

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Yolo County Climate Action Commission**  
**December 2, 2021 | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Suzanne Reed, District 1 appointee

Robin Datel, District 2 appointee

Mark Aulman, District 3 appointee

Andrew Truman Kim, District 4 appointee (**VICE-CHAIR**)

Adelita Serena, District 5 appointee

Chris White, Technical Lead

NJ Mvondo, Environmental Justice Lead (**CHAIR**)

Bernadette Austin, Climate scientist/subject matter Expert

Pelayo Alvarez, Climate scientist/subject matter Expert

**Ex-Officio Members**

Sarah Morgan, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

Matt Dulcich, UC Davis

**SUPERVISORS:**

Supervisor Don Saylor, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 2

Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 4

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**MEETING ACTION ITEMS**

**Yolo County Staff Action Items**

- Develop a long-range calendar for Commissioners to submit agenda items of interest
- Add a Commission Member comment section to next agenda
- C. Tschudin to send out additional Doodle poll to select time for January Commission meeting
- Work with Chair and Vice-Chair exclusively to determine recurring time for future Commission meetings
- Update County Website to recruit more applicants
- Send Charter to potential applicants
- Send Commissioners a copy of the Climate outreach list
- Identify/interview jurisdictions which also seek to achieve carbon negative status

**Commission Action Items**

- Commissioner Austin to send state definitions for disadvantaged communities
  - Submit additional early actions, as needed, consistent with the early action eligibility criteria before January 31 deadline
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## MEETING MINUTES

1. **Authorize remote (teleconference/videoconference) meetings by finding, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Decision:** Approve

**Moved By:** Reed / **Seconded By:** Aulman

**Ayes:** Reed, Datel, Aulman, Kim, Serena, White, Mvondo, Austin, Alvarez

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None.

**Additional Comments/Action Items:** None

2. **Elect Chair and Vice-Chair**

**Decision for Chair:** Elect NJ Mvondo

**Moved By:** Serena / **Seconded By:** Kim

**Ayes:** Reed, Datel, Aulman, Kim, Serena, White, Mvondo, Austin, Alvarez

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**Decision for Vice-Chair:** Elect Andrew Truman Kim

**Moved By:** Reed / **Seconded By:** Datel

**Ayes:** Reed, Datel, Aulman, Kim, Serena, White, Mvondo, Austin, Alvarez

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**Additional Comments/Action Items:** NJ Mvondo requested T. Echiburu to continue facilitation for the remainder of the meeting, and she would assume Chair responsibilities at January Commission meeting

3. **Public Comment**

- Commissioner Aulman requested consideration of Commission on Teichert Shifler Mining & Reclamation Project
- S. Reed commented that analysis of such project impact must be evaluated prior to any Board decision
- D. Saylor suggested adding a section outside of public comments on future agendas for members to bring forward matters of interest to be agenzied

- **Action Item:** D. Saylor suggested County staff develop a long-range calendar for Commissioners to submit agenda items of interest
- D. Saylor commented the best way for Commission to weigh in on projects is to advise on policy instead of specific projects (i.e. policy framework for water or land use). Commission should leave project analysis to the Planning Commission.
- J. Provenza supported D.Saylor’s suggestions and recommended the Commission stay within the roles and responsibilities as described in the Charter (i.e., developing and implementing a CAAP)
- B. Austin supported D. Saylor’s suggestion on considering policies vs. projects and as a point of order, suggested Commission not comment or discuss beyond agenda items for future meetings
- **Action Item:** NJ Mvondo suggested Commission add a Commission Member comment section to next agenda
- NJ Mvondo commented if Commission should consider amending the Charter regarding the public’s expectations of the Commission
- A. Serena also supported prioritizing policy considerations over projects and suggested there are several areas where Commission can assess impacts and conduct outreach for upcoming projects

#### 4. Approve November Meeting Minutes

**Decision:** Approve

**Moved By:** Reed / **Seconded By:** Kim

**Ayes:** Reed, Datel, Aulman, Kim, Serena, White, Mvondo

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** Austin, Alvarez.

**Absent:** None.

**Additional Comments/Action Items:** T. Echiburu said County staff will send bimonthly updates to Commission via newsletter or email

#### 5. Regular 2022 Commission Meeting Time

**Decision:** Tabled to January

**Additional Comments/Action Items:**

- T. Echiburu suggested earlier meeting time such as 4:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month
  - C. White reminded Commission that later Commission meeting times accommodate the general public
- C. Tschudin noted 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 4:30pm is time with most Commissioner availability

- **Action Item:** C. Tschudin to send out additional Doodle poll to select time for January Commission meeting
- **Action Item:** D. Saylor suggested County staff work with Chair and Vice-Chair exclusively to determine recurring time for future Commission meetings

## 6. Approve Timeline and Process for At-Large Commission Member Appointment

**Decision:** Extend deadline to apply for at-large Commission positions to January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Moved By:** Mvondo / **Seconded By:** Reed

**Ayes:** Reed, Datel, Aulman, Kim, Serena, White, Mvondo, Austin, Alvarez

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

### **Additional Comments/Action Items:**

**Action Item:** Update County Website to recruit more applicants

**Action Item:** Send Charter to potential applicants

**Action Item:** Send Commissioners a copy of the Climate outreach list

## 7. Update on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Scope of Work Development

**Decision:** Not applicable. Staff update.

### **Additional Comments/Action Items:**

**Action Item:** Identify/interview jurisdictions which also seek to achieve carbon negative status

### **Additional Comments/Action Items:**

- Consider preparing a list of potential questions for RFP respondents and share with Working Group for approval.

## 8. Approve Timeline for Development and Prioritization of Early Actions, including Due Date for Submittal (Attachment C)

**Decision 1:** Direct staff to revise prioritization criteria and bring it back to the Commission's January meeting.

**Moved By:** Reed / **Seconded By:** Kim

**Ayes:** Reed, Datel, Aulman, Kim, Serena, White, Mvondo, Austin, Alvarez

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**Additional Comments/Action Items:**

**Action Item:** Commissioner Austin to send state definitions for disadvantaged communities

**Decision 2:** Move back by one month the Early Action schedule for prioritization

**Moved By:** Reed / **Seconded By:** Kim

**Ayes:** Reed, Datel, Aulman, Kim, Serena, White, Mvondo, Austin, Alvarez

**Noes:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

**Additional Comments/Action Items:**

**Action Item:** Commissioners to submit additional early actions, as needed, consistent with the early action eligibility criteria before January 31 deadline

## 9. Working Groups Update

**Decision:** Not applicable. Staff update

**Additional Comments/Action Items:**

- Working groups are ad-hoc and subject to the Brown Act
- Commission must vote to create working groups
- M. McCormick suggested development of an RFP working group
- C. Yvellez suggested development of stakeholder engagement working group to build relationships in advance of CAP development
- S. Reed agrees with development of a working group around RFP scope of work and stakeholder working group
- NJ Mvondo stated the CA Alliance for Family Farmers has expressed interest in participating in a working group
  - J. Provenza expressed interest in incorporating farmers into an agricultural working group
- R. Datel suggested consideration of a youth working group
  - D. Saylor suggested aligning with ongoing local youth climate groups including SACOG youth leadership academy and Woodland Youth Council
- S. Reed suggested leveraging Climate Compact as a forum to exchange info and not duplicate efforts
- NJ Mvondo commented many at-large Commission applicants have expertise in electric vehicles, and therefore suggests a working group around transportation

- P. Alvarez suggested consideration of natural and working lands as a working group opportunity
- B. Austin suggested a mobility working group, RFP working group, CAP stakeholder engagement working group, and food security working group, but advises no more than four working groups at one time.

**10. Meeting Adjourned**

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