

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee
FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst
SUBJECT: CAC August 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes
DATE: September 28, 2023

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached August 24, 2023 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 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, August 24, 2023 beginning at 5:02 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), Marsha Baird, Lorenzo Kristov, Keith Taylor, Cynthia Rodriguez, Diccon Westworth (arrived at 5:05 p.m.), Jennifer Rindahl (arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: David Springer, Carl Linvill

Welcome Chair Aulman welcomed everyone and asked that all in attendance observe a moment of silence in honor of Supervisor Gary Sandy who passed away last week. He informed those present that Diccon Westworth was recently appointed to the CAC representing the city of Woodland.

Public Comment / Introductions There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items. Diccon Westworth arrived at 5:05 p.m. Chair Aulman welcomed Mr. Westworth, who introduced himself. Chair Aulman moved on to the Task Group reports.

Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports **Task Group Reports:**
Legislative / Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that numerous legislative bills are being followed and that Net Billing Tariff and solar, SB 100, and large-scale utility resources are being discussed at the regulatory level. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter informed those present that there is about three weeks remaining in the legislative session, so many bills are being fine tuned, those bills are being tracked by CalCCA and VCE. VCE Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that Staff are monitoring and participating in the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) dynamic pricing (AgFIT) discussions of extending the AgFIT program beyond VCE's area and the length of the program.



Programs & Outreach: VCE Staff Sierra Huffman informed those present on the current status of VCE's programs, and that VCE sent an Electric Vehicle survey to VCE's customers to gather information.

Strategic Plan: The Task Group referred to the Strategic Plan item on the CAC's regular agenda. Nothing to report.

Marsha Baird requested that Staff bring to the CAC at a future meeting how the AgFIT Pilot Program works.

Staff Report / Summary of Board's July 13, 2023 meeting: VCE Staff Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel provided highlights of the Board's July 13, 2023 regular meeting: approved VCE asking SACOG for a one year extension; and, adopted 100% renewable by 2030 with a modification that the local component to 25%, and a preference to projects located within Yolo County and adjacent to.

Mr. Samuel also informed those present that VCE has received an application for the vacant At Large CAC seat, which will be brought to the Board, along with any other applications received, at their September meeting; and, the Resurgence project's batteries came online in July with an operation date scheduled for August.

Consent Items

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

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

4. approved June 22, 2023 meeting Minutes; and
5. received copy of Board staff report on Customer Participation update.

Item 6: Energy Markets update and Procurement Direction. (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Samuel and Jaclyn Harr, Account Director at The Energy Authority provided a presentation on 1) State requirements on Load Serving Entities (LSEs), such as VCE, to procure a percentage of their load from eligible renewable resources and for LSEs to report compliance of interim targets during "compliance periods"; 2) how compliance is measured; 3) the different categories of measurement; and, 4) the allowable procurement within each category. The CAC discussed: strategies of procuring renewable energy, Renewable Portfolio Standard, Power Content Label, targets, Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and differences between product content categories,



and, effects of rate prices, budget, and load on customer rates. The CAC provided feedback on the procurement of short-term Renewable Energy Credit (RECs) for Compliance Period 4. (Jennifer Rindahl arrived at 5:08 p.m.)

Verbal Public Comment: A Davis resident introduced himself, stated that he was invited to attend tonight's meeting, and that he has rooftop solar. There were no written public comments.

Motion made by Marsha Baird to support Staff's recommendation to maximize the 10% allowance of Product Content Category (PCC) 3 RECs, seconded by Rahul Athalye. Motion passed with Springer and Linvill absent.

Request by VCE's Executive Officer to rearrange the Regular agenda.

Mr. Sears asked that the CAC's regular agenda item on Phase 2 - VCE's Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate Pilot Program be heard before Item 7 – Strategic Plan. Chair Aulman moved the Phase 2 item to be next on the CAC's regular agenda.

Item 8 7: CAC to consider recommendation to the Board on Phase 2 of VCE's Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program. (Discussion/Action)

VCE Staff Sierra Huffman provided highlights of Phase 1 successes and reviewed the approach to be taken in Phase 2 of the EV Rebate Pilot Program. Ms. Huffman reviewed Phase 2's program design and the preliminary results of the EV Survey that was recently sent to Customers to get input on what customers need and value when purchasing an EV. The CAC discussed: outreach plan, challenges of low-income Customers, best ways to incentivize, rates, and future programs. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Marsha Baird that the CAC recommend to the Board that they approve Phase 2 of Valley Clean Energy's Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program, seconded by Jennifer Rindahl. Motion passed with Springer and Linvill absent.

Item 7 8: CAC to consider a recommendation on minor update of VCE's Strategic Plan and extension of planning period. (Discussion/Action)

VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a recap of the Strategic Plan Guidelines and summarized proposed (minor) updates to the goals within the Strategic Plan. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Jennifer Rindahl that the CAC recommend to the Board that approve a mor update of VCE's Strategic Plan and extend the current end of the planning period to the end of 2025, seconded by Diccon Westworth. Motion passed with Springer and Linvill absent.



Item 9: 2023 Long Range Calendar. (Discussion)

The CAC reviewed proposed CAC meeting agenda items listed within the Long Range Calendar and suggested a few topics for future meetings.

Item 10: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.

There were no announcements.

Adjournment to Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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