

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC November 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes
DATE: December 21, 2023

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached November 16, 2023 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023
YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
CACHE CREEK CONFERENCE ROOM
292 W. BEAMER STREET, WOODLAND, CA 95695**

Chair Aulman established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023 beginning at 5:10 p.m., held at Yolo County Community Services Building, Cache Creek Conference Room, located at 292 W. Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95695.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mark Aulman (Chair), David Springer, Jennifer Rindahl, Cynthia Rodriguez, Keith Taylor, Danielle Ballard, Lorenzo Kristov (arrived at 5:23 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Rahul Athalye, Marsha Baird, Diccon Westworth

Welcome Chair Aulman welcomed everyone.

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

Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports **Task Group Reports:** There were no reports since the year end reports are being reviewed on the Regular agenda.

Staff Report / Summary of Board's November 9, 2023 meeting: VCE Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel provided a brief summary of the Board's November 9, 2023 meeting: approved the 2024 Legislative Platform and updated Net Energy Metering (NEM) Policy; received a preview of the 2024 operating budget; and, received outreach information on VCE's 2022 Power Content Label. Mr. Samuel also informed those present that VCE has partnered with the City of Winters to hold a ribbon cutting event for the completion of installing Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers, funded with SACOG monies, at the Winters Hotel parking lot, scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th at 4 p.m. CAC Members and the public are invited to attend.

Consent Items There were no written or verbal comments as stated above.



Jennifer Rindahl made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Keith Taylor. Motion passed with Athalye, Baird, Kristov, and Westworth absent. The following items were:

4. approved October 26, 2023 meeting Minutes; and
5. approved and supports Staff's recommendation of the 2024 Greenhouse gas (GHG)-Free Attributes.

Regular Agenda

Chair Aulman announced that Item 8 – 2024 Budget update/preview has been moved to the first item on the regular agenda with items 6 and 7 to follow.

Item 8: Receive 2024 Budget update/preview. (Information)

VCE Director of Finance and Internal Operations Edward Burnham provided an overview of the draft 2024 operating budget, covering retail load, forecast of costs and key factors, cash reserves, and the impacts of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) rate adoption.

(Lorenzo Kristov arrived at 5:23 p.m.)

CAC and Staff discussed rates, credit rating, electricity usage, load impact, modeling, and Resource Adequacy (RA).

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 6: Receive Legislative end of Session update. (Information)

VCE Legislative and Project Specialist Yvonne Hunter introduced this item and Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's lobbyist consultant. Mr. Fenstermaker provided a legislative update, including: upcoming changes in leadership, State budget, and bonds; reviewed Assembly Bill 1373 Central Procurement Entity and its impacts, and the State's budget outlook for 2024-2025; and, several items that will be monitored, such as Climate Bond, Clean Energy Reliability Investment Program Funding, Hydrogen Policy, and regional grid (West-Wide Governance Pathways Initiative).

The CAC and Staff discussed: Resource Adequacy (RA), AgFIT, biomass, and challenges of hydrogen production. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 7: Review draft CAC Programs & Outreach Task Group Year-end

CAC Member and Task Group Chair Dr. Keith Taylor reviewed highlights of the Programs and Outreach task group year-end report. The CAC briefly discussed accomplishments, lessons learned, challenges and opportunities. Several of the CAC Members will be getting together with staff to discuss ways to improve the effectiveness of the task group moving forward into 2024.



**Reports.
(Discussion/Action)**

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Chair Aulman made a motion to finalize the Programs & Outreach Task Group Year-end report and send to the Board for their information at their December 2023 meeting, seconded by Lorenzo Kristov. Motion passed with Aulman and Rindahl absent. The motion passed with Athalye, Baird and Westworth absent.

**Item 9: Receive
2023 Long Range
Calendar.
(Information/Discu
ssion)**

CAC Members briefly reviewed the long-range calendar and had no comments. There were no written or verbal public comments.

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

CAC Member David Springer informed those present that he has been looking at electric calculations for those who would like to electrify their homes.

CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that he has been keeping involved in the procurement arena and how the State will achieve their 100% renewable/carbon free goals. Several workshops have been scheduled.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The next scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 5 p.m. at Winters Community Center, Main Hall, located at 201 Railroad Avenue, Winters, California 95694. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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