

Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of Valley Clean Energy Alliance and Strategic Plan Workshop Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) San Joaquin Valley Room 2801 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95618

CAC Members will be attending in-person and public participation will be in-person or available via Zoom Webinar (video/teleconference). Valley Clean Energy (VCE) will, to the best of its ability, provide hybrid and remote options for VCE meeting participants and to the public; however, VCE cannot guarantee these options will be available due to technical limitations outside of our control. For assurance of public comment, VCE encourages in-person and written public comments to be submitted as described below when possible. VCE, to the best of its abilities, will provide participation via the Zoom platform.

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If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC and included in the official record, please hand it to a member of VCE staff who will distribute the information to the CAC members and other staff.

Please note that the numerical order of items is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order on the request of any CAC member with the concurrence of the CAC. Staff recommendations are advisory to the CAC. The CAC may take any action it deems appropriate on any item on the agenda even if it varies from the staff recommendation.

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<u>Public comments may be submitted electronically or verbally during the meeting.</u> Instructions on how to submit your public comments can be found in the PUBLIC PARTICIPATION note at the end of this agenda.

Committee Members: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, David Springer, Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Jennifer Rindahl, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Ari Halberstadt

5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Public Comment: This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the CAC on any VCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda or are listed on the Consent portion of the agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the Regular agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the CAC are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker, electronically submitted comments should be limited to approximately 300 words. Comments that are longer than 300 words will only be read for two minutes. All electronically submitted comments, whether read in their entirety or not, will be posted to the VCE website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. See the information below under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.
- 3. Brief Task Group and VCE Staff Reports(≈ 15 minutes) Representatives of VCE staff and active Task Groups will provide verbal updates on on-going Staff and Task Group work. Task Group recommendations requiring Committee attention require a regular agenda item. Summaries of written reports received by the Committee in advance of the meeting will receive a time allocation of up to ten minutes. Otherwise, the time allocation will be five minutes, including questions and answers. The Committee may decide to allocate additional time at the end of the regular agenda.
 - a. Task Group Reports
 - b. Staff Report

CONSENT AGENDA (≈ 5 minutes)

- 4. Approval of May 22, 2025 Meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes.
- 5. Receive 2025 Long Range Calendar. (Information)
- 6. Receive Summary Preparedness outlook. (Information)



- **7.** Advisory Committee Member and Announcements. (≈ 15 minutes) Action items and reports from members of the Advisory Committee, including announcements, reports on meetings, and information which would be of interest to the Committee or the public.
- **8. Announcement and Adjournment of Regular meeting.** The CAC has scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The CAC will adjourn their regular meeting to reconvene into the Strategic Plan Workshop.

RECONVENE AS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP Estimated start time 5:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment: This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the CAC on any VCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this Workshop agenda. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the CAC are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker, electronically submitted comments should be limited to approximately 300 words. Comments that are longer than 300 words will only be read for two minutes. All electronically submitted comments, whether read in their entirety or not, will be posted to the VCE website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. See the information below under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.

2. VCE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP

- a. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) & Valley Clean Energy (VCE) Basics
- b. VCE Strategic Plan Background
- c. Workshop Focus Areas
 - i. Plan Goal 3 Customers and Community
 - ii. Plan Goal 4 Decarbonization and Grid Innovation
- d. Discussion/Feedback
- e. Next Steps/Timeline

3. Adjournment of Workshop.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: <u>Public Comments</u>: Public participation for this meeting will be done electronically via e-mail and during the meeting as described below.

<u>Public participation via e-mail:</u> If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC and included in the official record, please e-mail it to VCE staff at <u>Meetings@ValleyCleanEnergy.org</u>. If information is received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the CAC meeting it will be e-mailed to the CAC members and other staff prior to the meeting. If it is received after 3:00 p.m. the information will be distributed after the meeting, but within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. Written public comments that do not exceed 300 words will be read by the VCE Board Clerk, or other assigned VCE



staff, to the CAC and the public during the meeting subject to the usual time limit for public comments [two (2) minutes]. General written public comments will be read during Item 2, Public Comment. Written public comment on individual agenda items should include the item number in the "Subject" line for the e-mail and the Clerk will read the comment during the item. Items read cannot exceed 300 words or approximately two (2) minutes in length. All written comments received will be posted to the VCE website.

Verbal public participation during the meeting:

- 1) If attending in person, please complete a Comment Card and return it to the Board Clerk.
- 2) <u>If attending remotely via Zoom</u>, there are two (2) ways for the public to provide verbal comments:
 - A. If you are attending by computer, activate the "participants" icon at the bottom of your screen, then raise your hand (hand clap icon) under "reactions". When called upon, you will be "unmuted" to allow to speak.
 - B. If you are attending by phone only, you will need to press *9 to raise your hand. When called upon, press *6 to unmute your microphone.

VCE staff will acknowledge that you have a public comment to make during the item and will call upon you to make your verbal comment.

Public records that relate to any item on the agenda for a regular or special CAC meeting are available for public review on the VCE website. Records that are distributed to the CAC by VCE staff less than 72 hours prior to the meeting will be posted to the VCE website at the same time they are distributed to all members, or a majority of the members of the CAC. Questions regarding VCE public records related to the meeting should be directed to Board Clerk Alisa Lembke at (530) 446-2750 or Alisa.Lembke@ValleyCleanEnergy.org. The Valley Clean Energy website is located at: https://valleycleanenergy.org/cac-meetings/.

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC May 22, 2025 Meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes

DATE: June 26, 2025

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached May 22, 2025 meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes.

Attachment: May 22, 2025 CAC meeting and Strategic Plan Workshop Minutes



MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AND STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Capay Valley Health and Community Center Community Room 17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, California 95627

Chair Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025 beginning at 5:01 p.m., held at the Capay Valley Health and Community Center, Community Room, located at 17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, California 95627.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Jennifer Rindahl, Ari

Halberstadt, Danielle Ballard, Cynthia Rodriguez

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman, Diccon Westworth, Keith Taylor

Welcome Chair Rahul Athalye welcomed everyone and reminded those present that VCE

is still seeking candidates to fill the unincorporated Yolo County CAC seat.

Public Comment / Introductions

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

Brief VCE staff Report

Task Group Reports:

- A) <u>Legislative & Regulatory Task Group:</u> Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group continues to meet bi-weekly on Fridays. He provided a brief update on a few legislative bills and informed those present that the Task Group is monitoring several bills. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter provided a brief update on Senate Bill (SB) 540, the Pathways Initiative and Regional Organization bill, which has been amended substantially. Staff and the Task Group continue to monitor SB 540.
- B) <u>Programs & Outreach Task Group:</u> VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski informed those present that VCE is currently recruiting an open position to assist with VCE's programs and outreach. Staff have been working on finalizing work on the AgFIT program and have been working on HFP #1 and #2 programs.
- C) <u>Bioenergy Task Group:</u> Mr. Samuel informed those present that Staff asked the Bioenergy Task Group to provide input on a legislative bill related to bioenergy.



D) <u>Strategic Plan Task Group:</u> Danielle Ballard informed those present that the Task Group has a meeting scheduled next week. VCE Staff Edward Burnham informed those present that the Task Group has been working on the draft and the Strategic Plan process.

Staff Report: VCE Staff Gordon Samuel announced that the Board did not meet in May and their next meeting is scheduled for June 12th. He announced that the California Honey Festival was rescheduled to Saturday, June 21, 2025 in Woodland. He asked that if anyone is interested in helping Staff with VCE's booth, please let VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski know. VCE Staff Mitch Sears announced that he, Ms. Kuczynski and CAC Member Ari Halberstadt attended earlier today the 2025 Demand Flex Symposium held at the UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute. VCE was a sponsor and VCE Board Chair Bapu Vaitla was in attendance representing VCE.

Consent Items

Danielle Ballard made a motion to approve the Consent agenda items, seconded by Ari Halberstadt. Motion passed with Aulman, Westworth, and Taylor absent and Rindahl abstained. The following items were:

- 4. approved April 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes; and,
- 5. received 2025 Long Range Calendar.

Item 6: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements

David Springer informed those present that he attended an event in Winters and met and spoke with Senator Christopher Cabaldon about Valley Clean Energy.

Chair Athalye informed those present that he, along with several other CAC members, attended the CalCCA Conference in Orange County. Chair Athalye asked if anyone wanted to comment about their experience at the CalCCA Conference. There were no comments; however, Chair Athalye commented that it was a great conference and it provided him the opportunity to get to know the other CAC Members and Staff.

Item 7: Announcement and conclusion of the CAC's regular meeting.

Chair Athalye announced that there was no further business to discuss.

Item 8: Adjournment of Regular meeting.

Chair Athalye announced that the CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, June 26, 2025 to be held in Davis; thereafter, VCE's second Strategic Plan Update Workshop will be held. Chair Athalye adjourned the CAC's regular meeting at 5:24 p.m. to reconvene into the Strategic Plan Update Workshop at 5:30 p.m.



RECONVENE AS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP

Item 1: Public Comment.

Chair Athalye began the Strategic Plan Update Workshop at 5:32 p.m. VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski welcomed those present and provided an acknowledgement of the land and local tribes. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 2: Strategic Plan Update Workshop

Ms. Kuczynski provided a brief overview of the purpose of VCE's Strategic Plan; the role of a Community Choice Aggregates (CCA's), such as VCE; reviewed VCE's customer base, annual load, and governance; and, how CCA's fit into the energy market space. Ms. Kuczynski reviewed the background of VCE's Strategic Plan, and briefly outlined its key goals, objectives, and proposed updates.

Mr. Burnham reviewed the details of Goal 1 - Financial Strength and proposed changes of adding policies, procedures and modeling to continue to strengthen VCE's financial foundation and manage costs.

Mr. Samuel reviewed Goal 2 – Procurement and Power Supply by providing an overview of VCE's long-term generation contracts, Power Content Label (PCL), load and projected history, solar and storage generation, and Resource Adequacy (RA) – Slice of Day (SOD).

Ms. Kuczynski solicited and received feedback from those present.

<u>Verbal public comment:</u> McKeen (attending remotely) commented that they would like to see expenditure savings and energy surplus provided to disadvantage customers and encouraged VCE to pursue grant partners.

Item 3: Adjournment of Workshop The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report – Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Receive 2025 Long Range Calendar meeting topics

DATE: June 26, 2025

Please find attached the 2025 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. Please note that it has some added information (coding) to each item for Staff purposes only.

At any time, if you have an item that you would like added, including future topics, please send an email to Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel, Board Clerk Alisa Lembke, CAC Chair and/or Vice Chair for consideration.

Due to the holidays in November and December 2025, the CAC's meeting dates have been moved to the 3rd Thursday and are as follows:

- November 20, 2025 (3rd Thursday) Woodland
- December 18, 2025 (3rd Thursday) Davis

Attachment:

1. 2025 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY

2025 Meeting Dates and <u>Proposed</u> Topics Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

(Note: Meeting locations and Topics are subject to change)

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
January 9, 2025 (Cancelled)	Board (Woodland)	This meeting was cancelled.	
January 23, 2025 NO QUORUM, ITEMS MOVED TO FEBRUARY 27, 2025 MEETING	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	 2025 CAC Task Group (s) formation (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) 2024 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (Placeholder) (R) Strategic Plan (O) 	 Discussion/Action Discuss/Action Information Discussion/Action
February 13, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R) Election of Officers for 2025 (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) Receive CAC Year-end Task Group Reports (O) 2024 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (O) Update to VCE Employee Handbook (Placeholder) (R) (historically Jan.) Prepay (Placeholder) (O) Annual Strategic Plan Report (R) (historically Jan.) 	 Action Nominations Information Information Information Action Action Information/Discussion Discussion/Action
February 27, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 2025 CAC Task Group (s) formation (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) 2024 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (Placeholder) (R) Strategic Plan (O) 	 Discussion/Action Information Information Discussion/Action
March 13, 2025	Board (Woodland)	This meeting was cancelled.	
March 27, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	 Approval of 2025 CAC Task Group "Charges" (R) (historically in Jan.) Senate Bill 540 (Pathways Initiative & Regional Organization) 	ActionInformation/Discussion

April 10, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) (R) Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2025) (O) Calendar Year 2024 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) (placeholder) (R) Load Management Standards Update (O) Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) / Rates Workshop (placeholder) (O) VCE Grant activity update (O) 	 Information Information Action Information Information Information
April 24, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 Load Management Standards Update (O) 2024 Net Margin Allocation (R) Senate Bill 540 (Pathways Initiative & Regional Organization) Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2025) (O) Introduction to Strategic Plan Major Update Roadmap/Timeline 	 Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Information Information
April 28 - 30, 2025	CalCCA Annual Conference (Irvine)	VCE Staff and some Board and CAC members attending	
May 8, 2025 CANCELLED	Board (Woodland)	Meeting cancelled.	
May 22, 2025	Advisory Committee / Strategic Plan Workshop (Esparto)	<u>Strategic Plan Workshop:</u> Focus: Financial Strength/Rates and Procurement & Power Supply	Information/Discussion
June 12, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual) (R) Mid-Year 2025 Financial Update (R) 2024 Net Margin Allocation (R) Summer Preparedness outlook (O) Recap of CalCCA April 2025 Annual Conference (O) 	 Action Information Discussion/Action Information Information
June 26, 2025	Advisory Committee / Strategic Plan Workshop (TBD)	 Summer Preparedness outlook (O) Strategic Plan Workshop: Focus: Customers & Community and Decarbonization and Grid Innovation 	InformationInformation/Discussion

^{*}No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

July 10, 2025	Board Woodland	 Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2025) (O) Legislative update provided by Pacific Policy Group (O) AgFIT Pilot Program Update. (O) 	InformationInformationInformation
July 24, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	 Review preliminary draft Strategic Plan Major Update and Survey Plan (O) Power Portfolio Update (O) 	Information/Discussion/ActionInformation
August 14, 2025	Board (Davis)	Tentatively NO MEETING*	
August 28, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2025) (O) Outreach and Marketing Plan update (O) (placeholder) Review preliminary Strategic Plan Survey Results and Strategic Plan Recommendation (O) (placeholder) 	InformationInformationInformation/Discussion/Action
September 11, 2025	Board (Woodland)	 Certification of 2024 Power Content Label (Annual) (placeholder) (R) Outreach and Marketing Plan update (O) (placeholder) Strategic Plan Major Update Workshop and Survey Results (O) Capitalization Policy (placeholder) 	 Action Information Information/Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
September 25, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	•	•
October 9, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Enterprise Risk Management Update (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2025) (O) Progress Update on Programs Plan and 2026 program concepts (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) Adoption of Strategic Plan Major Update (O) 	 Discussion/Action Information Information Discussion/Action Information Discussion/Action
October 23, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 2024 Power Content Label Outreach (placeholder) (O) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2025) (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) GHG Free Attributes (R) Integrated Resource Plan (R) 	 Information Information Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
November 13, 2025	Board (Woodland)	 2026 Preliminary Operating Budget (R) GHG Free Attributes (R) Integrated Resource Plan (R) 	Information/DiscussionDiscussion/ActionDiscussion/Action

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		Contract Renewals (R)	 Discussion/Action
		Adoption of Strategic Plan Major Update (placeholder) (O)	Discussion/Action
November 27, 2025	Advisory	Review CAC Draft 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R)	Discussion/Action
November 20, 2025	Committee	Draft 2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform (R)	Discussion/Action
(rescheduled to	(Woodland)		
November 20 due to			
Thanksgiving holiday			
on Nov. 27 th)			
December 11, 2025	<mark>Board</mark>	Approve 2026 Operating Budget (Annual) and 2026 Customer	 Discussion/Action
	(Davis)	Rates (R)	
		Receive VCE Grant/Program Annual Report (R)	 Information
		2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform (R)	 Discussion/Action
		Contract Renewals (R)	 Discussion/Action
December 25, 2025	Advisory	Apprecia 2025 Task Craup Voor and Donorts (D)	a Discussion / Action
December 18, 2025	Committee	Approve 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) Page 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R)	Discussion/ActionInformation
(rescheduled to	(Davis)	Power Portfolio Update (R) Floating of Officers for 2026 (Access) (R)	
December 18 due to	(Davis)	Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R)	Nominations
Christmas holiday on			
Dec. 25 th)			
January 8, 2026	Board	Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members	Action
	(Woodland)	only) (R)	
	, ,	Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R)	Nominations
		Customer Participation Update (4 th Quarter 2025) (O)	Information
		2025 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (R)	Information
		Receive 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R)	Information
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January 22, 2026	Advisory	Rates/Budget 2026 Update (O)	Information
	Committee	Customer Participation Update (4 th Quarter 2025) (O)	Information
	(Woodland)	2026 CAC Task Group(s) formation (Annual) (R)	Discuss/Action

PLEASE NOTE: April 28-30, 2025: CalCCA Annual Conference in Irvine, California

CAC PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS Topics and Discussion dates may change as needed	ESTIMATED MEETING DATE(S)

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report - Item 6

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Receive Board's June 12, 2025 Summer Preparedness Staff Report (Information Only)

DATE: June 26, 2025

Information Only

The Board of Directors at their June 12, 2025 meeting received a Summer Preparedness Outlook from VCE Staff and The Energy Authority (TEA), VCE's provider of portfolio management, scheduling coordinator, load forecasting, and credit support services.

The Staff Report ($\underbrace{\text{Item 11}}$) and $\underbrace{\text{slide presentation}}$ (pages 1 – 12) provided an assessment of California's Summer 2025 market conditions.