



**Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance
Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Woodland Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

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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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Committee Members: Keith Taylor (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, David Springer, Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Ari Halberstadt, Mark Murray

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 January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes.**
- 5. Receive 2026 Long Range Calendar. (Information)**
- 6. Receive annual Strategic Plan Report. (Information)**



REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Receive process and schedule of Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) update. (Information) (≈ 10 minutes)**
8. **Update on CalCCA sponsored bills for 2026 legislative session: AB 1761 (Rogers) PCIA Transparency and SB 1138 (Padilla) Resource Adequacy Transactability. (Information) (≈ 15 minutes)**
9. **Receive Local Energy Task Group update. (Information) (≈ 30 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's Thursday, April 23, 2026 meeting has been cancelled.* The CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, May 28, 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.

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 - B. If you are attending by phone only, you will need to press *9 to raise your hand. When called upon, press *6 to unmute your microphone.



VCE staff will acknowledge that you have a public comment to make during the item and will call upon you to make your verbal comment.

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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes
DATE: March 26, 2026

Recommendation

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

Attachment: January 22, 2026 CAC meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Woodland Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

Vice Chair Rahul Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026, 2025 beginning at 5:07 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: Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, Ari Halberstadt, David Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

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

Welcome Vice Chair Rahul Athalye 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 or on Consent.

Item 3: Task Group Reports and Staff Reports

Task Group Reports:

Programs & Outreach: Mark Aulman informed those present that the Task Group met where they determined who would be Chair and Vice Chair of the Task Group and reviewed and commented on the draft Charge, which is on tonight's Regular agenda.

Legislative & Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Local Energy: VCE Staff Edward Burnham informed those present that the Task Group met with three (3) VCE Staff members and moved the meetings from a Friday cadence to a Thursday cadence when Staff are in the office. He encourages people to attend in person, but remote attendance is still available.

VCE Staff Report: Mr. Burnham provided the Staff Report by informing those present that the Board did not meet in January and their next regular meeting is scheduled for February 2026. He informed those present that PG&E adopted their rate tariffs; VCE will have an event booth at the Almond Festival scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2026 in Esparto and encouraged CAC Members to attend; an employment offer was



extended to join the Customer Care & Marketing team; and, an intern is starting soon to assist with marketing and outreach.

(Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

Lastly, CalCCA has opened enrollment to participate in the 2026 Annual Conference scheduled for early May 2026 and to be held in Sacramento. The Board Clerk will be sending out a participation email soon.

Consent Items

Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. Motion passed with Taylor, Westworth and Ballard absent. The following items were:

4. approved December 18 2025 meeting Minutes;
5. received Customer Participation update (4th Quarter 2025); and,
6. received 2026 Long Range Calendar.

Item 7: Review and approve draft 2026 CAC Task Group Charges. (Discussion/Action)

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Lorenzo Kristov to approve all three (3) 2026 Task Group Charges, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Taylor, Westworth and Ballard absent.

Item 8: Receive Power Portfolio update. (Information)

VCE Staff Chad Curran introduced this item reviewing VCE's long term power contracts; historical and forecasted renewable energy supply; how VCE is meeting State energy obligations; and, VCE's strategic goals and drivers to changes in projections. Mr. Curran provided the status of our active Power Purchase Agreements (PPA). He highlighted that overall, VCE's PPA are performing as expected; VCE is on track to meet goals for renewable and carbon free energy; additional procurement could be needed if significant changes to load and/or portfolio; and, VCE may need to procure additional energy to meet state procurement requirements.

VCE Staff and CAC Members discussed: whether there were any local jurisdictions electrifying facilities; load forecast and how weather could impact the forecast; and, the advantages of VCE being a member of California Community Power (CC Power) for additional power resources.

There were no written or verbal public comments.



**Item 9: 2025 year
in review:
Customer Care and
Marketing.
(Information)**

VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski provided highlights of VCE’s year covering customer care, marketing, outreach, programs and the major update to the Strategic Plan. The CAC and Staff briefly discussed: the Community impact of the large savings to VCE customers and the large dollars allocated to programs; how to get a better idea of why a VCE customer opts out; and, what was accomplished last year.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 10. Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements**

There were no CAC Member or VCE Staff announcements.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Receive 2026 Long Range Calendar meeting topics

DATE: March 26, 2026

Please find attached the 2026 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. Please note that the long range calendars have some added information (coding) to each item for Staff purposes only.

At any time, if you have an item that you would like added, including future topics, please send an email to Chief Financial Officer Edward Burnham, Board Clerk Alisa Lembke, CAC Chair and/or Vice Chair for consideration.

Due to the holidays in November and December 2026, the CAC's meeting dates have been moved to the 3rd Thursday and are as follows:

- November 19, 2026 (3rd Thursday) – Woodland
- December 17, 2026 (3rd Thursday) – Davis

Attachment:

1. 2026 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
2026 Meeting Dates and Proposed Topics
Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
(Note: Meeting locations and Topics are subject to change)

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
January 8, 2026 CANCELLED	Board (Woodland)	<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 CAC Task Group(s) “Charges” (R) • Power Portfolio update (R) • 2025 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Discussion/Action • Information • Information
February 12, 2026	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R) • Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R) • Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2025) (O) • 2025 Year-end review (O) • VCE Employee Handbook update (R) • Annual Strategic Plan Report (R) • Receive CAC 2025 Year-end Task Group Reports (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Nominations • Information • Information • Action • Information • Information
February 26, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion
March 12, 2026 Cancelled.	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meeting has been cancelled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

March 26, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Update (O) • Local Energy Task Group Update (O) • Update on CalCCA sponsored legislative bills (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Information
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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Information • Action
April 23, 2026 Cancelled.	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meeting has been cancelled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
May 28, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Net Margin Allocation (R) • Load Management Standards Update (O) • Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2026) (O) • Seek feedback on updates to Integrated Resource Plan (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion/Action • Information • Information • Discussion/Action
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) • Residential Dynamic Pricing Pilot Program (HFP) (O) • Indian Valley Long Term Power Purchase Agreement (Placeholder) • Electric Vehicle (Charge Your Ride) Rebate Program (O) • Load Management Standards Update (O) • Recap of CalCCA May 2026 Annual Conference (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action • Information • Discussion/Action • Information • Discussion/Action • Discussion/Action • Discussion/Action • Information • Information • Information
June 25, 2026	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Preparedness outlook (O) • Seek recommendation to Board on updated Integrated Resource Plan (O) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information • Discussion/Action

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

July 9, 2026	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer Participation update (2nd Quarter 2026) (O) Approve updates to Integrated Resource Plan (R) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Discussion/Action
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)

*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: Receive annual Strategic Plan report (Information)
DATE: March 26, 2026

This is an information item.

The Board received at their February 12, 2026 regular meeting Staff's annual update of the Strategic Plan ([Item 13](#)).

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – Item 7

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Chad Curran, Director of Power Services

SUBJECT: 2026 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Schedule and Process

DATE: March 26, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Informational - no action requested.

BACKGROUND

Since 2018, VCE has been required by the CPUC to prepare an IRP on a biannual basis. VCE last filed an IRP on November 1, 2022. At the October 13, 2022, meeting, the Board approved VCE's 2022 IRP¹. The CPUC originally expected to require load serving entities (LSEs) to file their next IRPs in the fall of 2024². After significant delays in the IRP process, on January 16, 2026, the CPUC issued a ruling setting a due date for the next IRP of June 1, 2026. On March 9, 2026, the CPUC issued a ruling extending that due date to August 10, 2026.

ANALYSIS

VCE must file an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) by August 10, 2026. This staff report describes the schedule and process for this IRP.

IRP filings are the vehicle by which the CPUC and stakeholders gain insight into individual LSEs' plans for meeting state goals and how LSEs show compliance with their requirements under PUC 454.52(a)(1). VCE's objective for the upcoming IRP process is to provide guidance to VCE's Board, executive management, and the public on the expected power supply cost and the resources needed to meet the electric demand in the 2026-2045 period, while meeting CPUC's requirements for portfolio planning and VCE's strategic plan goals at the lowest cost.

IRP PROCESS

The CPUC sets the filing requirements for load serving entities' (LSEs) IRPs. Each LSE must file one "conforming portfolio" that achieves GHG emissions that are equal to or less than the LSE's

¹ <https://valleycleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/Item-13-Approval-of-2022-Integrated-Resource-Plan-Updated-10-10-22-10-13-22.pdf>

² <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M529/K525/529525977.PDF>

proportional share of the state’s targets for GHG emissions of 25 MMT by 2035 and 8 MMT by 2045. The CPUC provides a wide range of inputs and assumptions for the IRP, such as load forecasts, resource costs, statewide resource potential, and generation profiles for different resource types.

Using the inputs and assumptions provided by the CPUC, VCE and its team will develop a confirming portfolio that satisfies the CPUC’s requirements for the IRP filing. This portfolio will consist of existing resources in VCE’s power portfolio, and future resources to be procured.

VCE’s IRP TEAM

VCE Staff will work with an experienced team to prepare its 2026 IRP:

- **EQ Research** - EQ serves as VCE’s regulatory consultant, helping VCE monitor, interpret, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, and prepare regulatory filings such as the IRP.
- **The Energy Authority (TEA)** - TEA (VCE’s Wholesale Energy Provider) assists VCE with analysis, planning, procurement, and implementation of VCE’s power procurement portfolio.
- **Keyes & Fox** – VCEs Regulatory Counsel for the IRP.
- **First Principles Advisory (FPA)** - FPA will use the open-source GenX software to perform portfolio modeling.

CPUC IRP FILING

The IRP filing due to the CPUC by August 10, 2026, will consist of three components:

- A **narrative template** describing VCE’s plan development approach, results of analytical work, and action plan.
- A **resource data template (RDT)** reporting VCE’s existing and planned energy and capacity contracts.
- A **clean system power calculator (CSP)** estimating the GHG and criteria pollutant emissions of VCE’s portfolios and verifying that VCE’s portfolio achieves its assigned GHG and reliability planning benchmarks.

VCE IRP SCHEDULE

Below is a schedule of the next major milestones for VCE in the IRP process.

- May 28, 2026 - Staff will present the initial results of the IRP analysis to the CAC.
- June 25, 2026 – If necessary, Staff will seek additional feedback from the CAC.
- July 9, 2026 – VCE staff will present its final report to the Board on its IRP and seek Board approval to file the IRP.
- August 10, 2026 – The deadline for the IRP to be filed with the CPUC.

CONCLUSION

Staff will return to the CAC in the coming months to seek additional feedback and recommendations to the Board before filing the VCE’s 2026 IRP.

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report – Item 8

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Mitch Sears, Chief Executive Officer
Yvonne Hunter, Legislative and Project Specialist

SUBJECT: Update on CalCCA sponsored bills for 2026 legislative session: AB 1761 (Rogers) and SB 1138 (Padilla).

DATE: March 26, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Information only – no action requested

BACKGROUND

At a previous CAC meeting, staff briefed CAC members about two issues CalCCA will be addressing with legislation this year: improving PCIA transparency and lowering the cost of RA by allowing hourly transactions. The bills introduced to address those topics are: AB 1761 (Rogers) and SB 1138 (Padilla), respectively. Details about each bill are included in the attached summaries prepared by CalCCA.

AB 1761

- **What the bill does.** AB 1761 would increase the transparency of how the PCIA is calculated. According to CalCCA, “AB 1761 proposes amending the Public Utilities Code to require the CPUC and IOUs to disclose all data used to calculate PCIA costs, including cost inputs, forecasting assumptions, and methodologies. The bill would also ensure that when parties make proposals in a proceeding to change the PCIA they provide all the underlying data informing that proposal. Sensitive information would remain protected through Commission-approved nondisclosure agreements, a practice already used to protect sensitive information in other compliance areas.”
- **Status.** AB 1761 passed the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee March 18 on a 15-0 vote. The bill was amended to primarily enhance confidentiality and protecting market sensitive data.

SB 1138

- **What the bill does.** SB 1138 addresses a challenge related to the slice-of-day requirement for RA that impacts all LSEs. According to CalCCA, SB 1138 would give LSEs, like VCE, “the flexibility to transact load obligations at the hourly level in order to reduce millions of dollars in unnecessary costs to consumers — without compromising reliability.”
- **Status.** SB 1138 is pending in the Senate Energy, Utilities and Commerce Committee; a hearing is likely in early April.

VCE POSITIONS -- Support

Both AB 1761 and SB 1138 are consistent with VCE's Legislative and Regulatory Platform, which includes the statements related to PCIA and Resource Adequacy.

Power Cost Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

- *Support CalCCA efforts to increase the transparency of IOU electricity contracts and any other factors that provide the basis for PCIA charges that VCE (and its customers) and other CCAs must pay.*

Resource Adequacy

- *Support policies to create a transparent, cost-effective, functional central procurement process for residual Resource Adequacy needs.*
- *Support policies that would modify the RA waiver and penalty processes so that they more realistically reflect the constraints in the RA markets that CCAs and other Load Serving Entities face.*

The LRTG discussed the bills and adopted a support in concept recommendation.

Because of the tight legislative timeline, in order to effectively engage in advocating for the bills, staff utilized the Board approved expedited process in order to adopt a support position for AB 1761 and SB 1138 prior to CAC review and Board approval. Per VCE's process, the Board will ratify the support positions at its April meeting. VCE's [letters](#) are posted on VCE's website. A support letter for AB 1761 has been distributed and a support letter for SB 1138 is in process.

Attachment: CalCCA Fact Sheet for AB 1761 and SB 1138.

AB 1761: Improving Energy Bill Transparency

CalCCA is sponsoring [AB 1761](#), authored by Assemblymember Chris Rogers (D-Santa Rosa), which brings transparency to the way the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA), a charge on nearly all energy bills, is calculated.

Background

Electricity bills in California are on the rise, in part due to challenging market conditions and outdated and inefficient regulatory policies. Families and businesses are feeling the impact. Lawmakers and regulators need practical, consumer-focused solutions that ensure customers do not pay more than their fair share.

One tool to ensure customers receive energy bills that are fair and accurate is increased transparency in how PCIA charges are calculated. The PCIA is a fee designed to ensure customers who leave utility generation service, like customers of a Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) or Energy Service Provider (ESP), pay their portion of legacy power costs. But since the PCIA was implemented, there has been no consistent standard for what data must be made available in any CPUC process or proceeding where the PCIA, or a related charge, is set.



Problem

CCAs, ESPs, and their customers must pay the PCIA charge but often lack access to the data, assumptions, and methods used to set it. This transparency problem leads to disputes, inefficiencies, and unexpected rate impacts for customers. More specifically:

- ✓ Disclosures vary by utility and by CPUC proceeding, resulting in repeated fights between CCAs and Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) over data access and increased administrative inefficiencies as the CPUC resolves disputes on a case-by-case basis.
- ✓ Utilities sometimes make mistakes. In a 2019 PG&E proceeding, CalCCA identified \$73 million in errors (including a \$16 million increase for CCA customers). In a recent proceeding, PG&E identified an accounting error that would have cost CCA customers \$217 million.
- ✓ In an ongoing PCIA Rulemaking, the Commission withheld information on the evidence underlying their proposal and the rate impacts of a proposed change. The CPUC did not respond to a Public Records Act request for the information.

Without adequate transparency, CCAs and ESPs are unable to verify the accuracy of the PCIA charges that their customers must pay and cannot confidently forecast rate — both of which are affordability tools needed to protect customers from unexpected rate increases.

Solution

AB 1761 proposes amending the Public Utilities Code to require the CPUC and IOUs to disclose all data used to calculate PCIA costs, including cost inputs, forecasting assumptions, and methodologies. The bill would also ensure that when parties make proposals in a proceeding to change the PCIA they provide all the underlying data informing that proposal. Sensitive information would remain protected through Commission-approved nondisclosure agreements — a practice already used to protect sensitive information in other compliance areas.

Greater transparency allows CCAs and ESPs to better advocate for their customers and assess proposals to change the PCIA. It also can inform cost forecasts and shield customers from sudden rate swings. It reduces repeated fights over information, improves regulatory efficiency, and encourages utilities to verify calculations since the underlying data would be open to review. Costs to implement the proposal are miniscule, as most of this information already exists, while the benefits for rate, accuracy, stability, and consumer protection are substantial. This proposal strengthens confidence that customers pay their fair share — and not more.

For more on the PCIA go to: <https://cal-cca.org/pcia/>.

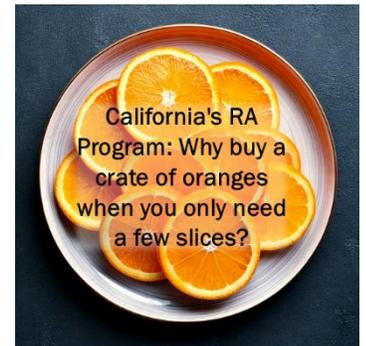
SB 1138: Lowering the Cost of California's RA Program

CalCCA is sponsoring [SB 1138](#), authored by Senator Steve Padilla (D-San Diego), so that California's load serving entities (LSEs) have the flexibility to transact load obligations at the hourly level in order to reduce millions of dollars in unnecessary costs to consumers – without compromising reliability.

Background

At a time of rising electricity bills and challenging market conditions, California's resource adequacy (RA) program is transitioning to a new Slice-of-Day (SOD) framework. Previously, LSEs (community choice aggregators, investor-owned utilities and energy service providers) were required to meet a monthly RA obligation using resources accredited with a monthly RA contribution. In the new SOD framework, LSE obligations are based on the 24 hours of the peak day in each month. LSEs must show resources sufficient to meet load obligations in each hour, including excess resources to charge storage on the peak day.

Under existing rules, LSEs are restricted in how they can transact with other entities to ensure compliance. Adjustments to an LSE's portfolio are limited to transacting product for the whole month even though obligations are unique to each hour. This mismatch means LSEs must purchase more RA than they need to meet their obligations, creating artificial market scarcity and unnecessarily driving up RA demand (and prices). It's akin to having to buy a crate of oranges when you only need a few slices. The net result is tens of millions of dollars in unnecessary costs that fall to California ratepayers.



Problem

During the SOD transition, LSEs submitted portfolios of resources to meet hourly obligations for a 2024 test year and for the binding 2025 year-ahead requirements. From these submittals, CalCCA observed that individual LSEs were short in some hours, requiring them to purchase additional RA resources to meet requirements, while other LSEs had excess capacity in those hours. Trading between LSEs would be sufficient to meet reliability requirements without needing to purchase additional RA.

From this early experience, it is apparent that restrictions on trading create artificial market scarcity and unnecessarily drive-up demand for already scarce RA products. LSEs have been penalized for non-compliance even though other LSEs showed excesses that could cover their shortages in the non-compliant hours.

Solution

At a time of rapidly rising costs in the electricity sector, policymakers should provide LSEs maximum flexibility in how they contribute their fair share to keep the overall system reliable. SB 1138 would lower the costs to consumers of California's RA trading program by allowing LSEs to transact RA load obligations on an hourly basis to align with the new slice-of-day RA program.

With hourly load obligation trading, an LSE that has excess resources in an hour could offer to take on a share of the obligation of an LSE that is short in the same hour. By trading load obligations, LSEs could avoid **\$105 million** in purchases of excess RA resources for the summer of 2025. This reduction in RA demand puts downward pressure on RA prices for all California LSEs, potentially reducing RA costs by an additional **\$77 million** per year.

Benefits

Enabling hourly load obligation trading:

- ✓ Promotes efficiency: LSEs with excess resources in one hour could trade with LSEs that are short, reducing the need to purchase additional RA.
- ✓ Delivers affordability: In 2025, hourly trading could have lowered RA costs for consumers by avoiding \$105 million in excess RA purchases for summer 2025 and potentially saving an additional \$77 million annually.
- ✓ Maintains LSE Responsibility: Creates a new procurement product rather than offering relief from meeting existing requirements.
- ✓ Requires limited administrative oversight: Trades can be executed bilaterally with existing RA tracking tools, making the system administratively simple while maintaining each LSE's full responsibility to meet obligations.

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report – Item 9

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Chad Curran, Director of Power Services
Edward Burnham, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Local Energy Task Group Update Report

DATE: March 26, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

Informational – Discussion and feedback.

BACKGROUND

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 [VCE 2026-2029 Strategic Plan](#) (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. Based on discussion and feedback, the CAC approved the 2026 [LETG Charge](#) at their January 22, 2026.

SUMMARY

The Local Energy Task Group (LETG) will present an overview of its recent work to describe specific local energy project types and their benefits and explore potential roles VCE could play in facilitating community-based clean energy and resilience initiatives.

The presentation is structured around three major topics: (1) the rationale and opportunities for pursuing local energy resources; (2) potential project types that may be beneficial for VCE's member jurisdictions and customers; and (3) next steps for advancing the Task Group's work and informing future discussions.

To facilitate the task group and CAC discussions, and to advance knowledge and understanding of local energy possibilities and benefits among VCE's member jurisdictions and customers, the LETG and VCE staff will develop definitions of terms and reference materials related to local energy. The local energy definitions and resources information will be updated throughout the process. This Information could potentially be a resource developed for VCE's public website.

Possible Next Steps for VCE's Local Energy Task Group

To support ongoing planning and discussions working towards VCE's strategic goals, the LETG may outline the following:

- **VCE's Roles** - Exploring possible VCE roles (lead developer, partner, facilitator, off-taker, or information resource) across different project types, increasing long-term affordability.
- **Local Participation** - Identifying local interests and initiating discussions with jurisdictions, community groups, and potential project partners to shape and refine project concepts, addressing strategic questions such as:
 - How to implement affordable DERS to displace utility scale resources
 - How DERS can meet VCE's regulatory requirements (RA, RPS, etc.)
- **Legal and regulatory** - including opportunities under current rules and identifying needed changes or areas for advocacy to enable local energy development
- **Project Criteria** - for evaluating which local projects may be viable, high-impact, or aligned with VCE's strategic priorities

CONCLUSION

The LETG will help VCE clarify its options, assess potential project pathways, and prepare for future decisions about local energy projects and provide a similar presentation to the VCE's Board.

Attachment: 2026 Local Energy Task Group Resources and Definitions

Attachment I

Local Energy Task Group – Definitions and Resources

I. Definitions

- a. Community Resilience Center:** A facility equipped with backup power—typically a building equipped with solar PV, battery storage and microgrid controls for autonomous operation—designed to support local residents during grid outages, extreme heat or cold, wildfire smoke, or other emergencies.
- b. Community-Scale Solar + Storage:** A mid-sized solar energy system (typically less than 20 MW) paired with battery storage, connected to the distribution network and serving a neighborhood, rural town, subdivision, jurisdictional facility cluster, or a defined community load.
- c. Distributed Energy Resources (DER):** Local energy resources connected to the distribution network, either on-site at customer premises (“behind-the-meter” or BTM) or directly to the utility network (“front-of-meter” or FOM), such as rooftop solar, battery storage, smart inverters, electric vehicles, or controllable loads, as well as community-scale solar + storage on the distribution grid.
- d. Microgrid:** A group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources that can operate as a single controllable entity either connected to the grid or independently (“islanded”) during outages.
- e. Energy Self-Supply (New Development):** Design strategies in which new housing, mixed-use or commercial developments integrate onsite solar, storage, microgrid controls and energy-efficient systems to offset a portion or all of their long-term electricity use.
- f. Electrification:** The conversion of fossil-fuel dependent societal functions (such as transportation) and building functions and appliances (such as gas heating or water heaters) to electric alternatives that can run on locally-supplied clean energy.
- g. EV Charging Infrastructure:** Facilities and equipment used to charge electric vehicles, including Level 2 and DC fast charging stations, owned privately or by public or community entities.
- h. Cooperative Ownership (e.g., Energy Supply or EV Infrastructure):** A model in which infrastructure is owned collectively by a group of community members, organizations, or public agencies rather than a private company or utility.
- i. Interconnection:** The process and technical requirements for connecting local energy resources (solar, storage, EV chargers) to the electric distribution system.