



POWER UP *with* VCE!

Valley Clean Energy Newsletter, Spring 2021

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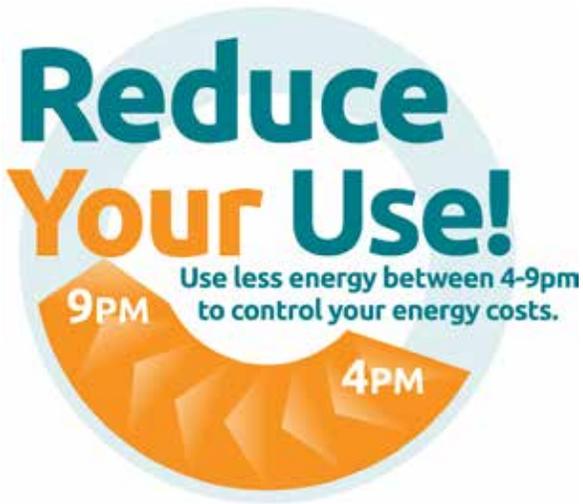
VCE Signs Solar + Storage Deal

With our recent Board of Directors' approval of another new power purchase agreement, VCE took a big step toward our goal of providing cost-effective renewable energy and energy resilience to our customers.

The Resurgence Solar I project, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, is under development in San Bernardino County. When completed, the total capacity of the solar PV project is 90 megawatts of power and 75 MW of battery storage. Our 20-year contract will supply enough energy annually to power 2/3 of the households served by VCE, with battery storage delivered to the grid in the early evening, when the sun goes down.

This contract for renewables follows on the heels of local agreements recently signed with Putah Creek and Gibson Solar, right here in Yolo County. [Read more >](#)

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Save \$ with Time-of-Use Rates

We're encouraging our customers—whenever possible—to thoughtfully manage the time when they use electricity, avoiding peak times when rates are higher—from 4-9pm on weekdays. VCE customers can opt into a TOU rate, and it could help to save money on electric bills.

When on a TOU rate, manage your costs by using dishwashers, EV chargers, laundry and other high electricity-consuming appliances early in the day, after 9pm, or on weekends, whenever possible. **Reduce your use between 4pm and 9pm for the lowest rates!** For more information, check out our new Time-of-Use website page in early April.



Donate your NEM Credit

Customers with solar panels know that our Net Energy Metering (NEM) program is a great way to carry your excess generation credits from one month—when you don't need them—to the next month—when you might.

If you still have generation credits at the end of your 12-month billing period, VCE's NEM Donation Program offers you a third option:

- You may receive a check for your credit
- You may have the credit rolled over to offset future charges, or
- You may donate the value of your credit to one of two local community-based organizations.

VCE is partnering with the [Yolo County Housing Authority](#) and [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento](#), so that we can share our good fortune with those who may need a hand. All donations remain within Yolo County. Check out our website in early April for details.

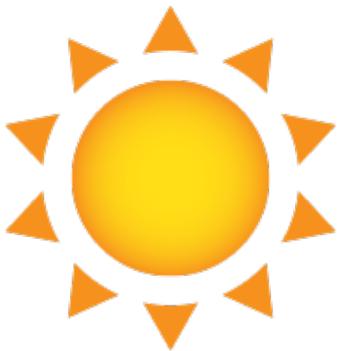
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Financial Assistance Resources Available

If income issues are making it hard to make ends meet, there are several California state program resources, such as the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and the Family Electric Rate Assistance programs that could help. Financial assistance programs range from help with paying bills to grants for energy efficiency upgrades, electric vehicles, and Wi-Fi costs.

You can find details on our [website](#), and how to apply.
It can take as little as 5 minutes.



Take Charge of your Power Bills

Spring is here, which means that Summer is just around the corner—with the promise of heat that can drive your energy bills up. Taking some time to plan wisely now could save you money on those power bills in the warmer months ahead.

Cool Davis has a [great resource list](#) to share, which we recommend checking out. The Cool Solutions Planning Guides you'll find at this link were created to offer thoughtful suggestions and provide tools for assessing your household situation.

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Edward Burnham Joins VCE Staff

We're excited to welcome our new Director of Finance and Internal Operations to Valley Clean Energy! **Edward Burnham** recently joined our ranks to oversee finance and accounting, as well as the treasury, enterprise risk, information technology and audits.

Prior to joining VCE, Edward served with the County of Yolo as the Manager overseeing revenues, treasury, and finance. He spent a dozen years working in various international financial positions, and we're happy to have him on board.

Welcome, Edward!

ultra green spotlight



Look Who's in the Spotlight!

Every day offers another opportunity for you to opt up to UltraGreen, VCE's highest level of renewable service. It's completely renewable and carbon-free, and costs just a few dollars more each month for the average family. Our latest UltraGreen spotlight customer, **Andrew Waterhouse**, told us why he thinks it's so important to opt up:

"Everyone needs to be reducing their carbon footprints! UltraGreen from VCE is an affordable way to demand sustainable energy and close the door on greenhouse gas-emitting power sources. In addition to using only 100% UltraGreen electricity, we cool our home with a

whole house fan overnight in the summer to reduce our electrical demand. And we bike when we can—it's a fun, pollution-free way to get around town. So join the movement!"

It's folks like Andy and so many others that make the difference. While our UltraGreen customers significantly reduce their carbon footprints, sharing their messages in our Spotlight section can resonate with the community and lead to an increase in the adoption of 100% renewable and carbon-free electricity in our county.

Are you ready to go UltraGreen? If you're able to make a greater effort, please consider **opting up** to our 100% renewable, carbon-free UltraGreen service. It costs just 1.5 cents more per kWh, and will virtually eliminate your carbon footprint from electricity use. This is only about \$3-7 a month more, depending on your usage.

VCE Quarterly Mascot



Doesn't Everybody Love Bacon?!!?

When **Bacon** set out to be adopted, she looked for a family exactly like that of Winters City Council Member **Jesse Loren**—a family that loves frolicking outdoors, as she does.

Bacon is a rescue dog adopted in 2016—a cross of German Shepherd and Poodle known as “Shepoodle.” While the moniker may lack glamour, this dog displays a terrific sense of style and scores high marks in outdoor athletics. Bacon loves water, swimming, hiking, and off-leash romps at the beach.

A true environmentalist at heart, Bacon never leaves the lights on. But the resident feline, with whom she shares the house, has convinced her to use an LED nightlight to avoid midnight collisions.

Of Interest

Spring has Sprung in Yolo County

With flowering trees bursting into bloom and all manner of wildlife coming to life at this time of year, we'd like to offer a brief tour through some of the pictorial highlights of Yolo County, as seen through the eyes of our volunteer staff photographer extraordinaire, Yvonne Hunter. You can see much more of her work at her [website](#).



Community Survey on VCE Programs

Your input matters to VCE

In an effort to design and implement programs that better serve our customers, Valley Clean Energy (VCE) would like your feedback. This survey is our initial step in asking our customers about priorities related to community re-investment through VCE programs. Your participation will provide community input towards shaping a clean, greener, and more resilient Yolo County for all – in 5 minutes or less!

All survey results are anonymous.