



**Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Thursday, March 25, 2021
5:00 P.M.
Via Webinar**

Pursuant to the Provisions of the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspends certain provisions of the Brown Act and the Orders of the Public Health Officers with jurisdiction over Yolo County, to Shelter in Place and to provide for physical distancing, all members of the Community Advisory Committee and all staff will attend this meeting telephonically. Any interested member of the public who wishes to listen in may join this meeting via Zoom Webinar, as set forth below.

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Committee Members:

Christine Shewmaker (Chair), Cynthia Rodriguez (Vice Chair), Yvonne Hunter, Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Christine Casey, Jennifer Rindahl, Peter Meyer



5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. 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 under **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.
- 4. Brief VCEA Staff and Advisory Task Group Reports (≈ 15 minutes)** - Representatives of VCE staff and active Task Groups will provide 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. 3/11/21 Board Meeting Summary**
 - C. Staff Report**

CONSENT AGENDA (≈5 minutes)

- 5. Approval of February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes.**
- 6. Receive Customer Enrollment update as of March 17, 2021.**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 7. Progress update on draft 3-Year Customer Programs Plan. (Discussion) (≈ 45 minutes)**
- 8. Senate Bill 612 - Rate Payer Equity: Discuss VCE outreach opportunities related to 3/11/21 Board action supporting the legislation. (Discussion) (≈ 15 minutes)**
- 9. Receive and update Community Advisory Committee 2021 Long-Range Calendar. (Discussion) (≈ 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. Adjournment: The next Community Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021 via Zoom teleconference at 5 p.m.

The Valley Clean Energy Board has scheduled a regular meeting for Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPCOMING VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M.:

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC February 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 25, 2021

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached February 25, 2021 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Chair Christine Shewmaker opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 beginning at 5:02 p.m. via teleconference pursuant to the Provisions of the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspends certain provisions of the Brown Act and the Orders of the Public Health Officers with jurisdiction over Yolo County, to shelter in place and to provide for physical distancing.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Christine Shewmaker (Chair), Cynthia Rodriguez (Vice Chair), Yvonne Hunter, Marsha Baird, Gerry Braun, Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Christine Casey, Jennifer Rindahl, Peter Meyer (telephonically attended)

Committee Members Absent:

Approval of Agenda Jennifer Rindahl made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 meeting Agenda, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed.

Public Comment / Introduction There were no written or verbal public comments.

Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports **Task Group Reports**

Leg/Reg Task Group: Yvonne Hunter informed those present that the Task Group continues to meet every other week.

Outreach Task Group: Mark Aulman informed those present that the Task Group discussed website improvements, customer surveys and focus groups. There is interest in surveying VCE rate payers to determine focus groups.

Programs Task Group: David Springer informed those present that they are close to finalizing a 3 year Programs Plan and hope to have it ready for the CAC review at the April meeting. In addition, they are looking to enhance the programs portion of the VCE website with additional tabs to cover other programs and provide additional information.

Rates Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the group met to go over a number of items that may be a part of future discussions.



Carbon Neutral and Decarbonization Task Group: Cynthia Rodriguez informed those present that a one year work plan has been designed for the group. The group defined carbon neutral and decarbonization and continue to work on a timeline for 1 year up to ten (10) years.

2/11/2021 Special Board meeting summary: Interim General Manager Mitch Sears provided a summary of the Board's February 11, 2021 meeting informing those present that the Board adopted the 2021 Outreach and Marketing Plan, approved VCE joining the California Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority (CC Power JPA), and received an update on Time of Use (TOU).

Staff Report: Mr. Sears informed those present that he and CAC Member Christine Shewmaker gave an information al presentation to Cool Davis. He gave a presentation on VCE's Strategic Plan to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. Recently, Staff gave a presentation and scenario to graduate students at UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute, invited by Director Ben Finkelor, and discussed their responses. Staff have been working with Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) on getting information to customers on the Arrearage Management Plan (AMP). Staff has also been working with consultants on reporting diversity within our power purchase agreements (PPA) - the report is due to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) soon. CalCCA is working on resource adequacy structural reforms and submitted a joint proposal with Southern California Edison (SCE).

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Consent Items

There were no written or verbal public comments. Yvonne Hunter made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 Consent Agenda items with corrections to the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes on first page: name of Chair and meeting date, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Mark Aulman abstaining. The following items were:

1. approved January 28, 2021 meeting Minutes as amended;
2. received customer enrollment update as of February 17, 2021; and,
3. received update on Time of Use (TOU) Rates and implementation schedule.

Item 8: Recommendation on Legislative Bills SB612 and AB843 (Action)

Mitch Sears introduced this item and Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobbyist consultant. Mr. Fenstermaker reviewed the highlights of the staff report on two legislative bills: 1) SB 612 (Portantino) / Electrical Corporations / Allocation of Legacy Resources and 2) AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) / California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program: Renewable Feed-in-Tariff.

Several questions and comments were discussed, such as: co-authors of the legislative bills; procurement and defining bio-energy products; and, biomass and other organic waste products and its emissions. There were no written or verbal public comments.



Yvonne Hunter made a motion to confirm support of SB 612 (Portantino) / Electrical Corporations / Allocation of Legacy Resources, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Shewmaker, Rodriguez, Hunter, Baird, Braun, Aulman, Kristov,
Springer, Casey, Rindahl, Meyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion made by Yvonne Hunter to confirm support of AB 843 (Aguiar-Curry) California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program: Renewable Feed-in-Tariff, seconded by Peter Meyer. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Rodriguez, Hunter, Baird, Braun, Aulman, Kristov, Springer, Casey
Rindahl, Meyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Shewmaker

**Item 9: Approval of
2021 CAC Task
Group Charges
(Discussion/Action)**

Mr. Sears introduced this item. Chair Shewmaker asked that each Charge have the Staff contact identified. The CAC reviewed, discussed and suggested changes and/or additions to the draft Task Group Charges for 2021. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Yvonne Hunter to approve the draft Charges with minor changes including the deletion of "Charge 2" listed on the draft Carbon Neutral and Decarbonization Task Group Charge, and incorporation of Strategic Plan and Environmental Justice in all charges, with final Charges to be provided to the Board at their March 11th meeting, seconded by Lorenzo Kristov. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Shewmaker, Rodriguez, Hunter, Baird, Braun, Aulman, Kristov,
Springer, Casey, Rindahl, Meyer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Board Clerk was asked to notify the Task Group Chairs when the final Charges are due for the Board's March meeting packet. In addition, the Board Clerk is to email the final Charges to all of the CAC Members.

**Item 10:
Recommendation on
VCE's policy
supporting new**

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel reviewed slides summarizing this item. The CAC discussed Staff's recommendation. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Gerry Braun made a motion that the CAC recommends that the VCE Board approve the following actions by VCE:



building electrification. (Discussion/Action)

1. Adopt a policy supporting and encouraging electrification of new buildings;
2. Share information regarding new building electrification broadly with the member jurisdictions upon request;
3. Join the Building Decarbonization Coalition.

This motion was seconded by Yvonne Hunter. The motion was discussed. Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to modify Mr. Braun’s motion slightly by using the word “...statement...” instead of “...policy...” in #1 action listed above, all other parts of the motion (#2 and #3) remain the same. Both Mr. Braun and Ms. Hunter accepted the modification to action “1. [a]dopt a statement supporting and encouraging electrification of new buildings;”. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Shewmaker, Rodriguez, Hunter, Baird, Braun, Aulman, Kristov, Springer, Casey, Rindahl, Meyer
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAIN: None

The CAC would also like to address at a future meeting: ad hoc task groups.

Item 11: Receive update on SACOG Electrify Yolo (Electric Vehicle) Grant. (Informational)

Mr. Sears introduced this item. VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles reviewed the history of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Green Region grant given to VCE called the “Electrify Yolo” project. The project is to install public networked electric vehicle charging stations in the Yolo region, including the areas of Davis, Woodland, Winters and unincorporated Yolo County. There were no written or verbal comments.

Item 12: Long Range Calendar

Chair Shewmaker pointed out that Carbon Neutrality (presentation by SMUD) has been placed on the calendar as a placeholder for the April and May CAC meetings. Types of energy discussion has also been added to the June CAC meeting. She asked if there were any Task Groups who wanted to be placed on the calendar to provide an update/report. There were none at this time.

Advisory Committee Member and Announcements

Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Climate Center was successful on getting a bill into the legislature regarding community resiliency [Senate Bill 99 (Dodd) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2021] . Another bill was introduced, that provides for the implementation of funding grants into disadvantage communities [Assembly Bill 1325 (Burke) Microgrids: Clean Community Microgrid Incentive Program].

Chair Shewmaker informed those present that Assembly Bill 345 [(Muratsuchi) Natural resources: environmental justice: oil and gas: regulation of operations] aims to establish setbacks on wells, create an environmental justice program to identify and address gaps in existing programs in disadvantage communities, and ban fracking.



Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Climate Center held a webinar recently on oil extraction and refinery in California. It was excellent. He will send the link to the Board Clerk for distribution to the CAC Members.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next regular CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. via videoconference.

Alisa M. Lembke
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Rebecca Boyles, Director of Marketing & Customer Care
SUBJECT: Customer Enrollment Update (Information)
DATE: March 25, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Receive the Customer Enrollment update as of March 17, 2021.

Attachment:

1. March 17, 2021 Customer Enrollment update

Item 6 - Enrollment Update

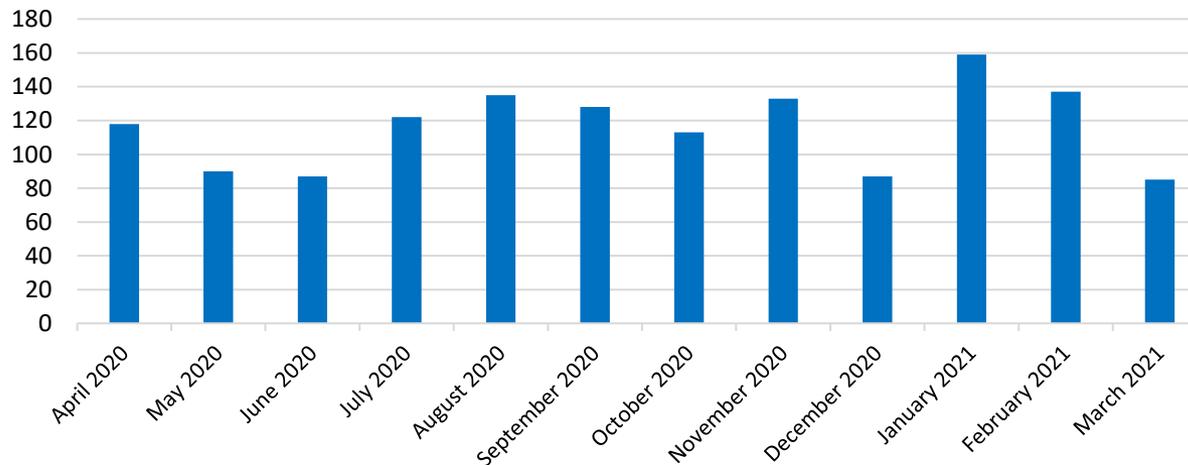
	Davis	Woodland	Winters	Yolo Co	Total	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Ag	NEM	Non-NEM
VCEA customers	27,736	20,755	2,206	10,736	61,433	53,329	6,132	6	1,878	9,854	51,579
Eligible customers	29,028	23,679	2,348	12,215	67,270	58,349	6,679	6	2,132	10,683	56,587
Participation Rate	96%	88%	94%	88%	91%	91%	92%	100%	88%	92%	91%

There are currently 376 Winters customers not included in this table. NEM will enroll throughout 2021.

% of Load Opted Out

Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Ag	Total
9%	9%	0%	12%	9%

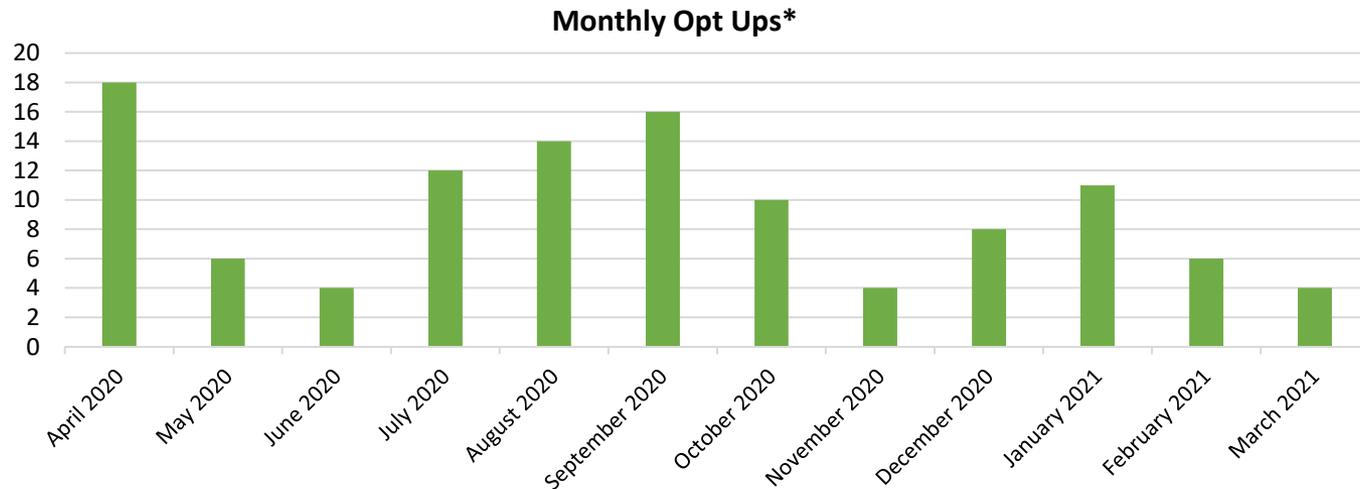
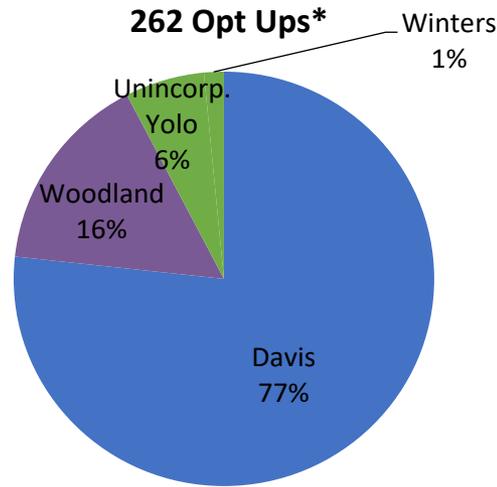
Monthly Opt Outs



Status Date: 3/17/21



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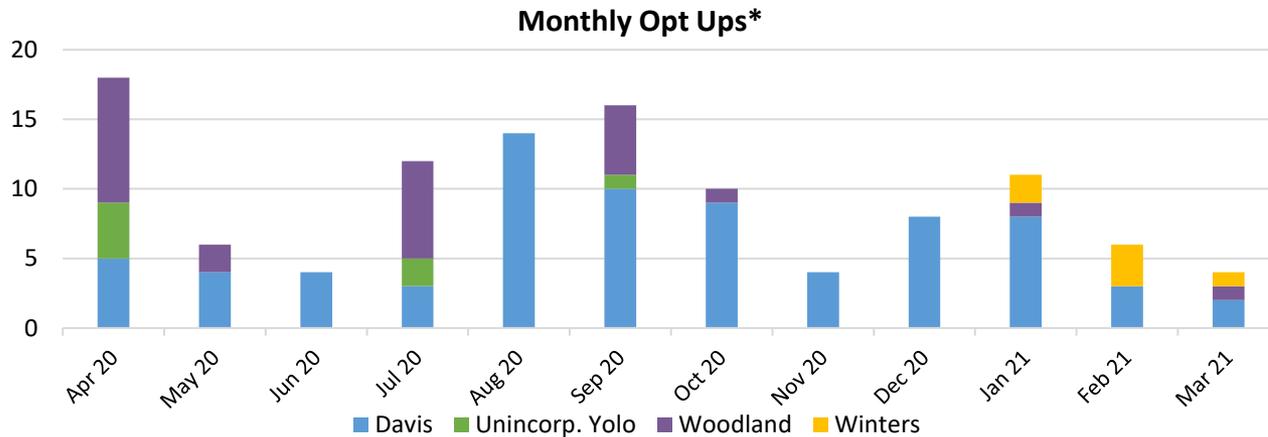
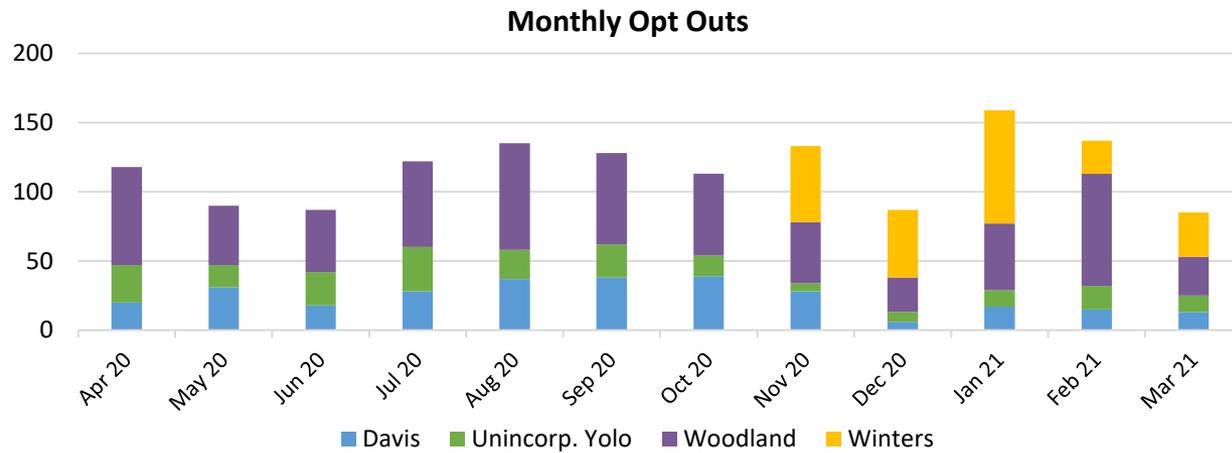
* The numbers in the pie chart represent opt ups for customers who are currently enrolled. The numbers in the bar graph represent opt up actions taken regardless of current enrollment status.

Status Date: 3/17/21



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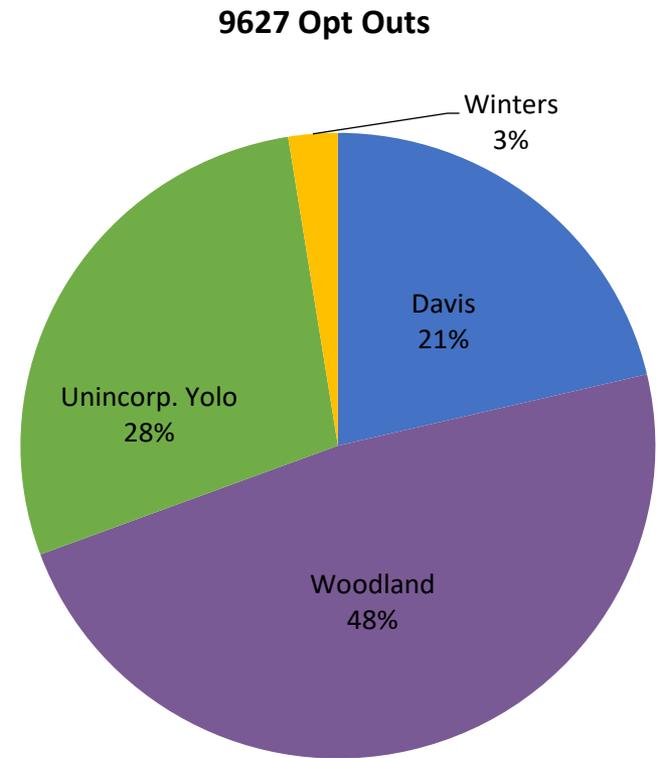
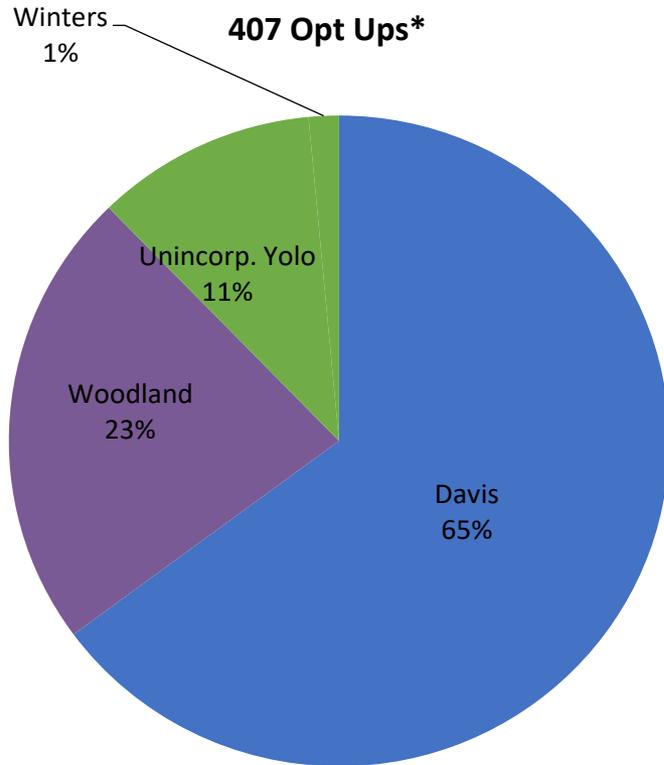


* These numbers represent all opt up actions ever taken regardless of current customer enrollment status.

Status Date: 3/17/21



Item 6 - Enrollment Update



* These numbers represent all opt up actions ever taken regardless of current customer enrollment status.

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 7

TO: Community Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Mitch Sears, Interim General Manager
Rebecca Boyles, Director of Customer Care and Marketing
Tessa Tobar, Program and Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT: Progress update on draft 3-Year Programs Plan

DATE: March 25, 2021

The purpose of this report is to: (1) provide a progress update on development of the 3-Year Programs Plan, (2) introduce the Plan’s structure in outline format, and (3) gather initial feedback on a preliminary set of programs.

BACKGROUND

Draft Plan Progress

The 3-Year Programs Plan is designed to be consistent with and support the goals and objectives of the VCE Strategic Plan adopted by the Board in November 2020. The attached 3-Year Programs Plan Draft Outline builds on the initial VCE Programs Plan developed in 2019 that guided early informational based actions by VCE on energy efficiency and electric vehicles. These early actions are carried forward into the current draft Plan and provide important learnings for design and execution of programs going forward.

Staff has been working on the draft Programs Plan for the past nine months, with support from the Programs Task Group (PTG). The work has focused on plan design and research of potential programs for inclusion. Balancing work on analysis of the potential programs for inclusion in the draft Plan with other priority projects (i.e. Winters enrollment, Strategic Plan Development, etc.), has delayed the analytical work that will lead to the selection and prioritization of programs that will be included in the Plan. However, research of potential programs has been conducted, and the initial list of programs that are/will be undergoing deeper analysis are included later in this report.

To date, staff has drafted an outline of the proposed 3-Year Programs Plan structure (attached); developed and deployed VCE’s first customer survey to gather stakeholder feedback on program priorities; and researched and performed preliminary analysis of potential programs, informed by research from VCE staff, sister CCA organizations, SMUD, consultants, and the PTG. Staff anticipates that the draft Plan will be ready for review by the CAC in late Spring/early Summer.

Draft Plan Outline

As shown in the attached Plan Outline, the draft 3-Year Programs Plan includes the following elements:

- **Executive Summary:** overview of the Plan and how it's aligned with VCE's Strategic Plan.
- **Background:** context on where VCE is in programs implementation and the work that has been done up to this point. This section also includes context on regulatory and COVID-19 budgetary impacts and VCE's commitment to environmental justice.
- **Current Programs Overview:** gives context of historic input from CAC & Board, PCIA & RA impacts on budget, and assessing supplementary funding. Lists additional contextual factors that are included in the plan. i.e. COVID, VCE member agency climate action plans, etc.
- **VCE's Commitment to EJ:** delineates VCE's commitment to Environmental Justice, and how that commitment is reflected in the Programs Plan.
- **Community Engagement:** how VCE is incorporating community input: surveys, CAC/Board and how it aligns with Strategic Plan.
- **Community Reinvestment Programs:** overview of existing financial based customer programs.
 - NEM Donation Program
 - Customer Dividend Program
- **Programs Evaluation:** explains process by which programs are evaluated for effectiveness and decision-making on program expansion or discontinuation.
- **Program Phases defined:**
 - **Phase 1:** Ongoing or to be initiated within the next year.
 - **Phase 2:** To be initiated within one to three-years
 - **Phase 3:** No defined start date for action, likely longer than two years.
- **Programs:** Programs to be prioritized and implemented; program details. NOTE: initial research on potential programs completed – analysis of these potential programs in early stages.

At the CAC meeting, staff will be seeking high-level feedback on the outline to verify that key topic areas have been captured and to identify any significant omissions.

Preliminary Programs Set

The draft Programs Plan focuses on actionable, cost effective programs in electrification (buildings and transportation) and behind-the-meter customer focused education/incentives to directly support VCE's core mission. The preliminary set of programs identified below fall into these two general programmatic buckets. The programs are further organized into three phases that provide a general timeframe for expected implementation.

Through research and preliminary analysis, the following programs have been identified in the three phases.

- **Phase 1 (programs already in progress):**
 - Maintain and Enhance EV Educational Resources. Educational resources and access to third party incentives to help customers switch to driving an EV.

- Deployment and Promotion of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS). Installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and mobility hubs in Yolo County.
- Maintain and Enhance Educational Energy Efficiency Resources. Educational resources and access to third party incentives to help customers make informed decisions.
- **Phase 2** (programs under consideration):
 - Agricultural Electrification. Enable customers to access agriculture incentives for upgrading from existing fossil gas farming equipment to fuel switching farming equipment.
 - Promote Dual Fuel Heat Pumps for Space Conditioning. Air conditioner reaching the end of its useful life it can be replaced with a heat pump while retaining the furnace for backup heat.
 - All Electric Awards Residential and Commercial Program. Showcasing all electric homes, businesses, or gas-to-electric conversions to inspire and educate VCE customers.
 - Electric Vehicle Rebates for Lower-income Customers. Partner to develop rebates for used Electric Vehicles available to income qualifying customers.
 - Provide Information on Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP). Resources to help customers qualify for funding.
- **Phase 3** (programs in the conceptual phase):
 - Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive Events in VCE Territory. Partner to host free Ride and Drive events to promote the adoption of EVs in the VCE service territory.
 - Promote Induction Cooking as Alternative to Fossil Gas. Loaner induction cooktops and resources to access electric induction stove incentives for appliance replacement or new construction.
 - Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff Program (DAC/GT). Identify income-qualified VCE customers to participate in CPUC program that enables income-qualified residential customers who live in disadvantaged communities to benefit from utility-scale clean energy and receive a 20% bill discount.
 - Increase DC Fast Charger Deployment. Release a Request for Interest (RFI) to EVSE vendors to promote increased DCFC deployment.
 - Expansion of Charging for Multifamily Apartments. Develop incentive program and technical resources to multifamily property owners to increase EV Charging access for apartment residents.
 - Agricultural Pump Electrification, Automation, and Resilience. Partner to run pilot demand response program featuring incentives and special rate design for participants.
 - Develop a Residential and Commercial Battery Storage Program. Partner to run pilot behind-the-meter battery storage program.

At the CAC meeting, staff will be seeking high-level feedback on the preliminary list of programs that have been identified through research and outreach to other CCA programs. In general, it will be helpful for CAC members to identify any additional programs/concepts that are cost effective and actionable in the near term or preliminary programs/concepts that should be removed. As stated, Staff is beginning deeper analysis and would benefit from CAC feedback on this set of potential programs.

Customer Programs Survey

In addition to feedback from the CAC and Board, staff has developed an electronic customer programs survey. The survey is publicly available from March 8, 2021 to April 7, 2021 and is limited to 750 participants. Participants remain anonymous. While this is not a statistically significant survey due to the small sample size, it will provide general feedback on customers' program priorities and preferences. Staff curated a Programs Survey Distribution Strategy to inform where the survey is distributed. Staff has the capacity to track whether the participant engaged with the survey through social media, a pop-up on the VCE website, the Spring Quarterly Newsletter, through our MailChimp email listserv, VCE Board and CAC, and more.

If the CAC would like to help distribute the survey, scan the QR Code below with a phone camera or send this link: [Community Survey on Valley Clean Energy Programs](#).



NEXT STEPS

The next step for the draft 3-Year Programs Plan is incorporating feedback from the CAC on the draft outline and the preliminary list of potential programs. Once the structure of the Plan is finalized, staff will analyze and incorporate survey results into potential program design. Potential programs will then be analyzed based on feasibility, budget and stakeholder priority, and vetted with the PTG. A final draft 3-Year Programs Plan will then be brought back to the CAC for discussion and recommendation to the Board.

ATTACHMENT

1. 3-Year Programs Plan Draft Outline

3-Year Programs Plan Draft Outline

Purpose of Plan: To direct the planning, implementation, and funding of VCE’s Customer Programs from 2021-2024. The Plan is intended to be public-facing.

Plan Outline:

1. **Executive Summary:** overview of the Plan and how it’s aligned with VCE’s Strategic Plan. Lists two main program strategies.
2. **Background:** context on where VCE is in programs implementation, and the work that has been done up to this point. “This 3-year programs plan outlines programs to be delivered to the community and customers in the coming years as well as programs under consideration.”
3. **Current Programs Overview:** gives context of historic input from CAC & Board, PCIA & RA impacts on budget, and assessing supplementary funding, mentioning that detailed plan will be developed for each program listed. Lists additional contextual factors that included plan. i.e. COVID, jurisdiction climate action plans, etc.
4. **VCE’s Commitment to EJ:** delineates VCE’s commitment to Environmental Justice, and how that commitment is reflected in the Programs Plan. Introduces EJ badge in programs section.
5. **Community Engagement:** How VCE is incorporating community input: surveys, CAC/Board and how it aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 3, Objective 3.6
6. **Community Reinvestment Programs:**
 - a. NEM Donation Program
 - b. Customer Dividend Program
7. **Programs Evaluation:** explains process by which programs are evaluated for effectiveness and decision-making on program expansion or discontinuation.
8. **Program Phases defined:**
 - a. **Phase 1:** Ongoing or to be initiated within the next year.
 - i. Achievable in the near-term.
 - ii. Funding and other resources are available.
 - iii. Building the foundation for ongoing or future programs
 - b. **Phase 2:** To be initiated within one to three years
 - i. Anticipated, yet not immediate, deadline.
 - ii. Funding levels soon to be determined and funding sources identified or in development.
 - iii. Necessary for planning and development of long-term actions.
 - c. **Phase 3:** No defined start date for action, likely longer than two years.
 - i. In the conceptual phase.
 - ii. Additional information needed to inform an operational plan.
 - iii. Funding not yet available.
9. **Program Strategies**
 - a. **Promote the electrification of transportation, residential and commercial buildings, and agricultural operations.**
 - i. In progress:
 1. Maintain and Enhance EV Educational Resources

- 2. Deployment and Promotion of EV Charging Stations (Electrify Yolo)
 - ii. Planned for 2021-2022: Feedback and analysis incorporated; draft budget proposed
 - iii. Planned for 2022-2024: Pending feedback, analysis and funding
- b. Encourage and incentivize energy efficiency, demand response flexibility, and resiliency.**
 - i. In Progress:
 - 1. Maintain and Enhance Educational EE Resources
 - ii. Planned for 2021-2022: Feedback and analysis incorporated; draft budget proposed
 - iii. Planned for 2022-2024 Pending feedback, analysis and funding

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report - Item 8

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 612 (Portantino) Ratepayer Equity Summary Sheet – Input from CAC Members

DATE: March 25, 2021

This staff report transmits the California Community Choice Association (CalCCA) summary sheet on Senate Bill 612 (Portantino) Ratepayer Equity. SB 612 adds new sections to the Public Utilities Code that are designed to ensure fair and equal access to the benefits of legacy resources held in IOU portfolios and management of these resources to maximize value for all customers. The Board ratified VCE's support of SB 612 at their March 11, 2021 meeting. Staff are seeking CAC Members input on organizations that could potentially provide SB 612 support letters.

Attachment: CalCCA Senate Bill Ratepayer Equity summary sheet



**SB 612 (PORTANTINO)
RATEPAYER EQUITY**

SUMMARY

With the advent of California’s shift to clean, greenhouse gas-free energy through passage of the original Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in 2002 the Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) initially entered into contracts to procure renewable resources that were very expensive. Consequently, both current and former customers are footing the bill of those early “legacy” renewable contracts. However, while IOUs and their ratepayers receive the benefits of those contracts, CCA’s and their ratepayers do not.

Over the last decade, millions of utility customers have transitioned from IOU electric service to Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), local government-owned utilities choosing to purchase electricity on behalf of their communities. As part of this transition, CCA customers continue to share with IOU customers cost responsibility for legacy contracts entered into by IOUs prior to their departure for CCA service.

SB 612 simply ensures that all customers receive the benefits of the resources they are paying for, and that the costs of those contracts to all ratepayers are minimized. At a time when our communities are facing unprecedented economic hardships, it is more important than ever that we find every way possible to reduce utility bills by maximizing the benefits of energy already purchased.

BACKGROUND

Early procurement of renewable energy generation resources by California’s IOUs resulted in a rapid transition to renewable energy. As renewable resources have grown to scale, both prices and market value for renewable energy have declined, leaving a significant portion of the IOU legacy resource portfolio underwater. Likewise, utility-owned generation operates at costs that are significantly above market. These parallel trends have produced billions of dollars of above-market costs needed to be recovered through the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA).

The PCIA is a mechanism adopted by the Commission to ensure that when electric customers of an IOU depart from IOU service and receive their electricity from a non-IOU provider, such as a CCA, those customers remain responsible for costs previously incurred on their behalf by the IOUs.

While these resources produce high costs, they also produce valuable products such as renewable energy, hydroelectric energy, and resource adequacy, products needed by all energy providers to meet their clean energy goals and remain in compliance with reliability requirements. However, under the current structure, these products are retained by the IOU for its own compliance purposes.

PROBLEM

While all customers bear responsibility for these legacy resources, only IOU customers can meaningfully access the benefits. Conversely, while CCA customers must pay their fair share for those legacy resources, CCA customers do not have access to any of the beneficial attributes they are paying for. There is no good policy rationale for this inequitable treatment of CCA customers versus their IOU counterparts.

The California Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) has had opportunities to repair this inequity for four years, however it has failed to do so. Therefore, the Legislature must step in.

SOLUTION

SB 612 resolves this inequity by ensuring CCA customers have the ability to access their proportionate share of the benefits of IOU legacy contracts they are paying for, and also ensures IOUs manage their legacy contracts to maximize their value for IOU and CCA customers alike. CCA ratepayers will continue to be responsible for their fair share of legacy costs under SB XX. The bill is consistent with a common sense equitable solution previously presented to the Commission by CalCCA and other parties. It ensures fair and equal access to the benefits of legacy resources for all customers and ensures resources held in IOU portfolios are managed to maximize value for all customers.

Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Provides IOU, CCA, and direct access customers equal right to receive legacy resource products that were procured on their behalf in proportion to their load share if they pay the full cost of those products.
- 2) Requires the CPUC to recognize the value of GHG-free energy and any new products in assigning cost responsibility for above-market legacy resources, in the same way value is recognized for renewable energy and other products.
- 3) Requires IOUs to offer any remaining excess legacy resource products not taken by IOU, CCA, or direct access customers to the wholesale market in an annual solicitation.
- 4) Requires each IOU to transparently solicit interest from legacy resource contract holders in re-negotiating, buying out, or otherwise reducing costs from these contracts.

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 9

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Board and CAC 2021 Long Range Calendar

DATE: March 25, 2021

Please find attached the 2021 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar listing upcoming meetings and proposed topics for discussion. Please make suggestions if there are topics you wish to add.

Attachment:

1. 2021 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
2021 Meeting Dates and Proposed Topics – Board and Community Advisory Committee

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
<p>January 14, 2021 Special Meeting January 21, 2021</p>	<p>Board WOODLAND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oaths of Office for Board Members • Approve Updated CAC Charge • Approve 2021 Procurement Plan • Treasurer Function / Investment • GHG Free Attributes • Power Purchase Agreement • Arrearage Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Action • Action • Action • Action • Action
<p>January 28, 2021</p>	<p>Advisory Committee WOODLAND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of 2021 Task Groups • Quarterly Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update • Quarterly Strategic Plan update • New Building Electrification • 2021 Marketing Outreach Plan • CA Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Action • Informational • Informational • Informational/Discussion • Action: Recommendation to Board • Action: Recommendation to Board
<p>February 11, 2021</p>	<p>Board DAVIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo • 2021 Marketing Outreach Plan • CA Community Power Agency Joint Powers Authority • Update on January 2021 Rates • Update on Time of Use (TOU) roll out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational • Action • Discussion/Action • Informational • Informational
<p>February 25, 2021</p>	<p>Advisory Committee DAVIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo • 2021 Task Groups – Tasks/Charge • New Building Electrification • Legislative Bills • Update on Time of Use (TOU) roll out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational • Discussion/Action • Discussion/Action • Discussion/Action • Informational

March 11, 2021	Board WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Building Electrification • Legislative Bills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Action • Action
March 25, 2021	Advisory Committee WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Programs Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
April 8, 2021	Board DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary FY21/22 Operating Budget • River City Bank Revolving Line of Credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational/Discussion • Action
April 22, 2021	Advisory Committee DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update • Quarterly Strategic Plan update • SMUD 2030 Zero Carbon Plan - presentation • AB 992 (Social Media)/Brown Act - Best Best Krieger presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational • Informational • Informational • Informational/Discussion
May 13, 2021	Board WINTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on FY21/22 Operating Budget • Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational • Informational
May 27, 2021	Advisory Committee WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy • Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo • Briefing on preliminary FY21/22 Operating Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational/Discussion • Informational • Informational
June 10, 2021	Board DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Approval of FY21/22 Operating Budget • Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report • Extension of Waiver of Opt-Out Fees for one more year • Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee • SMUD CPI Increase Amendment • Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval • Informational • Action • Action • Action • Discussion/Action
June 24, 2021	Advisory Committee DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritizing types of energy (placeholder) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Action
July 8, 2021	Board WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Procurement Plan • River City Bank Line of Credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Action

July 22, 2021	Advisory Committee WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update Quarterly Strategic Plan update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational Informational
August 12, 2021	Board DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational
August 26, 2021	Advisory Committee DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational
September 9, 2021	Board WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of FY20/21 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) River City Bank Revolving Line of Credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Action
September 23, 2021	Advisory Committee WOODLAND		
October 14, 2021	Board WINTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Load Forecast FY2020/2021 Allocation of Net Margin Receive Update on 3 year Strategic Plan (adopted Oct. 2020) Certification of Standard and UltraGreen Products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational Action Informational Action
October 28, 2021	Advisory Committee DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive Financial Load Forecast and Allocation of Net Margin information Update on Power Content Label Customer Mailer Committee Evaluation of Calendar Year End Quarterly Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update Quarterly Strategic Plan update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informational Informational Discussion Informational Informational
November 11, 2021 Veterans' Day – Holiday – need to reschedule	Board WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification of Power Content Label Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Informational
November 18, 2021	Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Evaluation of Calendar Year End Review Revised Procurement Guide Update on SACOG Grant – Electrify Yolo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion/Action Action: Recommendation to Board

(3 rd Thursday of the month due to Thanksgiving holiday)	WOODLAND		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational
December 9, 2021	Board DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report • Approve Revised Procurement Guide • Receive CAC 2021 Calendar Year End Report • Election of Officers for 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational • Action • Receive • Nominations
December 16, 2021 (3 rd Thursday of the month due to Christmas holiday)	Advisory Committee DAVIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss 2022 Task Group(s) formation • Election of Officers for 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Nominations
January 13, 2022	Board WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oaths of Office for Board Members • Approve Updated CAC Charge (tentative) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Action
January 27, 2022	Advisory Committee WOODLAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard Update • Quarterly Strategic Plan update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informational • Informational

Note: CalCCA Annual Meeting EARLY November (tentative)