



**Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC)  
of Valley Clean Energy Alliance  
Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.  
City of Woodland Council Chambers  
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

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

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If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC and included in the official record, please hand it to a member of VCE staff who will distribute the information to the CAC members and other staff.

Please note that the numerical order of items is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order on the request of any CAC member with the concurrence of the CAC. Staff recommendations are advisory to the CAC. The CAC may take any action it deems appropriate on any item on the agenda even if it varies from the staff recommendation.

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

### **5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Public Comment:** This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the CAC on any VCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda or are listed on the Consent portion of the agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the Regular agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the CAC are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker, electronically submitted comments should be limited to approximately 300 words. Comments that are longer than 300 words will only be read for two minutes. All electronically submitted comments, whether read in their entirety or not, will be posted to the VCE website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. See the information below under **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.
- 3. Brief Task Group Reports and VCE Staff Report (~ 15 minutes)** - Representatives of VCE staff will provide verbal updates on on-going Staff 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.)

### **CONSENT AGENDA (~ 5 minutes)**

- 4. Approval of August 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes.**
- 5. Receive 2025 Long Range Calendar. (Information)**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 6. Further discussion and seeking recommendation on Large Electric Load Policy. (Discussion/Action) (~ 45 minutes)**



- 7. 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.
- 8. Announcement and Adjournment.** The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public Comments:** Public participation for this meeting will be done electronically via e-mail and during the meeting as described below.

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  - A. If you are attending by computer, activate the “participants” icon at the bottom of your screen, then raise your hand (hand clap icon) under “reactions”. When called upon, you will be “unmuted” to allow to speak.
  - B. If you are attending by phone only, you will need to press \*9 to raise your hand. When called upon, press \*6 to unmute your microphone.

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

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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report - Item 4**

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** CAC August 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** September 25, 2025

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**Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached August 28, 2025 meeting Minutes.

Attachment: August 28, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 5:00 a.m.  
City of Davis Conference Room  
(inside Community Chambers building)  
23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616**

Chair Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025 beginning at 5:00 p.m., held at the City of Davis Conference Room, inside Community Chambers building, located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

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

Committee Members Absent: None

**Welcome** Chair Rahul Athalye welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that VCE is still seeking candidates to fill the unincorporated Yolo County CAC seat.

**Public Comment / Introductions** There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items.

**Brief VCE staff Report**

**Task Group Reports:**

1. Legislative & Regulatory – Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the legislative session will end on September 12<sup>th</sup> and then the first year of the legislative session will begin. He provided updates on several legislative bills; reported that the Task Group is monitoring Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) and the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).
2. Bioenergy – Mark Aulman informed those present that this Task Group is on hiatus until the vacant Chief Operating Officer position has been filled.
3. Outreach & Programs – VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski reported that the Task Group continues to review Phase 2 of the Electric Vehicle program.
4. Strategic Plan – On the Regular agenda is the major update to the Strategic Plan. Nothing else to report.

**Staff Report:** VCE Chief Executive Officer Mitch Sears announced that VCE is currently seeking candidates for the Chief Operating Officer position. He announced that VCE Staff Edward Burnham will be the primary staff person for the CAC. VCE is expanding its Electric Advisor program services to business customers starting with working with the VCE member jurisdictions (County and Cities) and has brought on Chris Cole, a SMUD senior energy advisor to assist with the outreach, analysis, and recommendations. Mr. Sears announced that “prepaid savings” began with July 2025



Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) invoices; and, VCE Staff along with its consultants are continuing to analyze Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) projections. He informed those present that CC Power's long duration storage project is moving forward with an anticipated operational date by second quarter of 2026. Mr. Sears announced that VCE's website has been updated and revamped; and that several events which VCE is participating in: 1) Drive Electric week in Davis at the end of September, 2) Salmon Festival in Winters in November, and 3) the Winters and Woodland Farmers Markets this weekend.

## **Agenda**

### **Consent Items**

There were no written or verbal public comments as identified above. Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Diccon Westworth. Motion passed with Danielle Ballard abstaining. The following items were:

4. approved June 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes;
5. received Customer Participation update (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025); and,
6. received 2025 Long Range Calendar.

### **Item 7: Seeking feedback and recommendation on Major update of VCE's Strategic Plan for 2026-2029. (Discussion/Action)**

VCE Staff provided an overview and background of updating the VCE's Strategic Plan; reiterated that Staff incorporated comments and feedback from the Strategic Plan Tsk Group, CAC from prior meetings, input from workshop participants from the public, and results from customer surveys. The draft major update emphasizes affordability, energy resilience, incorporating additional local distributed energy resources into VCE's resource mix, and affirming commitment and focus on low-income and other vulnerable customers.

The CAC discussed several topics with Staff, such as: definitions of renewable, carbon-free, and local energy; measurement of energy; solar and battery storage programs for customers; rate redesign; development of strategies; and, the role of energy efficiency and transportation. The CAC asked that some minor corrections be made to the draft major update. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Lorenzo Kristov for the CAC to recommend to the Board that they adopt the Major update with minor corrections of VCE's Strategic Plan for 2026-2029, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Taylor, Aulman, Kristov, Springer, Rindahl, Westworth, Halberstadt, Ballard, Rodriguez, Athalye  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None



**Item 8 – Introduction and discussion of Large Electric Load Policy. (Discussion)**

Mr. Sears introduced VCE’s consultant Don Dame who was present for the meeting. Mr. Dame introduced himself and gave a brief background on his experience and work with VCE Staff on drafting a Large Electric Load (LEL) Customer Service Policy. Mr. Sears reiterated the need for a LEL Customer Service Policy; issues/opportunities of such a policy; and, VCE’s request for discussion and input from the CAC.

The CAC and Staff discussed: the needs of large load customers; cost implications to all customers; possible effects on VCE’s services; principles of the draft policy; how other CCAs and IOUs are addressing and handling large load customers and the demands of providing large amount of power; the effects of large load business facilities; potential impacts to the power grid; the definition of a large load customer; possible agreement structure between a LEL customer and VCE; and, possible cost implications to VCE of providing power to large load customers.

There were no verbal or written public comments. The CAC requested that the discussion on a draft LEL Customer Service Policy be continued to the next CAC meeting. Chair Athalye asked CAC Members to email their questions and/or comments to Mr. Sears. At this time, the CAC is not ready to make a recommendation to the Board.

**Item 9: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements**

There were no announcements by the CAC members or VCE Staff.

**Adjournment to Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, September 25, 2025 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke  
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst



**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report – Item 5**

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Receive 2025 Long Range Calendar meeting topics

**DATE:** September 25, 2025

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Please find attached the 2025 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. Please note that it has 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 2025, the CAC's meeting dates have been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday and are as follows:

- November 20, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) – Woodland
- December 18, 2025 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) – Davis

**Attachment:**

1. 2025 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY**  
**2025 Meeting Dates and Proposed Topics**  
**Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**  
**(Note: Meeting locations and Topics are subject to change)**

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

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

\*No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

July 10, 2025	Board Woodland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting cancelled.</li> </ul>	
July 24, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review preliminary draft Strategic Plan Major Update and Survey Plan (O)</li> <li>Power Portfolio Update (O)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information/Discussion</li> <li>Information</li> </ul>
August 14, 2025	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO MEETING*</li> </ul>	
August 28, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review draft Strategic Plan Major update / Seeking recommendation to the Board</li> <li>Large Load Tariff Design</li> <li>Customer Participation Update (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025) (O)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Information</li> </ul>
September 11, 2025	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certification of 2024 Power Content Label (Annual) (R)</li> <li>Capitalization Policy (placeholder) (O)</li> <li>Customer Participation Update (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025) (O)</li> <li>AgFIT Pilot Program Update (O)</li> <li>Strategic Plan Major Update Workshop (O)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action</li> <li>Information/Discussion</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
September 25, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large Load Rate Setting Policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
October 9, 2025	Board (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enterprise Risk Management Update (Annual) (R)</li> <li>Customer Participation Update (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025) (O)</li> <li>Legislative End of Session Update (O)</li> <li>Adoption of Strategic Plan Major Update (O)</li> <li>Large Load Rate Setting Policy (O)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Information/Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
October 23, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 Power Content Label Outreach (placeholder) (O)</li> <li>Customer Participation Update (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025) (O)</li> <li>Legislative End of Session Update (O)</li> <li>Review Phase 2 of EV Rebate Program ("Charge Your Ride") / Seeking recommendation to the Board (placeholder)</li> <li>GHG Free Attributes (R)</li> <li>Integrated Resource Plan (R)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
November 13, 2025	Board (Woodland)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2026 Preliminary Operating Budget (R)</li> <li>GHG Free Attributes (R)</li> <li>Integrated Resource Plan (R)</li> <li>Contract Renewals (R)</li> <li>Adoption of Strategic Plan Major Update (placeholder) (O)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information/Discussion</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 2 of EV Rebate Program ("Charge Your Ride") (O) (placeholder)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
November 27, 2025 November 20, 2025 (rescheduled to November 20 due to Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Advisory Committee (Woodland)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review CAC Draft 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R)</li> <li>Draft 2026 Legislative &amp; Regulatory Platform (R)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
December 11, 2025	<b>Board (Davis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve 2026 Operating Budget (Annual) and 2026 Customer Rates (R)</li> <li>Receive VCE Grant/Program Annual Report (R)</li> <li>2026 Legislative &amp; Regulatory Platform (R)</li> <li>Contract Renewals (R)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Discussion/Action</li> </ul>
December 25, 2025 December 18, 2025 (rescheduled to December 18 due to Christmas holiday on Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Advisory Committee (Davis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R)</li> <li>Power Portfolio Update (R)</li> <li>Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion/Action</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Nominations</li> </ul>
January 8, 2026	<b>Board (Woodland)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R)</li> <li>Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R)</li> <li>Customer Participation Update (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025) (O)</li> <li>2025 Year in review: Customer Care &amp; Marketing (R)</li> <li>Receive 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action</li> <li>Nominations</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Information</li> </ul>
January 22, 2026	<b>Advisory Committee (Woodland)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rates/Budget 2026 Update (O)</li> <li>Customer Participation Update (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025) (O)</li> <li>2026 CAC Task Group(s) formation (Annual) (R)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information</li> <li>Information</li> <li>Discuss/Action</li> </ul>

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

CAC PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS Topics and Discussion dates may change as needed	<u>ESTIMATED</u> MEETING DATE(S)

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**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report - Item 6**

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Mitch Sears, Chief Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Draft VCE Large Electric Load (LEL) Customer Service Policy,  
Second Review by CAC

**DATE:** September 25, 2025

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Review goals, objectives and desirability of establishing a VCE Large Electric Load (LEL) Customer Service Policy (Policy). Attain CAC recommendation for Board review and adoption.

**OVERVIEW**

Staff proposes that VCE implement a large load service policy to establish guidelines to assess associated potential operational and economic impacts on VCE and VCE customers. The Policy would also provide flexibility to contractually serve LEL customers pursuant to terms and conditions meeting VCE's operational and financial criteria coupled with detailing the LEL's power supply service needs, possibly including any LEL generation resources. Each separately negotiated Power Sales Contract (PSC) would include pricing, load characteristics, credit support and contract duration details. The PSC would be in lieu of typically more generic standard tariff service. VCE currently has no large load policy and any new large customer would currently expect to receive service under a standard VCE tariff, or if a new customer were to opt-out of CCA service, it could attain commodity supply service under a bundled PG&E tariff. PG&E would provide power delivery service in either case.

**BACKGROUND**

VCE staff discussed this item with the CAC at the CAC's August 28, 2025 meeting and agreed to carry over this item to the CAC's September 2025 meeting to provide an opportunity for the CAC to further discuss and make a recommendation to the Board. This Staff Report summarizes the proposed Policy and includes comments/responses from the August CAC meeting.

**CAC DISCUSSION POINTS**

Below are August 2025 CAC comments together with follow-up staff notes. The points are in no particular order of emphasis.

1. LEL Size Impacts – CAC discussed the relative impacts associated with LEL size and why the proposed policy indicated a 2MW threshold.
  - The 2 MW threshold is a place holder and could be adjusted; VCE’s largest current customers consume below the 2 MW level. The proposed Policy would allow staff to incorporate a new LEL via a standard tariff if special terms and conditions were not deemed applicable. Staff also indicated that new load impacts may be influenced by the size of new loads relative to existing total customer loads, and as new loads were to become a larger percentage of existing loads, impacts may vary accordingly.
2. LEL Load Characteristics – CAC discussed how load shape might impact VCE operations and economics.
  - Staff agreed LEL load shapes and load factors are important considerations and would be considered as part of an Impact Study. And if a PSC is utilized, specific terms and conditions would be included to address and acknowledge load shape and load factor impacts.
3. Cost of Serving LEL – CAC discussed how service cost might be established.
  - Staff indicated the proposed Policy provides for conducting an Impact Study to estimate LEL costs and impacts with a general rule of thumb of using the greater of marginal cost (MC) or average cost (AC) as a basis for service charges, as well as mitigating other potential concerns such as minimum energy deliveries, minimum contract term and appropriate credit support. LEL additions have the potential to increase or decrease average VCE costs.
4. Policy does not specify PSC development process --- CAC commented that the proposed Policy did not specify particular PSC negotiation timelines or service terms.
  - Staff acknowledged that the proposed Policy was primarily designed to: 1) optionally assess whether a PSC is needed; 2) investigate operational and economic impacts via an Impact Study (if warranted); and 3) utilize a PSC to specify service terms and conditions which both mitigate identified impacts and meet customer service needs. Each PSC would likely be unique and PSC development timelines could vary subject to size, impacts, credit support requirements, operational complexity and the like.
5. Impact on Resources Availability – CAC suggested that if a new load were sufficiently large, it might impact overall regional power resource availability and cost.
  - Staff agreed that this could be the case but it would likely be a function of ultimate new load size, load shape/factor, whether the LEL unilaterally intended to self-provide all/some needed resources, and load interrupt ability to perhaps provide intermittent grid support. Staff also noted that any region-wide and/or grid level resource impacts would likely be similar regardless of whether load service is attained by either VCE or bundled service from the local IOU.

6. Connection Timelines – CAC suggested the likely determining factor of any new load addition would be connection time to attain physical grid access.
  - Staff agreed. And depending on the range and size of facilities needed (existing or to be constructed), such lead times could be months to years, especially if transmission line extensions and or new substations are required.
7. Administrative & General (A&G) Costs – CAC asked about A&G cost.
  - Staff responded these tend to be fixed overhead costs which generally do not vary appreciably with energy sales volumes. Dilution of A&G costs may occur with new load additions and thus benefit all retail customers. Note also that A&G is a relatively small component of overall VCE electric service costs which are primarily driven by power supply, resource adequacy mandates and regulatory compliance costs.
8. Impact on Financial Reserves -- CAC inquired about how VCE's financial reserve levels might be affected by a new LEL.
  - Staff suggests that as retail loads and total operating costs increase, there is generally a proportional need to increase reserve balances. Increasing reserve amounts could be collected proportionately from all customers or perhaps be collected/assigned in some manner from/to the new LEL. Staff anticipates this issue would be an integral part of an Impact Study and then subsequently addressed in specific PSC terms and conditions. Noting that a new LEL customer may provide other operational attributes and or credit support mechanisms partially or fully offsetting reserve additions.
9. Are new loads “good” or “bad” – CAC asked about whether new loads would be beneficial to VCE.
  - Staff responded that overall new customer reputation, load characteristics, financial solidity, and credit arrangements would combine with PSC contract terms to help mitigate any potential “bads” and enhance potential “goods.” Key PSC objectives would include addressing contract duration as well as what might happen if a new LEL were to terminate prematurely for some reason. Again, these issues should be identified and addressed in each specific PSC. In general, customers are both essential and beneficial contributors to business success in that they are the revenue source which fund all VCE costs.
10. Impact on VCE Portfolio – the CAC discussed how VCE's power portfolio goals might be impacted by a LEL.
  - Staff responded there could be significant portfolio impacts. If, say, the new LEL wanted its supply based on meeting only minimum RPS requirements, for example, which could result in VCE becoming less “green.” Alternatively, if the new LEL desired to be, say, 100% renewable, VCE's environmental impact could become more “green.” Portfolio composition would likely be addressed in an Impact Study and in the PSC.



11. Other Spinoff Impacts – the CAC observed that many other factors could be affected by large load additions including traffic, local jobs, land and water use.
  - Staff agrees there could be other local/regional issues. However, other agencies would be addressing these types of potential impacts and VCE expects to limit its approach to identifying and mitigating specific power supply related matters within the context of the PSC. Other local/regional issues should be addressed by the appropriate and responsible governmental and regulatory agencies.
12. Risk of Non-Performance -- the CAC explored the question of added business risk associated with serving large new loads and what might result if a new large load were to terminate service prematurely or not otherwise fulfill its PSC obligations.
  - Staff indicated this was an important issue and suggested identifying/addressing LEL risks would be one of the major topics of the Impact Study and the terms of a PSC. A PSC would include much more detailed language regarding the responsibilities and obligations of the parties versus alternatively utilizing some form of standard tariff service.
13. “Gut Perspective” of LEL Policy – the CAC asked about staff’s perspective of the proposed LEL Policy.
  - Staff believes the proposed Policy provides VCE a new customer service approach that would allow flexibility to initiate service under existing tariff arrangements if no significant impacts were identified. And if concerns about possible operational, risk and or existing customer implications arise, the Policy provides for an Impact Study to investigate and identify impacts and outline possible mitigating actions which could be implemented by way of a PSC. A PSC may also provide VCE the ability to incorporate service terms and conditions more suitable to new LEL customer needs.

The general CAC discussion outlined potential benefits and burdens associated with large new loads. Staff wants to note that there can be significant benefits from adding new loads including: dilution of fixed cost to all customers; possible improvement of overall RPS portfolio; ability to reduce risk via added contract and resource diversity, and possible “green” programs expansion funded with commensurately higher revenue levels. Each new LEL likely has its internal goals and objectives, but the new customer might also be open to developing “model” energy production and use protocols benefiting all customers. Opportunities of this nature would be explored as part of an Impact Study and any subsequent PSC development.

#### Summary of LEL Policy Provisions (as included in the August CAC Staff Report)

1. Defining a LEL based on added energy load greater than 20,000 MWh or peak demand equal to or exceeding 2MW during any contiguous 12-month period.
2. LEL customers must notify VCE of intent to add/increase load prior to facilities construction or establishing LEL service.

3. Provisions to conduct a Business and Power Supply Impact study to evaluate reasonable costs and operational implications of serving such LEL, how new LEL customers may affect existing customers, power supply portfolio and composition, and identify and recommend any needed mitigation measures.
4. Analysis of the feasibility and implications of new load service to the LEL and form of such service (*e.g.*, whether the prospective LEL is to be served under an existing tariff arrangement or may require a separately negotiated Power Sales Contract (PSC) between VCEA and the LEL entity).
5. LEL tariffs and/or PSCs are to recover the associated reasonable costs incurred by VCEA to serve such LEL, including contributions to A&G, overhead costs and financial operating reserves, while complying with applicable law, VCEA's Implementation Plan, Board rates and rate adjustments and the goals of controlling transaction costs and protecting VCEA's customers.
6. PSCs are to comply with applicable VCE risk management policies and procedures.
7. VCE's Chief Executive Officer, or his/her designee, shall have authority to negotiate PSCs in consultation with General and/or Special Counsel. VCEA's Enterprise Risk Oversight Committee (EROC) shall review and recommend approval of any PSC prior to consideration by the Board of Directors.
8. PSCs must be approved by the VCE Board of Directors.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no direct fiscal impacts. Under the draft LEL Policy new large electric load fiscal impacts would be evaluated and addressed on a case-by-case basis when such prospective customers notice intention of becoming a VCE customer. VCE tariffs and/or PSCs should be designed to recover and allocate VCEA's reasonable costs to provide service to such customers.

#### **SUMMARY**

Establishing a large electric load service policy would provide guidance to staff and prospective LEL customers regarding noticing, evaluating and managing such new loads as well as provide flexibility to incorporate nonstandard terms and conditions on a case-by-case basis by providing service under PSC arrangements. Any negotiated PSC is to be approved by the Board prior to service implementation.

Staff is requesting the CAC recommend the draft Policy for review and consideration by the Board.

#### **ATTACHMENT**

1. Draft Large Electric Load Customer Service Policy

## **VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY**

### **LARGE ELECTRIC LOAD CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY**

Valley Clean Energy's (VCE) mission is to provide clean electricity, product choice, and greenhouse gas emission reductions --- all with local control at lower prices. VCE has adopted this Large Electric Load Customer Service Policy (Policy) to assure consistency with its mission while providing efficiency and value when offering retail power supply to Large Electric Load (LEL) Customers. The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance to LEL Customers regarding VCE electric service pursuant to defined commercial terms, and to provide transparent guidelines to VCE staff in evaluating and providing such service to existing and new LEL Customers. This Policy may be revised from time to time by the VCE Board.

#### **POLICY PARTICULARS:**

- 1) A LEL Customer is an existing or new customer that has historically, or is projected to consume and/or add greater than 20,000 MWh or incur a 2 MW or greater peak demand to its energy use during any contiguous 12-month period.
- 2) Prospective and existing LEL Customers are required to contact VCE's business office at [email/phone #] prior to facilities construction for new load service and or increasing existing load service above the threshold levels described in Paragraph 1 above.
- 3) For LEL additions, VCE, at its sole discretion, may require a Business and Power Supply Impact Study (IS) to estimate reasonable costs and operational implications of serving such LEL, together with identifying associated administrative, economic, reliability and or regulatory compliance effects on VCE or VCE's customer base, including, but not limited to, procurement composition requirements such as Renewables Portfolio Standards and Integrated Resource Planning processes. If an IS is conducted, VCE will manage or oversee such IS, the funding for which will be provided by VCE, the LEL entity, or some combination of both, as outlined in a letter agreement between VCE and the LEL.
- 4) VCE shall analyze the feasibility and implications of new load service to the LEL and form of such service (e.g., whether the prospective LEL is to be served under an existing tariff arrangement or may require a separately negotiated Power Sales Contract (PSC) between VCE and the LEL entity). If a PSC is required, such PSC shall identify and formalize commercial terms of service including power supply charges, resource adequacy obligations, local and system capacity obligations, contract duration, credit provisions, current and future regulatory requirements and other factors pertinent to VCE and the LEL. Such PSC may include flexibility for the LEL to self-provide and or self-procure, all or a portion of its power supply requirements.
- 5) LEL PSCs are intended to recover reasonable costs incurred by VCE associated with serving such LEL including a reasonable contribution to VCE's administrative and general costs and financial operating reserves, while complying with applicable law, VCE's Implementation Plan, Board rates and rate adjustments, approved business, operating and

risk management policies and the goals of controlling transaction costs and protecting VCE's customers.

- 6) LEL PSCs are intended to identify and mitigate potential operational and cost risks to VCE, VCE's existing customer base, and the LEL customer, in a manner consistent with VCE's risk management policies and procedures. Successful consummation of a PSC is a prerequisite for any LEL to obtain power supply services from VCE.
- 7) VCE's Chief Executive Officer, or his/her designee, shall have the authority to negotiate PSCs in consultation with VCE's General or Special Counsel, as applicable. VCE's Enterprise Risk Oversight Committee (EROC) shall review and recommend approval of any PSC prior to consideration by the Board of Directors.
- 8) PSCs must be approved by the VCE Board of Directors.