

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC June 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes
DATE: August 24, 2023

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached June 23, 2023 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023
CITY OF DAVIS COMMUNITY CHAMBERS
23 RUSSELL BLVD., DAVIS, CA 95616**

Chair Mark 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, June 22, 2023 beginning at 5:03 p.m., held at City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mark Aulman (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), David Springer, Marsha Baird, Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Keith Taylor, Carl Linvill

Committee Members Absent: Cynthia Rodriguez

Welcome

Chair Aulman welcomed everyone and congratulated Jennifer Rindahl for being reappointed to the CAC representing the City of Winters and Carl Linvill for being appointed to the CAC representing the City of Davis. Chair Aulman asked that Mr. Linvill introduce himself.

**Public Comment /
Introductions**

There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items. Chair Aulman moved on to the Regular Agenda.

**Brief Task Group
and VCE staff
Reports**

Task Group Reports:

Programs & Outreach: David Springer informed those that there was nothing to report since the Task Group has not met in a while.

Legislative / Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Group continues to meet, and reported that there is not much going on. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter referred the CAC to Item 5 of their packet on the Board's ratification of two (2) legislative bills (Ab 50 (Interconnection) and AB 1373 (Central Procurement. Resource Adequacy). VCE continues to work with CalCCA on reviewing proposed legislation and monitoring the State's annual budget.

Strategic Plan: Nothing to report and refer to Item 9 – Strategic Plan Guidelines on the Regular agenda.



June 15, 2023 Board Special meeting and 5-Year Anniversary reception

update: Assistant General Manager Gordon Samuel provided an update on the Board's June 15, 2023 special meeting and provided highlights of VCE's 5-year anniversary reception held prior to the Board meeting. He informed those present that an application for appointment to the CAC has been received from a City of Woodland Customer. This application, along with any other Customer applications received, will be provided to the Board at their July 15, 2023 regular meeting for consideration of appointment. VCE received Kristin Jacobs' resignation from her CAC At-large seat due to her moving out of VCE's jurisdiction. He informed those present that VCE Staff, Board Members and CAC Member Jennifer Rindahl attended CalCCA's annual conference in early May.

Consent Items

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

Marsha Baird made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Rahul Athalye. Motion passed with Rindahl and Linvill abstaining and Cynthia Rodriguez absent. The following items were:

4. approved April 27, 2023 meeting Minutes; and
5. received copy of Board staff report ratifying VCE's position on legislative bills: A) AB 50 (Interconnection) - Support and B) AB 1373 (Central Procurement. Resource Adequacy) Oppose Unless Amended and Neutral.

Item 6: Power Procurement / Renewable Portfolio Standard update. (Information)

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel provided an update on VCE's power procurement 2022 targets with actuals; and, provided a status update on the Resurgence Solar 1, Willy 9 Chap 2 (formerly Willow springs Solar), and "compliance period 4". The CAC discussed: impacts on load, market rates, and reasons for development delays.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 7: CAC to consider a recommendation to the Board on current 80% Renewable by

Mr. Samuel introduced Jim Himelic of First Principles Advisory (FPA) who attended the meeting remotely. Mr. Samuel informed those present that Mr. Himelic analyzed the cost impacts of increasing VCE's renewable portfolio content; and, updated technology cost assumptions including the incorporation of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), to compose portfolio modeling scenarios. Mr. Samuel reviewed and compared the four (4) portfolio modeling scenarios with those present. Staff and the CAC discussed: what



**2030 Policy.
(Discussion/Action)**

power resources are considered renewable; how much “local” resources does VCE currently have in their portfolio; differences between the four portfolio modeling scenarios; benefits of local resources; cost factors; procurement strategy; ELCC (effective load carrying capacity) value of different resources; resiliency; and, the definition of “local” resources.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Lorenzo Kristov for the CAC to make a recommendation to the Board to:

1. increase the current 80% renewable policy by 2030 to 100% renewable by 2030 and substitute the 25% renewable local component goal with a goal of 25% of future storage amounts to be from local installations; and
2. when VCE solicits for power procurement Request for Proposals (RFP), included is a local preference (Yolo County and adjacent to), in VCE’s evaluation criteria.

This motion was seconded by Jennifer Rindahl. Motion passed with Rodriguez absent.

**Item 8: CAC to consider recommendation to the Board on allocation of 2022 net margin.
(Discussion/Action)**

VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided an overview of the audited 2022 net margin; the current 2022 net margin allocation; and, Staff’s recommendation on allocation. Staff and the CAC discussed: cash reserves; target of 180 days in cash reserves; the effects on VCE’s programs; and, rates. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Keith Taylor that the CAC recommend to the Board to approve the following allocation of the \$5.3M 2022 Audited Net Margin as follows:

1. \$712,500 to the Local Programs Reserve (LPR);
2. \$0 to dividends; and
3. the balance of \$4,611,000 to cash reserves to reach cash reserve targets.

This motion was seconded by Lorenzo Kristov. Motion passed with Rodriguez absent.

Item 9: CAC to consider recommendation to the Board on

Mr. Burnham informed those present that Staff have been working with the Strategic Plan Task Group to draft guidelines to update the approach and timeline for extending the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan beyond the current end of the planning period (end of 2023) and develop a process for future plans. Mr.



- Strategic Plan Guidelines for Plan updates.**
(Discussion/Action) Burnham gave a brief background on the Strategic Plan; presented an updated approach and timeline; and, reviewed Staff’s recommendation.
- There were no written or verbal public comments.
- Motion made by Athalye for the CAC to make a recommendation to the Board to adopt the Strategic Plan Guidelines, seconded by Springer. Motion passed with Rodriguez absent.
- Item 10: Discuss meeting schedule and topics as listed on CAC 2023 Long Range Calendar.**
(Discussion) Past CAC Member Christine Shewmaker provided written public comment dated June 21, 2023 on this item, which was read for about two (2) minutes into the record. There was no verbal public comment.
- The CAC reviewed remaining meeting dates, topics scheduled and those listed at the bottom of the calendar as “proposed topics”. The CAC discussed: bringing forth new topics and topics listed in future “proposed topics”, if it would benefit the CAC; having shorter meetings; and, spreading out topics amongst the monthly meetings rather than cancelling meetings. Staff encouraged members to share their topic ideas with the Chair, Vice Chair and Staff. Staff will continue to work with the Chair and Vice Chair on preparing agenda and will discuss what could be brought forth for a July 27, 2023 meeting.
- Item 11: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.** Mr. Springer reported that the City of Winters is looking for support for the City to opt up to UltraGreen. Chair Aulman reported that the Yolo County Climate Action Committee has been discussing with the City of Woodland opting up and they are also looking for support. Staff shared with the CAC that VCE has shared data with the City of Winters and is in communication with the City of Woodland regarding both cities opting up to UltraGreen.
- Adjournment to Next Meeting** The next meeting is currently scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, CA 95616. Staff will discuss with CAC Chair and Vice Chair an agenda and determine whether to cancel or hold a July meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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