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# VCE Community Advisory Committee Meeting – July 24, 2025

## Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update



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# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: Long-term Power Contracts

## Power Resource Contracts



### 1. Aquamarine Solar Facility

Santa County  
50 MW PV Only  
(Approx. 110,000 MWh)  
Online Now

### 2. Putah Creek

Yuba County  
Solar PV + Storage Project  
50MW / 30MW BESS\*\*  
(Approx. 7,500 MWh)  
Online Now

### 3. Indian Valley Hydro

Lake County  
2.9 MW Small Hydro  
(Approx. 3,000 MWh)  
Online Now

### 4. Tierra Buena Battery Storage Facility (4 hrs)

Sutter County  
VCE Share is 2.5 MW  
Online Now

### 5. Aggregated Demand Response

Statewide Resources  
VCE Share is 7 MW  
Online Now

### 6. Resurgence Solar 1

San Bernardino County  
Solar PV + Storage Project  
50 MW (PV) / 25 MW BESS\*\*  
(Approx. 125,000 MWh)  
Online Now

### 7. Willy 9 Chap 2

Kern County  
Solar PV + Storage Project  
72 MW (PV) / 36 MW BESS\*\*  
(Approx. 215,000 MWh)  
Online Now

### 8. Gibson

Yuba County  
Solar PV + Storage Project  
14 MW (PV) / 12 MW BESS\*\*  
(Approx. 50,000 MWh)  
Anticipated Online Q2 2027

### 9. Tumbleweed Long-Duration Battery Storage (8 hrs)

Kern County  
VCE Share is 2.25 MW  
Anticipated Online Q2 2026

### 10. Coal Line Long-Duration Battery Storage (8 hrs)

San Diego County  
VCE Share is 2.25 MW  
Anticipated Online Q2 2028

### 11. Fish Lake Geothermal

Plumas County, NV  
VCE Share is 0.42 MW  
(Approx. 3,400 MWh)  
Anticipated Online Spring 2027

### 12. Ormat Geothermal Portfolio

Geothermal - NV & CA  
VCE Share is 1.63 MW  
(Approx. 15,380 MWh)  
Anticipated Online Q4 2027

### Totals Contracted for Since 2018:



236

MW  
Renewables



134

MW  
BESS\*

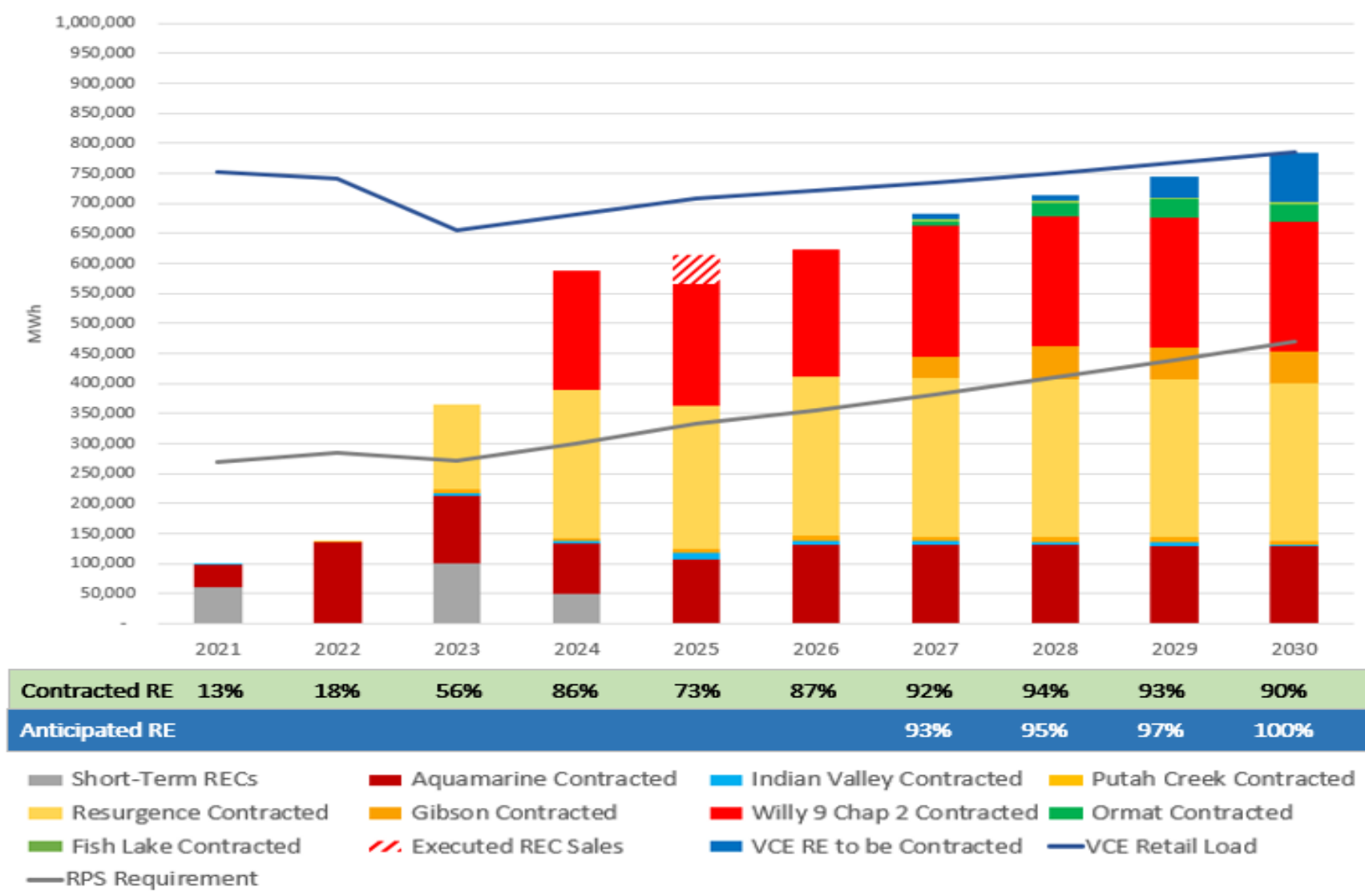


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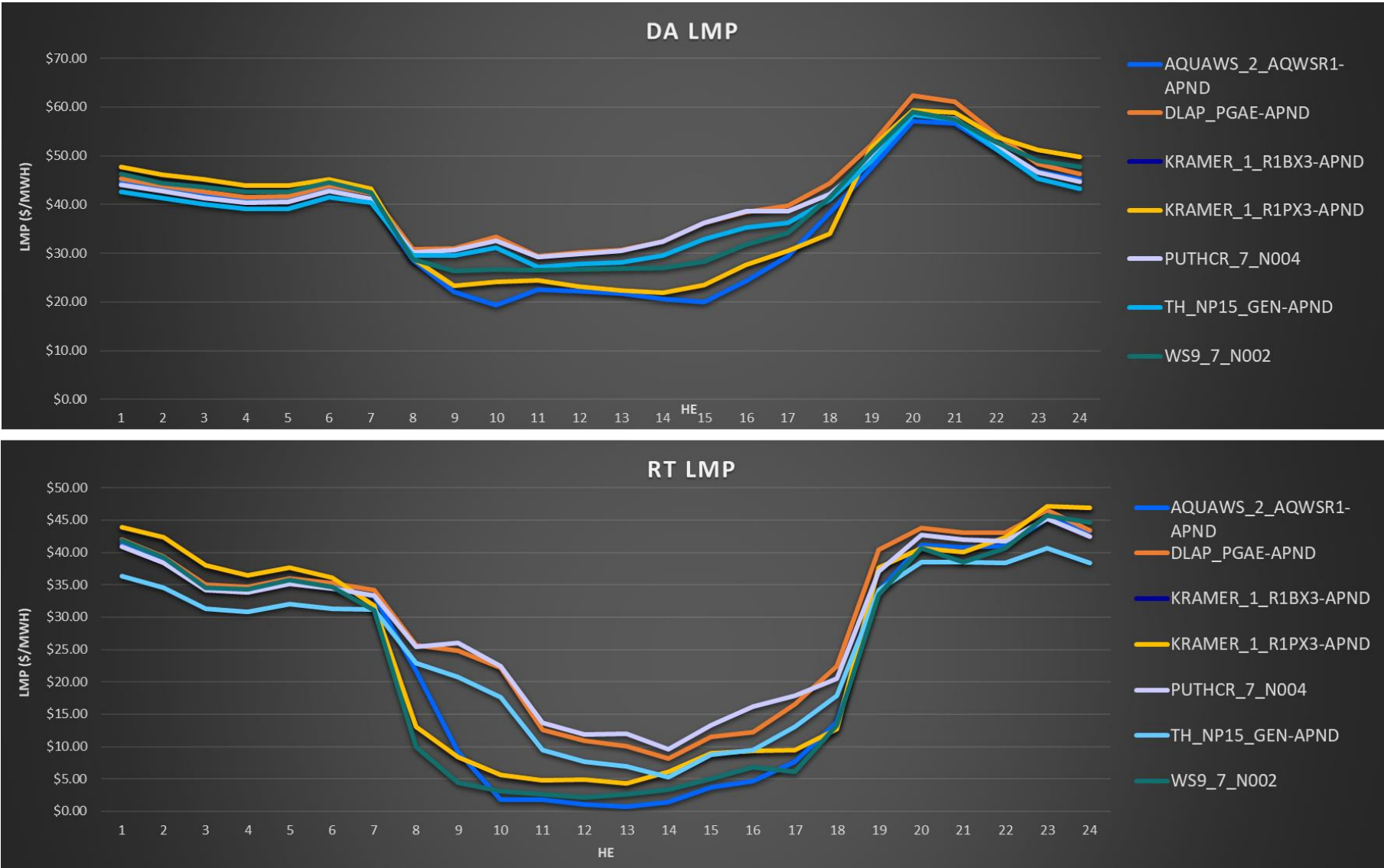
MW  
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Response

\*4 Hours Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)  
\*\*5 Hours Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: Overview



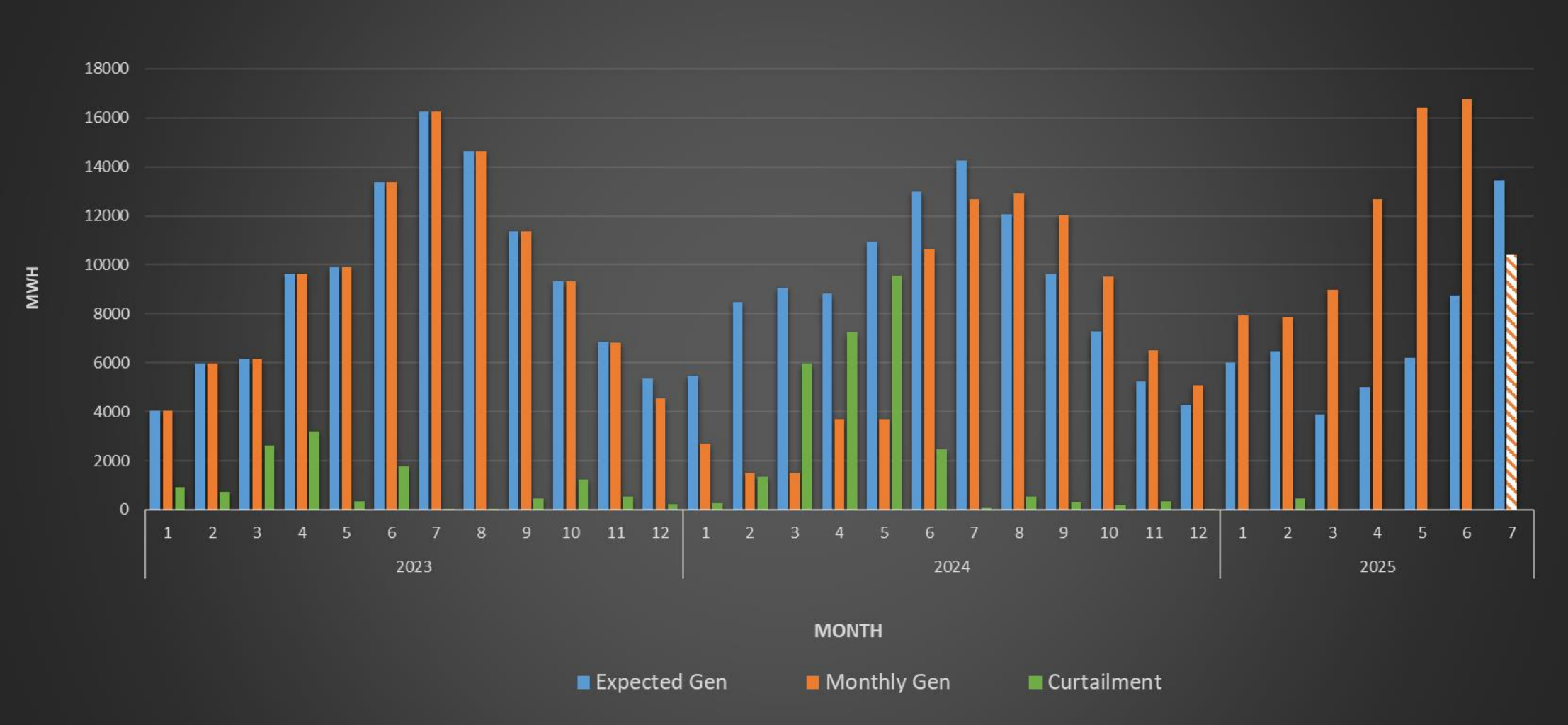
# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: LMP's (July 1-20)



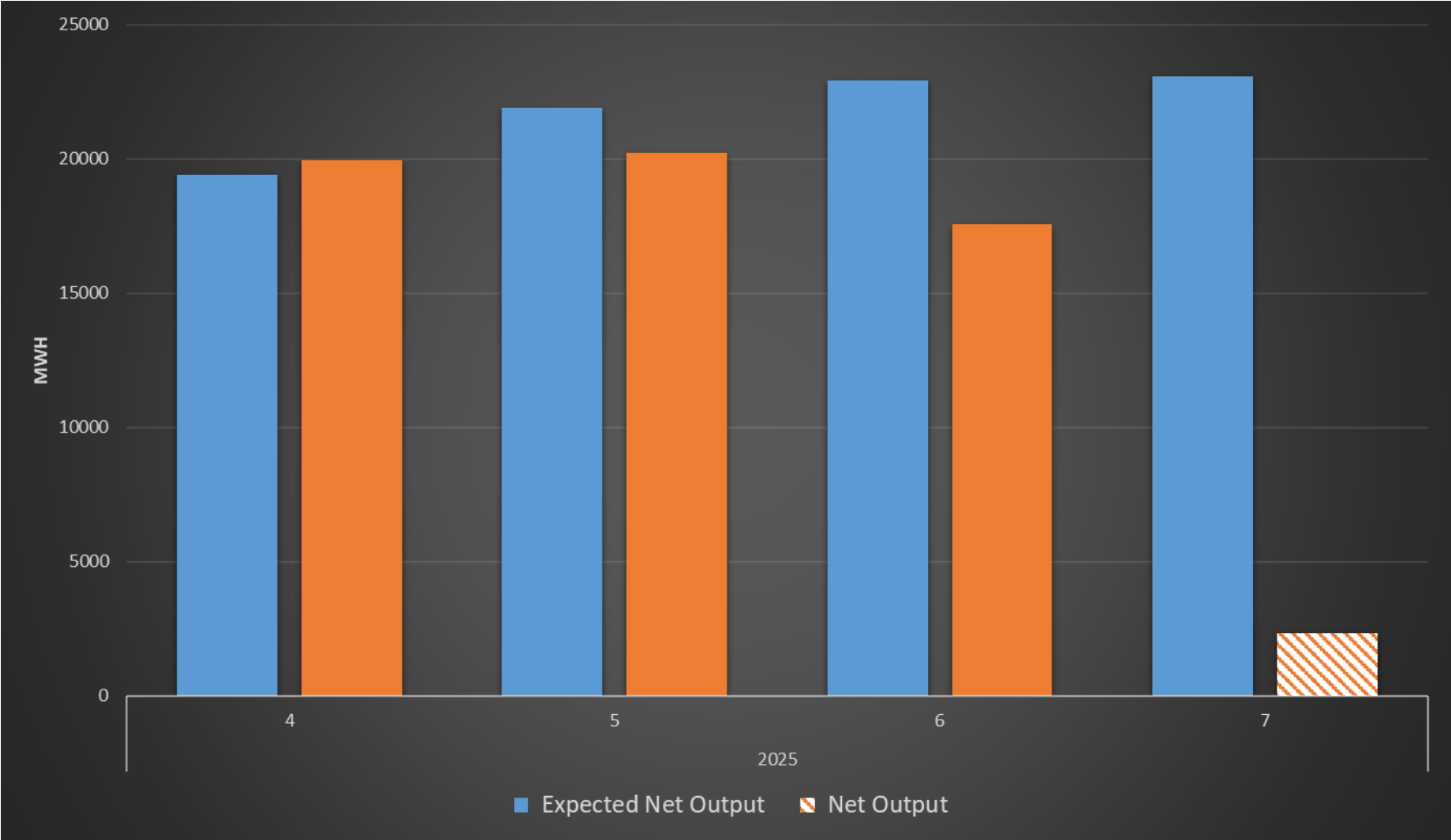
Note: "LMP" = Locational Marginal Price



# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: Aquamarine

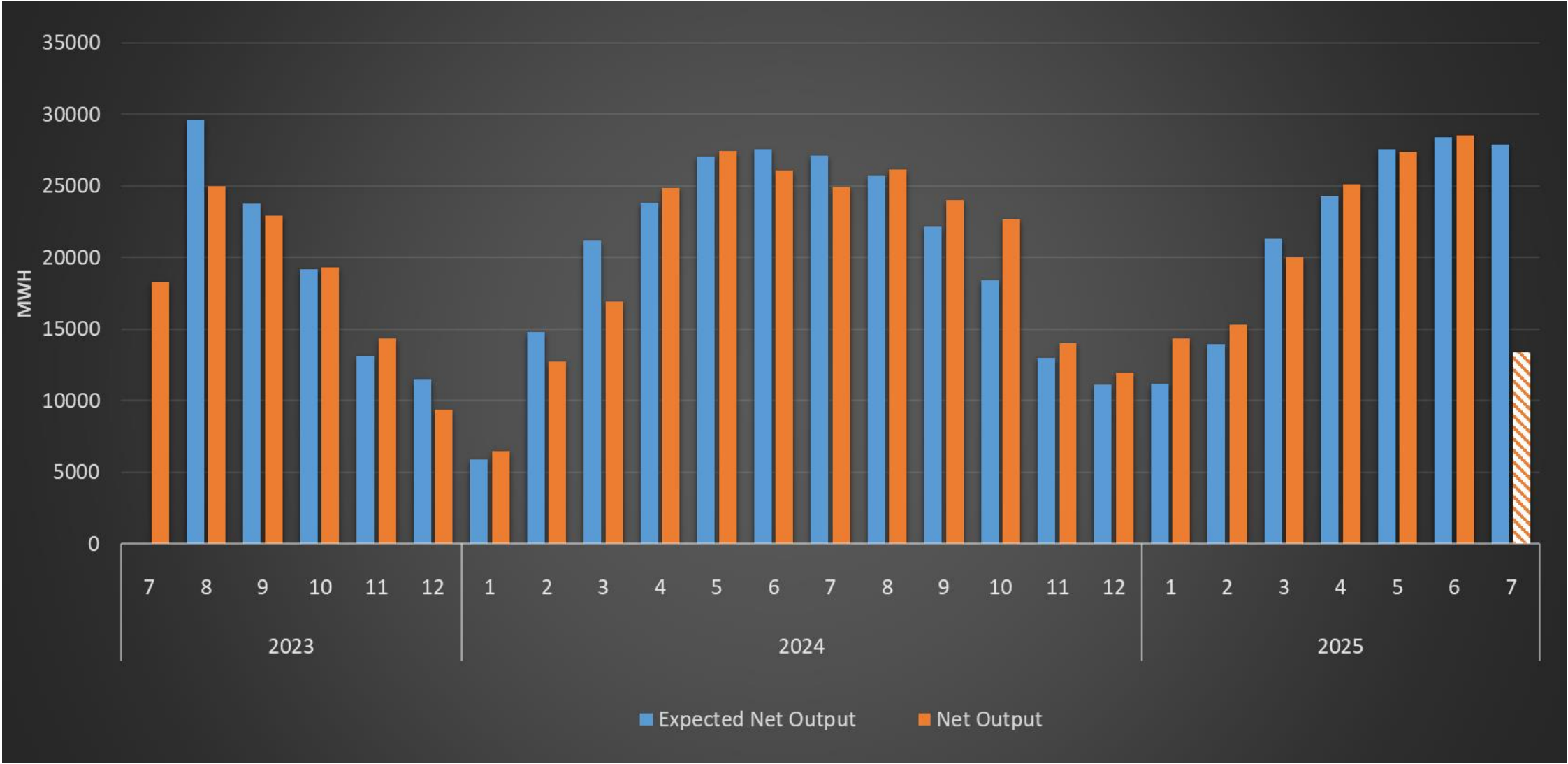


# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: Willy 9 Chap 2



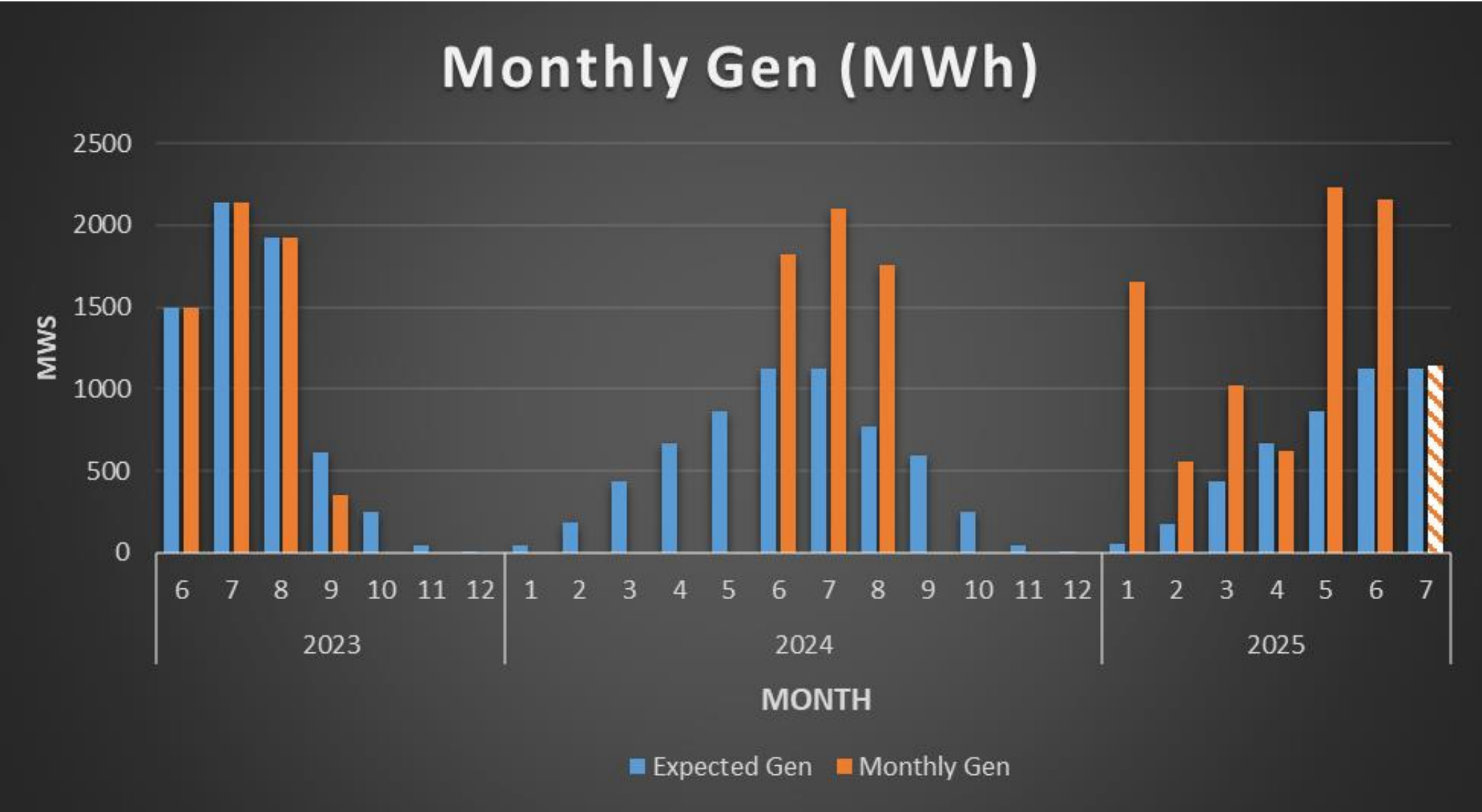
Note: Battery portion of project came online at the end of Q1 '25

# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: Resurgence





# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: Indian Valley



Note: Parties are discussing an extension to the power purchase agreement



# Item 6 – Power Portfolio Update: Takeaways

- VCE has successfully navigated compliance period 4 & meeting future compliance period targets should not be an issue
- Generally, VCE's PPAs are performing as expected
  - Putah & Willy 9 Chap 2 BESS are experiencing some hiccups with the charge/discharge cycles. Technical issues are being addressed.
  - Indian Valley small hydro PPA may be extended
- VCE's utility-scale procurement for the foreseeable future consists of stand-alone BESS, wind and baseload (most likely geothermal).
  - VCE's membership in CC Power is critical to contracting some of these resource types
    - CC Power is currently evaluating geothermal responses from a recent RFI
- The Long duration storage (LDS) project (Goal Line) that was terminated should not be an issue for VCE to backfill

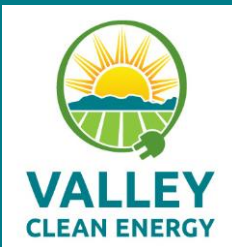




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## VCE Community Advisory Committee Meeting – July 24, 2025

### Item 7 - 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Major Update - Initial draft



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# Item 7 –Strategic Plan Update (2026-29): Overview

## **Overview**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the CAC with the opportunity to provide high-level feedback on the Initial Draft of the Strategic Plan Major Update for 2026-2029, as well as a subsequent survey in August.

### **This presentation provides:**

1. 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Major Update - Background
2. 2026-2029 Strategic Plan Major Update - Initial draft
3. Customer Survey

As a reminder, Major Updates to the Strategic Plan are intended to:

- Identify changes in the overall CCA environment (economics, policy, technology, etc.) and describe their relevance for VCE
- Review key organizational fundamentals (Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan Goals)
- Incorporate long-term adjustments based on strategic and customer requirements

# 2026-2026 Strategic Plan Background

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# STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2029

## MAJOR UPDATE TIMELINE

Brief Survey Issued May 1<sup>st</sup> – Points allocation for customer priorities

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- 1) Financial Strength / Rates
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Workshop Review of CAC Strategic Plan Recommendations, Survey #1 & #2 Results and Next Steps



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# Item 7 –Strategic Plan Update (2026-29): Administrative Updates

## **Workshop Feedback**

Over the course of the two workshops comments and feedback from the CAC and a limited number of participants from the public were gathered. General themes and several specific points outlined below have been incorporated into the attached draft Initial Plan Update.

- Affordability
- Incorporating additional local distributed energy resources into VCE's resource mix
- Affirming commitment and focus on low-income and other vulnerable customers



# 2026-2026 Strategic Plan Initial Draft

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## Administrative Updates

After the preliminary review, Staff and the Strategic Plan Task Group generally agreed VCE's strategic plan is robust and comprehensive, addressing key priorities and providing a solid base from which to move forward. The following administrative updates have been included in the staff report preliminary draft attachments.

- Near-Term Vision (Launch) – Transition to completed during launch.
- “Affordability” – Added throughout the document to emphasize and elevate existing customer rate priority.
  - For example, **VCE MISSION** - Deliver cost-competitive affordable clean electricity, product choice, price stability, energy efficiency, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.
- Startup to Operational – In general VCE has completed key organizational startup components and transitioned to operational effectiveness and efficiency.
  - Transitioned language related to startup phase in specific sections.
  - Language transitioned from “establish” or “obtain” to “sustain” or “maintain”.

# Item 7 –Strategic Plan Update (2026-29): Initial Draft Updates

**Affordability** – An emphasis has been generally incorporated in the Goals and Objectives of the attached draft Update.

- e.g. Objective 1.4: Manage customer rates to optimize VCE’s financial goals while maintaining rate affordability and competitiveness with PG&E.

**Local distributed energy resources (DER)** into VCE’s resource mix

- e.g. Objective 2.3 Identify and pursue cost-effective, local distributed energy resources, including both front-of-meter solar+storage resources for VCE’s renewable energy supply portfolio, as well as behind-the-meter solar+storage aggregations (VPPs) to help reduce RA requirements.

Re-emphasize commitment and focus on **low-income and other vulnerable** customers.

- e.g Objective 3.5: Develop and implement customer programs and initiatives that prioritize decarbonization, community resiliency, rate affordability, and customer savings, including focused efforts on low-income and medically vulnerable customers.



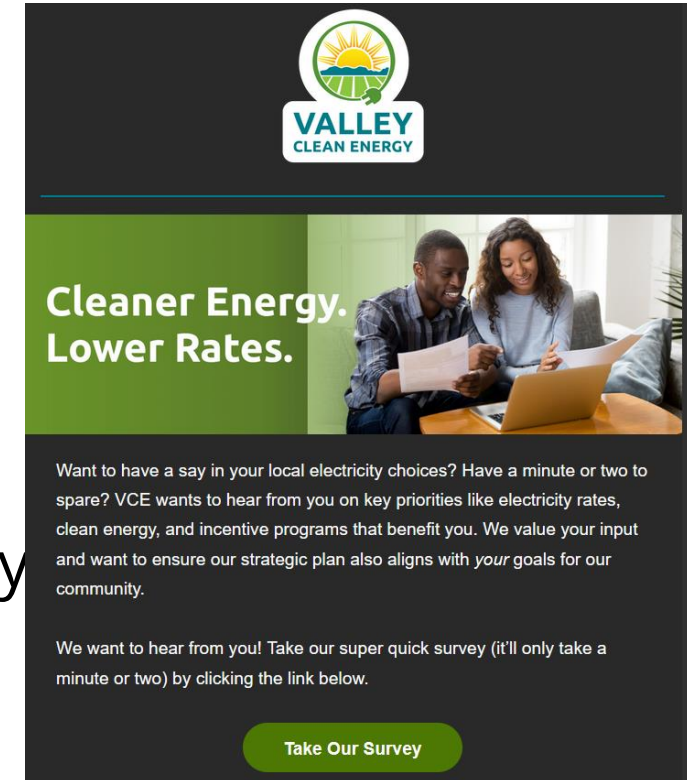
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## Survey Results

- 5.16.25: 45,117 Contacts received email
  - Survey + Invite to Workshop #1
  - Open rate 13% (low/avg)
- Participants ranked their top priorities:
  - #1 (46%): 100% clean or renewable electricity
  - #2: (41%): Giving discounts to customers
  - #3: (39%): Customer-benefiting programs
  - #4: (38%): Building financial reserves



# Strategic Plan Feedback

## Survey Results: Qualitative Feedback

- Feedback was varied, some recurrent themes:
  - Affordability/High Rates
  - Education/VCE Marketing (more brand recognition needed)
  - Desire for VCE Municipalization

**Please provide your opinion on VCE's priorities and add any that are not listed: (responses):**

***"Cheaper electricity, right now there's not much real savings over just using PGE. Bills are too high to really think about other priorities."***

***"Customer service is a plus one being able to talk to someone for help."***

***"Customer education about electricity and gas prices even though gas is not your game."***



***"Replace PGE."***

***"LOWER RATES!"***

## Survey: Next Steps

- Subsequent survey in development
  - Will be sent to 200+ participants that provided emails for follow-up
  - Feedback from second survey will be incorporated into Strategic Plan draft reviewed at September Board Strategic Plan Workshop
  - Focus Groups planned for 2026; input from surveys will be incorporated into design



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# 2026-2026 Strategic Plan Major Update Next Steps

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# Item 7 – Strategic Plan Update (2026-29): Summary Discussion

## **Summary & Next Steps**

- This initial draft work completed to date and an opportunity to provide high-level feedback before seeking a Board recommendation from the CAC at the August 28, 2025 meeting.
- The updated Plan is anticipated to be adopted by the Board by the end of 2025.

## **Discussion**

The VCE team seeks additional feedback from individual CAC members based on latest Strategic Plan Update – Initial Draft.