legislative and regulatory issues.
5. 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.
6. Discussed proposed legislation to implement the Pathways Initiative (SB 540, revised as AB 825 at end of session). The Task Group provided comments about the proposal to staff and made a presentation about it to the full CAC. Following discussion of the Pathways bill in the LRTG and at CAC meetings, VCE did not take a position on the legislation.
7. Updated the Legislative and Regulatory Platform for 2026 for review by the CAC and VCE Board, including adding positions related to transport electrification and consideration of wildlife, open space and other impacts of new generation and storage facilities.

Challenges

1. Identifying those legislative and regulatory topics where VCE has a significant interest and can make a difference given VCE's limited resources. This is particularly challenging with regard to CPUC proceedings because there are so many that affect retail electricity customers, they continue to proliferate, they are extremely chronophagic and there is no VCE staff person assigned to track regulatory activities.
2. How to be most effective in the legislative and regulatory arenas given VCE's limited resources.

3. How best to respond to the often negative views of CCAs by regulatory agencies and some legislators and change the narrative to a positive message about the role of CCAs in the energy landscape.

Opportunities

1. Play a role in educating VCE staff, the CAC, VCE board and CalCCA about policy and regulatory developments and ways to advance opportunities and benefits for deploying distributed energy resources (DER). For example, the CPUC Integrated Resource Plan proceeding will be an important venue in which to explore beneficial DER projects, since VCE must prepare and file its own IRP. In 2026 the new CAC Local Energy Task Group is expected to focus on identifying and evaluating practical DER-related opportunities..
2. Continue to monitor and where feasible engage with legislative opportunities that can benefit VCE customers, such as Demand-Side Grid Support, Virtual Power Plants, and EV bi-directional charging.
3. Pursue ways for VCE to become more engaged with CalCCA and other CCAs. Of particular importance will be to work with CalCCA to educate legislators and their staff about PCIA and the negative impacts on ratepayers served by CCAs that have resulted from continual changes to the methods for determining PCIA to favor the IOU bundled service customers. For example, CalCCA recently filed a legal action (“Writ of Review”) identifying inappropriate retroactive ratemaking in the CPUC’s latest decision on PCIA. It will be important for VCE to follow this and other relevant activities related to PCIA.

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**PROGRAMS & OUTREACH TASK GROUP (POTG)
2025 YEAR-END REPORT**

Members: Mark Aulman
David Springer
Diccon Westworth

Primary Staff Contacts: Rebecca Kuzynski

2025 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. 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 2025 program implementation with Staff; assist with the update of 2022 program design/implementation forms and program prioritization for implementation in 2025.
5. As requested by the Director of Customer Care and Marketing, 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.
6. Provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities.

Highlights of Accomplishments:

- Assisted in the development of Phase 2 of the EV rebate pilot program (Charge Your Ride) which will provide low-income residents with EV rebates of \$3500, p to \$35,000 in charging incentives (per project) for multi-family properties, and enhanced customer support through Electric Advisor to help shepherd multi-family property owners through the rebate and installation process. POTG reviewed program elements several times over the course of 2025 and was instrumental in helping staff to finalize the program, including marketing and outreach strategy, program design elements, and incentive amounts. Charge Your Ride was approved at the Board's November 2025 meeting.
- Assisted in refining Strategic Plan Goals related to Programs, Marketing, and Outreach. The Strategic Plan was approved by the Board in 2025, after several public-facing workshops and deploying other feedback gathering tools.
- POTG members continue to keep a finger on the pulse of, and help develop materials for, customer-facing materials to navigate and benefit from incentive programs such as TECH Clean California, an initiative to hasten the transition to electric space and water heating in residential homes.
- POTG members continue 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.
- Provided input on the design and marketing of programs developed through 3rd party partnerships, including:
 - **REDWDS or Responsive, Easy Charging Products with Dynamic Signals** - Received initial approval for funding from the California Energy Commission. Implementation of this program is expected to begin in 2024.
 - **Smart Home Energy and Load Flexibility (SHELF) program** – VCE is working with UC Davis and Panasonic to develop a program that is designed to shift residential load by offering load modification technologies along with dynamic rates, to residential customers.
- 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.

Lessons Learned – Challenges and Opportunities:

Challenges:

- Limited staff time to develop, market, and manage programs, especially as programs continue to grow in complexity and scope.
- Partnerships have proven to be time-consuming but productive.

Opportunities:

- 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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**STRATEGIC PLAN TASK GROUP (SPTG)
2025 YEAR END REPORT**

Members: Danielle Ballard (Chair)
Lorenzo Kristov
Rahul Athalye
Ari Halberstadt

Primary Staff Contacts: Edward Burnham, Mitch Sears

2025 Charge

The CAC Strategic Plan Task Group will assist VCE Staff with the planning and development of a Major Update focusing on VCE achieving better energy outcomes for its customers and communities by guiding the organization's actions. The original 3-year (2021-2023) Strategic Plan was approved by the Board on October 8, 2020; on July 13, 2023, the Board adopted Strategic Plan Guidelines for a comprehensive alignment "rolling" approach; and, on September 14, 2023, the Board approved the 2021-2023 strategic plan minor update and extension of the plan through the end of 2025.

Specifically, the Task Group will:

- (1) conduct a more detailed comprehensive review/update, including a review of VCE's Vision/Mission and existing goals and objectives,
- (2) participate with Staff in conducting workshops at various levels of the organization, including community stakeholder engagement, to obtain input to be incorporated into the Major Update,
- (3) focus on incorporating changing legislative, regulatory, customer, economic, and other requirements into the Major Update,
- (4) identify changes in the overall CCA environment (economics, policy, technology, etc.) and describe their relevance for VCE,
- (5) provide summaries and updates at monthly CAC meetings on Task Group activities.

Highlights of Accomplishments in 2025

During 2025, the Strategic Plan Task Group met regularly in support of the development of the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Major Update including the following activities:

1. Strategic Planning Review Framework: VCE followed its Board-adopted Strategic Plan Guidelines, which emphasize a balanced, multi-year approach for analysis of the major update.
2. Stakeholder Engagement: The Strategic Plan Task Group participated in the two public workshops focused on financial strength, procurement, community engagement, and decarbonization. STPG also included the customer survey feedback, which was distributed to over 45,000 contacts, gathering both quantitative and qualitative responses.
3. Draft Development and Iteration: The initial Major Update draft in early 2025, incorporated feedback from the Task Group, the full CAC, public workshops, and survey results. Key themes included affordability, local distributed energy resources, and support for vulnerable customers.
4. Plan Refinement: Based on input, objectives were revised to emphasize cost-effective renewable energy strategies, rate competitiveness, and community resilience.
 - a. Notably, Goal 2 was updated to reflect current renewable energy projections, project costs, and enable VCE to develop strategies for local distributed energy resources, as described under Objective 2.3.
5. Board and CAC Review: Draft versions were reviewed by the CAC in July and August 2025, with a final Board workshop in September 2025 based on recommendations from the SPTG.

The Strategic Plan Task Group concluded with the adoption of the Strategic Plan. The Board adopted the 2026-2029 Strategic Plan at the October 14, 2025, meeting, located [here](#).

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**BIOENERGY TASK GROUP
2025 YEAR-END REPORT**

Members: Danielle Ballard
Diccon Westworth
Mark Aulman

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

Summary:

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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Staff Report – Item 7

TO: Community Advisory Committee

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

SUBJECT: Discussion on Draft Charge for Local Energy Task Group

DATE: December 18, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

Informational – Discussion and feedback.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the CAC's September 25, 2025 meeting, CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov suggested that the CAC and Staff discuss forming a Local Energy Task Group (LETG) to assist in developing strategies in line with the Major Update to the SP. At the October 23, 2025 CAC meeting, the CAC reviewed and discussed the [Local Energy Task Group Proposal 2025-26](#) and took action to form the LETG. Staff and the LETG drafted additional revisions to the original document for further discussion and feedback.

CONCLUSION

Based on additional discussion and feedback, Staff and the Local Energy Task Group will return to the CAC at their January 22, 2026 meeting with their final recommendation and request for approval of the LETG Charge.

Attachment: 2026 Local Energy Task Group Charge - Draft

Valley Clean Energy

Local Energy Task Group (LETG)

DRAFT - Task Group Charge for 2026

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 support 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, LETG members may engage with other CCAs, their CACs, and other stakeholders about LER applications and issues of interest.

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Staff Report - Item 8

TO: Community Advisory Committee

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

SUBJECT: Formation of CAC Task Groups for 2026

DATE: December 18, 2025

Background/Discussion

Each year Staff asks the CAC to consider forming task groups to assist VCE Staff and the Board with tasks and projects. Staff is recommending that CAC members form task groups and provide input on goal-oriented tasks and projects that can be accomplished, which are referred to as “Charges”. Throughout 2026, Staff may revisit with the CAC on forming additional task group(s) as needed to assist with tasks and projects as they become defined.

In 2025, there were a total of four (4) Task Groups formed:

- Legislative & Regulatory
- Programs & Outreach
- Bioenergy (not active)
- Strategic Plan (completed Charge)

Preliminary Staff Suggestions

As in past years, Staff believes that Task Groups should be limited to efficiently allocate resources and focus on the most important current issue/policy areas. Therefore, Staff is supportive of the formation of up to three (3) with the two (2) task groups being reconstituted in 2026:

1. Legislative & Regulatory
2. Programs & Outreach

At the CAC’s October 23, 2025 meeting, a Local Energy Task Group (LETG) was formed (3rd Task Group) for the 2026 year. The LETG is in process of drafting a 2026 “Charge”. Staff and CAC may propose additional task groups within the year as needed.

For reference, the 2025 Task Groups (excluding Strategic Plan and Bioenergy Task Groups) and membership are listed below and their 2025 “Charges” are attached. Task groups identified for formation in 2026 will be asked to prepare draft “Charges” for review and approval at the January 22, 2026 meeting.

2025 CAC Task Groups

1. Legislative/Regulatory
 - A. Members: Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl (until Nov. 2025), Rahul Athalye, Ari Halberstadt, Keith Taylor
2. Programs & Outreach
 - A. Members: Mark Aulman, David Springer, Diccon Westworth

Attachments:

1. Legislative/Regulatory Task Group 2025 Charge
2. Programs & Outreach Task Group 2025 Charge

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2025 LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY TASK GROUP CHARGE

Members: Lorenzo Kristov, Chair
Jennifer Rindahl
Rahul Athalye
Ari Halberstadt
Keith Taylor

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

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- 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
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2025 PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH TASK GROUP CHARGE

Members: TBD (Chair)
TBD (Co-Chair)
David Springer
Mark Aulman
Diccon Westworth

Staff Lead: Rebecca Kuczynski

2025 Charge:

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