



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024  
CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
300 FIRST STREET, WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA 95695**

Chair Rahul Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 beginning at 5:07 p.m., held at City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Raul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Jennifer Rindahl (arrived at 5:10 p.m.), Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:13 p.m.), David Springer (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: None

**Welcome** Chair Athalye 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** **Staff Report / Summary of Board's January 11, 2024 meeting:** VCE Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel informed those present that the Board received a 2024 customer year end update and approved an additional 1% rate credit to Standard Green customers and an increase of 1% rate credit to CARE/FERA customers equaling a total rate credit of 3.5%. Mr. Samuel informed those present that they should have received an email regarding the CalCCA 2024 Annual Conference being held in San Jose on April 16, 2024 through April 18, 2024 inviting all Board and CAC members to attend. Please review the email and get in touch with Board Clerk Alisa Lembke if you are interested in attending. VCE will be hosting a booth at the Almond Festival in Esparto on Sunday, February 25, 2024. If you would like to join, please let us know.

(Jennifer Rindahl arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

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



Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent agenda items, seconded by Jennifer Rindahl. Motion passed with David Springer absent. The following item were:

4. approved December 21, 2023 meeting Minutes;
5. received copy of Board Staff Report on customer participation update; and,
6. Received 2024 rates and budget update.

**Item 7: Overview of the Brown Act and social media provided by VCE's legal counsel: Richards, Watson and Gershon (RWG) (Information)**

(Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:13 p.m.)

Patrick Enright of Richards, Watson and Gershon, VCE's general legal counsel, reviewed slides highlighting information about the Brown Act, social media rules and Robert's Rules of Order.

(David Springer arrived at 5:30 p.m.)

The CAC and Staff asked questions: clarifying some of the rules of social media, Nextdoor, and, enforcement related to violations of the Brown Act. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 8: Introduction /overview of Agricultural Flexible Irrigation Technology (AgFIT) program. (Information)**

Mr. Samuel introduced this item and introduced VCE Staff Sierra Huffman. Ms. Huffman provided an overview of the AgFIT program: participants, hourly prices, subscription/Bill protection, customer experience, initial findings since the program began, and customer response.

The CAC and Staff discussed: Locational Marginal Price (LMP) and how it is used; the different variables, such as, weather, soil, water table level, the needs of the plants, effecting how much electricity is used; how VCE sought out participation; spot pricing; generation rate setting; billing determinants; pilot expansion of the AgFIT program to other sectors of customers, such as residential, commercial; participant control and price signaling; automation benefits; demand charges; grant opportunities that align with AgFIT; and, the potential to work with other agencies.

A person from the public asked a few questions: about the next steps for the AgFIT program; and will the approach stay the same when expanding to different customer types. There were no other verbal public comments. There were no written public comments.



**Item 9: Review and discuss 2024 CAC Task Group Charges. (Discussion/Action)**

Lorenzo Kristov, Chair of the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group reviewed highlights of the draft 2024 Charge. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter provided additional information about the Charge.

Keith Taylor, Chair of the Programs & Outreach Task Group provided highlights of the draft 2024 Charge.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Lorenzo Kristov to approve the Legislative/Regulatory and Programs and Outreach Task Groups Charges, seconded by Diccon Westworth. Motion passed unanimously.

**Item 10: Receive 2024 Long Range Calendar. (Information/Discussion)**

Chair Athalye reminded those present that if the Members have a suggested topic for a future CAC meeting, to please send an email to VCE Staff.

Board Clerk Alisa Lembke informed those present that the CAC's April meeting will be cancelled due to Staff attending the 2024 CalCCA Annual Conference on April 16 – 18, 2024.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 11: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.**

There were no announcements from the Members or from Staff.

**Adjournment to Next Meeting**

The next scheduled CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 5 p.m. at City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alisa M. Lembke".

Alisa M. Lembke  
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst