

## VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

### Staff Report – Item 18

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Mitch Sears, Executive Officer  
Alisa Lembke, VCE Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Consider Reappointment(s)/Appointments to jurisdictional seats on Community Advisory Committee

**DATE:** July 14, 2022

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. Reappoint the following Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Members for a three (3) year term to expire 2025:
  - a. City of Winters – David Springer
  - b. City of Woodland – Mark Aulman
  - c. County of Yolo – Cynthia Rodriguez
2. Based on City of Davis jurisdictional Board member recommendation, appoint Rahul Athalye to fill a City of Davis jurisdictional seat for a three (3) year term to expire 2025.

#### BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Board at their September 9, 2021 meeting, adopted a [revised Community Advisory Committee \(CAC\) structure](#) with eleven total members: eight jurisdictional members (two per jurisdiction) and three additional seats for At-large members intended to fill specific subject matter expertise/experience areas. As part of the newly adopted CAC structure, the Board adopted [Item 15](#) on October 14, 2021, which included nonbinding recruitment/selection guidelines for recruiting and considering CAC applicants for At-Large seats and reappointed CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov to fill one of the three At-Large seats. On May 12, 2022, the Board appointed Keith Taylor and Kristin Jacobs to the two (2) vacant CAC At-Large seats, leaving two (2) applications on file.

Currently, several Members' terms expired in June 2022 (Class 1) and have agreed to stay on until the Board reappoints and/or appoints new applicants to fill each jurisdiction seat: Davis, Woodland, Winters and unincorporated Yolo County. Staff advertised on VCE's website, through local newspapers and jurisdiction partners seeking applicants for jurisdiction seats. In addition, CAC members sought out applicants. In response, Staff received two (2) new applications from City of Davis residents. No other applications were received.

As noted two (2) applications were on file from residents of the City of Davis who had previously applied for consideration for the two vacant At-Large seats: Mark Braly and Maris Samsel.

Staff reviewed the two new applications from City of Davis residents: Eugen Dunlap and Rahul Athalye.

Eugen Dunlap is interested in encouraging and educating others on the usage of electric vehicles and solar; he has 20 years experience in the promotion of electric vehicles, including participating in Sac-EVA; experience and a supporter of solar; knowledge of his community; and owned an environmental building material business.

Rahul Athalye is interested in providing renewable energy to households of all incomes in the community; has over 15-years experience working with building codes and standards, bringing technical and analytical perspective to the CAC and local communities; and, experience in building energy modeling and simulation, including source energy and energy costs.

Consistent with past practice, staff provided the four (4) applications to the jurisdiction Board Members (City of Davis), who after careful review and consideration recommend appointing Rahul Athalye to the Community Advisory Committee to the City of Davis seat for a three (3) year term to expire 2025.

#### Reappointment Applications of Existing CAC Members

Those Members whose term expired in June 2022 (Class 1) have submitted their interest to be reappointed for an additional three-year term ending in 2025.

#### **CLASS 1 - term expired in June 2022:**

Winters Rep. – David Springer  
Woodland Rep. – Mark Aulman  
Yolo County Rep. – Cynthia Rodriguez

All but Yvonne Hunter (City of Davis) are seeking reappointment.

If those mentioned above are reappointed/appointed, below is a listing of the other “classes” and expiration terms:

#### **CLASS 2 - term expiring June 2023**

Yolo Rep.- Marsha Baird  
Woodland Rep. - Christine Shewmaker  
Davis Rep.- Gerry Braun  
Winters Rep. - Jennifer Rindahl

#### **CLASS 3 - term expiring June 2024**

At-Large – Lorenzo Kristov  
At-Large – Keith Taylor  
At-Large – Kristin Jacobs

**CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends the Board consider reappointing/appointing the following to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for a three (3) year term to expire 2025:

- a. City of Winters – David Springer
- b. City of Woodland – Mark Aulman
- c. County of Yolo – Cynthia Rodriguez
- d. City of Davis - Rahul Athalye

Attachments:

- 1. City of Davis applications:
  - a. Mark Braly
  - b. Maris Samsel
  - c. Eugen Dunlap
  - d. Rahul Athalye



Return to:

Valley Clean Energy  
604 Second Street  
Davis, CA 95616

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION

Received on:  
6/29/2021  
AMK

**PERSONAL DATA SHEET**

Name: Braly Mark  
Last First Middle

Are you at least 18 years old? yes

Home Address: [REDACTED]  
Number/Street

DAVIS, CA [REDACTED]  
City/State/Zip

Email Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
Daytime Phone Evening/Weekend Phone

Business Title or Occupation: retired

Company/Organization: retired from federal government

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City, State and Zip

Which Valley Clean Energy jurisdiction do you reside in?

- City of Davis
- City of Woodland
- County of Yolo (Unincorporated)
- City of Winters

If you do not reside in Valley Clean Energy's jurisdictions, please include a separate statement to address why you are applying for this committee.

**Background Information:**

Why do you wish to serve as a member of the VCE Community Advisory Committee?

I am interested in VCE pursuing a goal of 100% renewable energy and efficiency sited within the VCE service territory partly for economic reasons.

## What experience/perspective would you bring to the committee?

I was founding president, Valley Climate Action Center, Davis, CA. This is a non-profit whose mission is to support the City of Davis in implementing its climate action plan.

Founding president of State Assistance Fund for Energy, California Business and Industrial Development Corporation (SAFE-BIDCO). SAFE-BIDCO was a state-sponsored and funded non-profit corporation which made loans to small businesses in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries.

Director, Mayor 's Energy Office, City of Los Angeles. Energy advisor to Mayor Tom Bradley and City Council. Coordinator of the city 's internal energy conservation program. Principal investigator for the " Energy LA Action Plan, " a comprehensive energy element for the city 's general plan which won the American Planning Association 's award for best urban plan of the year.

Administrator and researcher, Environmental Quality Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. EQL was a think-tank devoted to energy efficiency and renewable energy. It focused initially on the implementation of the federal Clean Air Act in the Los Angeles Basin. Co-author of: " Smog: A Report to the People. "

Please list your previous and present governmental and civic experience. Indicate when, position and duties:

Past chair of the City of Davis Planning Commission, past chair of board of directors of Community Housing Opportunities Corporation (CHOC); past vice chair of City of Davis Business and Economic Development Commission; former member, City of Davis Natural Resources Commission, member City of Davis Climate Action Team, which submitted a climate action plan to City Council; member, City of Davis Community Energy Choice Advisory Committee

List any special training or experience you have that you feel would benefit your committee service:

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Founding president of State Assistance Fund for Energy, California Business and Industrial Development Corporation (SAFE-BIDCO). SAFE-BIDCO was a state-sponsored and funded non-profit corporation which made loans to small businesses in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries.

Director, Mayor 's Energy Office, City of Los Angeles. Energy advisor to Mayor Tom Bradley and City Council. Coordinator of the city 's internal energy conservation program. Principal investigator for the " Energy LA Action Plan, " a comprehensive energy element for the city 's general plan which won the American Planning Association 's award for best urban plan of the year.

Administrator and researcher, Environmental Quality Laboratory, California Institute of Technology. EQL was a think-tank devoted to energy efficiency and renewable energy. It focused initially on the implementation of the federal Clean Air Act in the Los Angeles Basin. Co-author of: " Smog: A Report to the People. "

Do you have any interests or associations which might present a conflict of interest?  
If yes, please explain:

no

What do you feel are your most important qualifications?

Familiarity with market and technology of renewable energy and efficiency

What do you see as some of the significant issues facing the community in the next few years that might pertain to Valley Clean Energy's Community Advisory Committee?

impact of PG&E bankruptcy, possible purchase of distribution assets, growth of service territory

What do you hope to accomplish as a committee member?

VCE emphasis on locally sourced clean energy

**I am aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this committee and am willing and able to fulfill this commitment should I be appointed: (Initial here: [REDACTED])**

**Please attach your resume or any additional information or statements which you feel would be helpful to the Valley Clean Energy Board of Directors in reviewing your qualifications.**

#### AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I understand that in connection with this application for appointment, the information contained herein will be made available to the general public upon request. I further understand that if appointed, I may be required to take the oath of office and may be subject to requirements for filing financial disclosure statements.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]  
Please Sign Here

23 June 2021  
Date

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Date of appointment by the Valley Clean Energy Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of term: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this is re-appointment? \_\_\_\_\_



Received on:

3/6/2022 AML

Return to:

Valley Clean Energy  
604 Second Street  
Davis, CA 95616

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION

**PERSONAL DATA SHEET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you at least 18 years old? \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street City/State/Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Evening/Weekend Phone

Business Title or Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City, State and Zip

Which Valley Clean Energy jurisdiction do you reside in?  
 City of Davis  City of Woodland  County of Yolo (Unincorporated)  City of Winters

If you do not reside in Valley Clean Energy's jurisdictions, please include a separate statement to address why you are applying for this committee.

Are you seeking to fill an At-Large Seat?  Yes  No

**Background Information:**

Why do you wish to serve as a member of the VCE Community Advisory Committee?



What experience/perspective would you bring to the committee? Please reference the professional sector and related professional experience below for At-Large member applications in this section.

Please list your previous and present governmental and civic experience. Indicate when, position and duties:

List any special training or experience you have that you feel would benefit your committee service:

Do you have any interests or associations which might present a conflict of interest?  
If yes, please explain:

What do you feel are your most important qualifications?

What do you see as some of the significant issues facing the community in the next few years that might pertain to Valley Clean Energy's Community Advisory Committee?

What do you hope to accomplish as a committee member?

I hope to gain experience in advising policymakers, and improve the quality of life for myself and my community.

I am aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this committee and am willing and able to fulfill this commitment should I be appointed: (Initial here: MS )

Please attach your resume or any additional information or statements which you feel would be helpful to the Valley Clean Energy Board of Directors in reviewing your qualifications.

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3/11/22  
Date

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION

Received on:

5/20/2022  
AMM

Return to:

Valley Clean Energy  
604 Second Street  
Davis, CA 95616

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name: Dunlap, Eugen  
Last First Middle

Are you at least 18 years old? Yes

Home Address: [Redacted]  
Number/Street

Davis, CA [Redacted]  
City/State/Zip

Email Address: [Redacted]

[Redacted]  
Daytime Phone

[Redacted]  
Evening/Weekend Phone

Business Title or Occupation: retired

Company/Organization: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted] [Redacted]  
Street Address City, State and Zip

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Are you seeking to fill an At-Large Seat?  Yes  No

**Background Information:**

Why do you wish to serve as a member of the VCE Community Advisory Committee?

Valley Clean Energy needs someone with electric vehicle in community knowledge. Also strong solar support.

What experience/perspective would you bring to the committee? Please reference the professional sector and related professional experience below for At-Large member applications in this section.

Promoting electric vehicles over 20 years  
Advisory infrastructure member for SacEVA.org, one of the largest ev user groups in the country

Please list your previous and present governmental and civic experience. Indicate when, position and duties:

worked for American Red Cross in Europe for US Army  
Had my own environmental building material business  
Worked for UCDavis as computer specialist

Volunteering for years with evs and solar

List any special training or experience you have that you feel would benefit your committee service:

in the Mid - 1990s took electric vehicle conversion classes at Sacramento City College  
basic training as solar installer, certified

Do you have any interests or associations which might present a conflict of interest?

If yes, please explain:

That VCE doesn't do enough for electric vehicles and solar.

What do you feel are your most important qualifications?

specialized experience in field of electric vehicles and solar.

What do you see as some of the significant issues facing the community in the next few years that might pertain to Valley Clean Energy's Community Advisory Committee?

VCE has no decent plan for workplace and public ev charging rates (see city of Winters); I think the whole dilemma with solar was shocking when VCE started out; still has issues for decentralized solar production.  
Support for electrifying homes is so so.

What do you hope to accomplish as a committee member?

have a competitive electric vehicle charging rate (that encourages use) for public chargers. Have solar and support for local micro-grids.  
Have more local wind production.

I am aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this committee and am willing and able to fulfill this commitment should I be appointed: (Initial here: ERD )

Please attach your resume or any additional information or statements which you feel would be helpful to the Valley Clean Energy Board of Directors in reviewing your qualifications.

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5/13/2022  
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Length of term: \_\_\_\_\_  
Is this a re-appointment? \_\_\_\_\_



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5/31/22 AML

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604 Second Street  
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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name: Athalye Rahul A Are you at least 18 years old? Yes  
Last First Middle

Home Address: [Redacted] Davis, CA [Redacted]  
Number/Street City/State/Zip

Email Address: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
Daytime Phone Evening/Weekend Phone

Business Title or Occupation: Program Director

Company/Organization: NORESKO

Address: [Redacted] [Redacted]  
Street Address City, State and Zip

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Are you seeking to fill an At-Large Seat?  Yes  No

Background Information:

Why do you wish to serve as a member of the VCE Community Advisory Committee?

I am interested in serving on the CAC as a Davis representative (I live in Davis). I am looking for opportunities to participate and contribute locally to sustainability and environmental efforts and this position would be a good fit given my background and experience. I am currently a Program Director for Codes and Standards at NORESKO and have worked in codes and standards for over 15 years, performing analytical work for the state of California and other jurisdictions around the country.

I believe in contributing to my local community. There is a strong culture of sustainability in Davis and I want to support it by devoting my time to causes that best align with my expertise. Participating and supporting my local CCA is an ideal match for my skills and background. I am interested in how we can best provide renewable energy to households of all incomes in our community, anticipate future uncertainties related to drought, fires, the changing climate, and the impact of electrifying the transportation sector on utility prices, and achieve the goal of delivering



What experience/perspective would you bring to the committee? Please reference the professional sector and related professional experience below for At-Large member applications in this section.

I am the technical lead and project manager for the CEC contract tasked with developing the 2022 Building Standards and we were just awarded the contract for the 2025 Building Standards. We are also working with New York and Washington state on developing their energy codes. In the past few years, I have worked extensively on electrification and decarbonization of the building stock in various jurisdictions, including California. I am the lead author of the PV/battery report that supported the nonresidential PV and battery requirements in the 2022 Title 24 Building Standards.

I have more than a decade of experience working on committees. I am a voting member of the ASHRAE Standard 90.1 (SSPC 90.1) Envelope Subcommittee and a past Board member of IBPSA-USA. I also worked for eight years at PNNL on codes and standards and have a Master's degree in mechanical engineering.

I am also a homeowner in Davis, who just replaced their furnace with a high-efficiency heat pump. I would bring a technical and analytical perspective to the CAC and also a local perspective. I would like to review reports, study options, and offer my technical perspective to the committee.

Please list your previous and present governmental and civic experience. Indicate when, position and duties:

I have not held a governmental or civic position, but I want to get started by contributing to my local community.

I did work at PNNL for many years, directly working for US DOE and represented their interests on national committees, such as ASHRAE SSPC 90.1.

List any special training or experience you have that you feel would benefit your committee service:

I have a deep expertise in whole building energy modeling and simulation, building science, understanding, interpreting, and implementing various metrics, such as TDV, source energy, and energy costs, including blended and TOU rates.

In particular, I would be able to review and advise the VCE Board of Directors and VCE's staff on particular policy and strategy issues, options and choices surrounding the generation mix and rate implications, and in general, on choosing pathways that best align with VCE's overarching objectives and mission.

Do you have any interests or associations which might present a conflict of interest?

If yes, please explain:

None that I can think of.

What do you feel are your most important qualifications?

1. My technical background as a mechanical engineer who has worked in codes and standards, analyzing energy policy for California and the US as a whole.
2. My experience working in a committee environment.
3. My desire to contribute and make my community a better place to live for everyone.

What do you see as some of the significant issues facing the community in the next few years that might pertain to Valley Clean Energy's Community Advisory Committee?

1. Managing risk and uncertainty introduced by severe drought conditions.
2. Ensuring low-income customers can access affordable clean energy.
3. Managing impact of building electrification and larger amounts of EVs on the future load, TOU and peak demand, generation mix, and rates.

What do you hope to accomplish as a committee member?

1. Support and advise the Board in adopting policies, rates, and financial choices that support the long-term health of VCE.
2. Increase customer participation and the renewable mix delivered to VCE customers as a whole.
3. Understand issues related to rates or demand that might hinder building electrification and support VCE in resolving those issues, where possible.

**I am aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this committee and am willing and able to fulfill this commitment should I be appointed: (Initial here:  )**

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5/31/2022  
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Date

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Length of term: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a re-appointment? \_\_\_\_\_