

Valley Clean Energy CAC Meeting – Thursday, December 21, 2023

Item 5 – Introduction/Overview of AgFIT program



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# All About AgFIT

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# **Presentation Topics**

- 1. Who's Participating
- 2. Hourly Prices
- 3. Subscription/Bill Protection
- 4. Customer Experience
- 5. Findings and Customer Response





# **AgFIT Participation**

- Began Summer '22, runs through Summer '24
- 5 customers and 49 participating pumps
- 3 MW of enrolled load
- Agricultural irrigation pumping customers
- Incentives for load automation technology
- Fully voluntary program enrollment

# **Pricing Details**

#### Prices are broken into two main components:

- 1. VCE's Portion: Generation
- 2. PG&E's Portion: Distribution and Transmission

#### **VCE's Price Inputs**

- Revenue requirements
- Maximum Net Load (MW)
- Hourly Net Load (load renewable output)
- LMP Locational Marginal Price





# **Scarcity Pricing**

Designed to collect more revenue during times of grid stress, when electricity demand is high

#### **Price Drivers**

- **Peak** = revenue collected during peak times or high load
- Ramp = revenue collected during ramp hours or as load increases over 3-hour increments

#### Prices are available up to 7 days in advance!

# Subscriptions/Bill Protection

#### <u>2 Versions of Subscriptions or Bill Protection</u>

AgFIT 1.0 - Based on historical usage
 AgFIT 2.0 - adjusted using an average OAT

#### AgFIT 1.0

- Historical hourly usage used to create an average 24 hr load shape for each billing month
- Historical bill total used to set the cost of kWh
- Outcome a set quantity of kW in each hour of a billing month for a set cost





# **Enrollment Process**

- Customer elects to participate in pilot, agrees to terms and conditions
- 2. Customer service points are evaluated for bestfit Little to no previous shifting
- 3. Automation is installed in the field and/or software is connected to devices
- 4. Customer receives training/mentoring on the Polaris scheduling portal

# Automation

- Provided an incentive of \$200/enrolled kW
- Incentive covers hardware and software
- Participation in program is not hardware specific and can even be done manually
- Polaris provides software that communicates set schedules to devices in the field
- Prices are not sent to devices directly

# AgFIT Weekly Scheduling

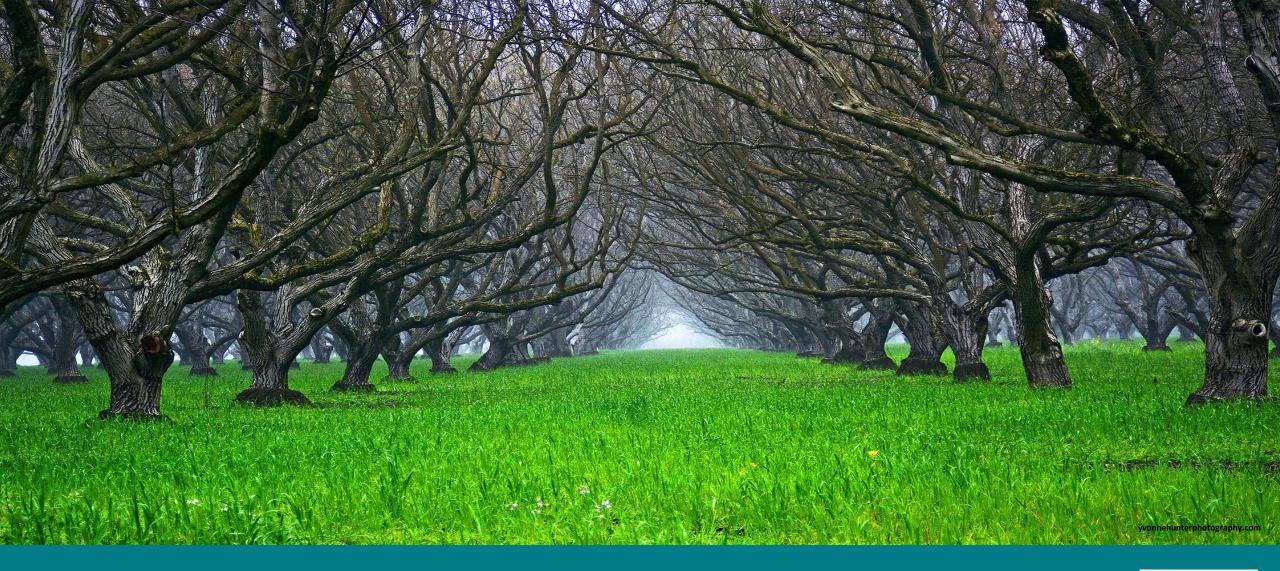
POLARIS	Scheduled Pump HP (15kW) 20		Schedule Operation Notes Pump Panel Switch in AUTO		Select TOU or AgFIT rates TOU AgFIT		Week of Sunday Aug 28		→PRE-FILL RECOMMEND NEXT	
David Meyers		← 8/28 Sunday	8/29 Monday	8/30 Tuesday	8/31 Wednesday	9/1 Thursday	9/2 Friday	9/3 Saturday	→ Bill Period: Aug 1 - Aug 31	
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ど Chart	05:00am	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.28	0.27	0.25		
	06:00am	0.20	0.25	0.27	0.30	0.34	0.31	0.25	Bill Period: Sep 1 - Sep 30	
🗔 Schedule	07:00am	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.27	0.27	0.22	Transactive Energy existing: \$293	
F DR Events	08:00am	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.21	\$0.24 (AVG) 1,246kWh + \$15	
	09:00am	0.16	0.19	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.21	new: 750kWh	
e Account	10:00am	0.16	0.20	0.20	0.22	0.26	0.25	0.21	Observes with Subsciption	
20	11:00am	0.16	0.21	0.21	0.24	0.31	0.29	0.24	Charges with Subsciption	
📔 Report	12:00pm	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.25	0.31	0.29	0.26		
	01:00pm	0.19	0.22	0.25	0.29	0.36	0.34	0.30	CALCULATE Calculate final Schedule cost	
<	02:00pm	0.21	0.25	0.29	0.34	0.43	0.38	0.36		
	03:00pm	0.23	0.27	0.31	0.38	0.50	0.42	0.41	Estimated Schedule Charges (120hr) \$15	
	04:00pm	0.26	0.31	0.35	0.41	0.55	0.46	0.45	Existing Bill Charges \$2,517	
	05:00pm	0.34	0.36	0.43	0.51	0.67	0.53	0.55		
	06:00pm	0.56	0.55	0.70	0.87	1.26	0.95	0.93	Total \$2,532	
	07:00pm	0.72	0.66	0.77	0.91	1.35	0.97	0.98		
	08:00pm	0.53	0.46	0.53	0.59	0.77	0.59	0.54		
Real-Time Data Connected	09:00pm	0.27	0.26	0.30	0.34	0.39	0.36	0.36		
Polaris BETA	10:00pm	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.28	0.35	0.33	0.33		
	11:00pm	0.22	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.33	0.32	0.31		
GSIGN OUT	estimated bills: 08/01 - 08/31 VCE LSE -					09/01 - 09/30 VCE LSE				

#### \*Scheduled manually each week by program participant

# Key Takeaways

- <u>Automation is driving customer action!</u>
- Program participants seeing additional savings from efficient water usage and reduced labor
- Almost all action is scheduled a week in advance, few changes in scheduling happening at DA
- For customers that successfully manage TOU and avoid demand charges, AgFIT may not be the best choice





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Item 7 – Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Update



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# Item 7 – Power Procurement/RPS Update: Background

- California requires LSEs to procure a minimum percentage of their load from eligible renewable resources such as wind, solar, geothermal, small hydro, etc.<sup>1</sup>
- LSEs must achieve interim targets referred to as Compliance Periods (CP1, CP2, CP3, etc). CP4 is measured over years 2021-2024 and the average for this period is 40%.
- In May 2020 (CAC) and June 2020 (Board) the concept of ramping into VCE's long-term contracts versus relying on short-term renewable energy credits (RECs) was adopted and since then Staff has been executing on that strategy.
  - The plan helps keep customers rates lower while VCE ramps into long-term renewable contracts at competitive prices.
  - 2020 & 2021 were intentionally low renewable content. 2023 & 2024 will be significantly higher thus resulting in a CP4 average at or above the mandate (40%).
  - If necessary, small shortfalls will be met with short-term RECs.



Note: 1) From a State perspective, LSEs need to procure 60% of the load from renewable energy by 2030 as outlined in SB 100. VCE has adopted a more aggressive target of achieving 100% renewable by 2030 (adopted July '23).

# Item 7 – Power Procurement/RPS Update: Contracted Renewable Projects



#### **POWER RESOURCE CONTRACTS**



https://valleycleanenergy.org/power-sources/

# Item 7 – Power Procurement/RPS Update: 2023 Target vs Actuals

	Original Pla	n	Actual		
Standard Green Load	705,065		639,973		
UltraGreen Load	7,051		6,399		
RPS Supply	285,218	40%	333,849	52%	
Aquamarine Solar	133,341		111,803		
Indian Valley	6,445		5,246		
Putah Creek	7,920		5,797		
Resurgence Solar	137,512		111,003		
Short Term RECs	-		100,000		
Large Hydro Supply	87,511	12%	92,274	14%	
PG&E Allocation	87,511		92,274		

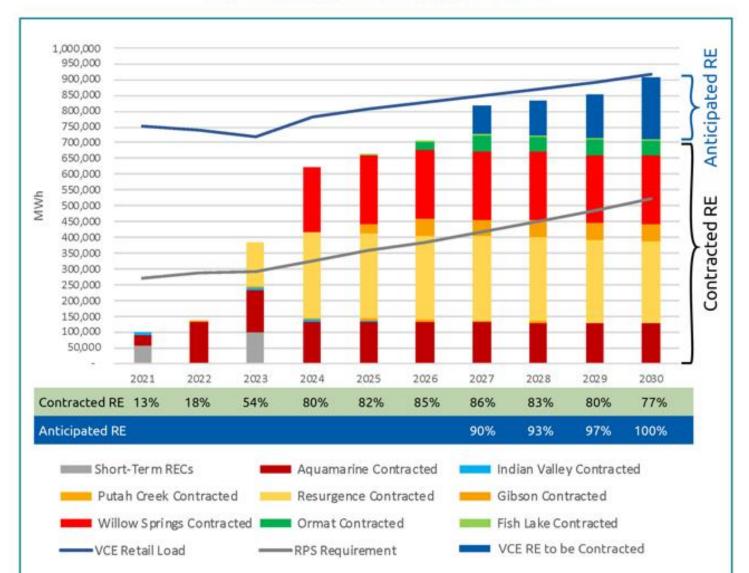
Note: 1) Load actuals are utilized through October. Generation actuals are utilized through November. Forecasted values are utilized for the remaining months.

2) Large hydro actuals through June. July-Dec is a forecast.

3) RPS supply should end the year btw 50-55% (depends on load and performance of renewable projects in Dec.)

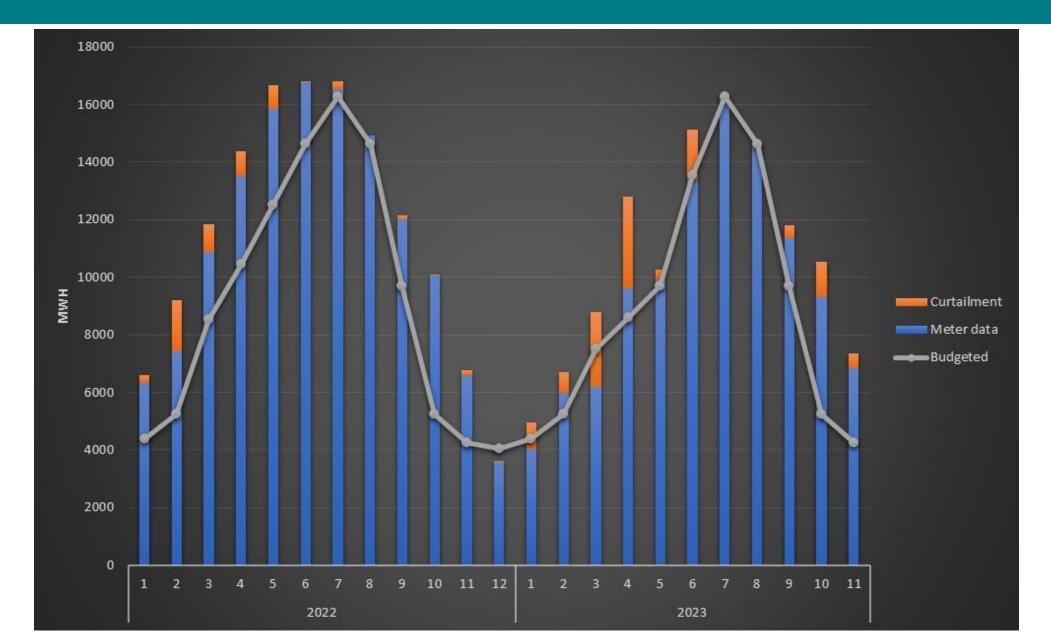
### Item 7 – Power Procurement/RPS Update: Outlook

#### **ANNUAL RPS POSITION**



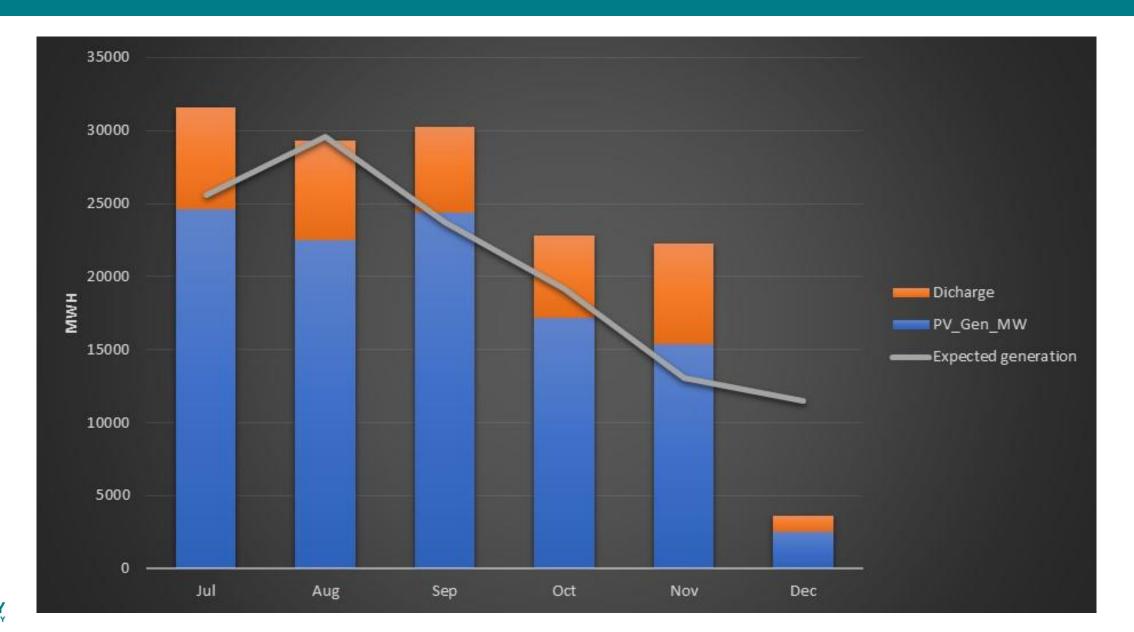


### Item 7 – Power Procurement/RPS Update: Aquamarine Production





### Item 7 – Power Procurement/RPS Update: Resurgence Production





## Item 7 – Power Procurement/RPS Update: Resurgence Daily Activity



