

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Yolo County Climate Action Commission
February 28, 2022 | 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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| Suzanne Reed, District 1 appointee | NJ Mvondo, Environmental Justice Lead |
| Robin Datel, District 2 appointee | (CHAIR) |
| Mark Aulman, District 3 appointee | Bernadette Austin, Climate scientist/subject matter Expert |
| Andrew Truman Kim, District 4 appointee | Pelayo Alvarez, Climate scientist/subject matter Expert |
| (VICE-CHAIR) | Mica Bennett, At large |
| Adelita Serena, District 5 appointee | Ken Britten, At large |
| Chris White, Technical Lead | |

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

ATTENDANCE

All Commission Members and Ex-Officio Members were present.
Supervisor Don Saylor was present.
Supervisor Jim Provenza was represented by his deputy, Richard Reed.

MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Yolo County Staff Action Items

- County staff will amend the January 31, 2022 Commission meeting summary per the requested changes by Commission Member Reed, noted in item 5 below.
- C. Tschudin will send the details for the Community Alliance with Family Farmers, California Small Farm Conference farm tour occurring in Davis this week to the group, as requested by N. Mvondo.
- T. Echiburú to see if funds could be distributed quickly through the County's existing channels for the Capay Valley Health and Community Center Community Resilience Hub.
- County staff to move "Recommendations regarding best practices for evaluating the climate impact of proposed development projects" to the long-range calendar in July or August 2022 if those months are not filled with Climate Action Planning-specific items.
- County staff to add S. Reed's request to discuss the Commission's role in state and federal advocacy to the long-range calendar at a future Commission meeting.

Commission Action Items

- C. White to provide data to staff to include in the next Commission meeting demonstrating the energy reduction benefits of existing home energy labelling programs.
 - Commission to decide if they would prefer a Yolo County Past Planning Efforts presentation or workshop.
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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: Approved

Moved By: / Seconded By: S. Reed / A. Kim

Ayes: 11

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items:

2. **Welcome New Commission Members & Commission Member Introductions (Chair Mvondo)**
 - Welcomed K. Britten and M. Bennett and asked for both staff and Commission Member introductions.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Decision: Approve

Moved By: / Seconded By: A. Kim / R. Datel

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstain: 2

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items:

4. **Public Comment** – No public comment at this time.

5. Approve 1/31 Meeting Minutes

Decision: Approve

Moved By: / Seconded By: M. Aulman / S. Reed

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstain: 2

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- S. Reed stated on page 6, item 8.d.i in the January 31, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes, her comments should be clarified as stating that actions the Commission approves for funding should have long-term benefits.
- S. Reed stated, on page 8, item 10.b.iii in the January 31, 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes, SWAT should be changed to SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats); S. Reed clarified she suggested a SWOT analysis to reveal the gaps, needs and strengths of the County.

6. Staff Announcements/Reports (Staff/Commission Members)

- R. Datel noted staff reports are also listed under item 11 on the agenda; N. Mvondo stated this is to provide Commission members the opportunity to make suggestions for future agenda items.
- N. Mvondo announced the Community Alliance with Family Farmers is hosting the California Small Farm Conference from February 27 to March 3 and there will be a farm tour in Davis this week at 4pm. N. Mvondo to share the farm tour information with C. Tschudin to send to the group.
- No staff announcements.

7. Approve Land Acknowledgment (Vice-Chair Kim)

- A. Kim commended the inclusivity of the land acknowledgment.
- T. Echiburú added as part of developing this broad and inclusive statement, the County reached out to Omar Carillo, Director of Government Affairs for Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The land acknowledgement stated has been approved by the Yocha Dehe Wintun National Tribal Council and by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.
- N. Mvondo thanked Sarah Morgan for assisting with the development of the land acknowledgement statement and for participating in Commission meetings.
- T. Echiburú stated with this vote, the land acknowledgment statement will be a standing item at the top of all future commission agendas.

Decision: Approve

Moved By: / Seconded By: S. Reed / A. Serena and K. Britten

Ayes: 11

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items:

8. Receive Staff Report on Proposed Yolo Climate Action Commission Amendment (T. Echiburú)

- T. Echiburú recalled the desire for Commission to review development projects, however clarified this is not in the scope of the Commission.
 - This clarification is best captured by making an amendment to the charter and by cleaning up the amendment process.
 - Amendment to be brought to the Board of Supervisors in March.
- K. Britten asked if there can be more discussion on the Commission's ability to review projects. He stated for the City of Winters, there will be a formal liaison process between the Winters Climate Commission and the Winters Planning Commission. The Winters Climate Commission will have an early review committee to review Planning Commission projects.
 - T. Echiburú responded that this is not possible at the time due to the nature of the focus on the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) writing, but perhaps this could change after the adoption of the plan.
 - T. Echiburú notes that it's the Board's desire that this group work on the CAAP itself.
 - K. Britten responded that this might be out of the spirit of an emergency and requests the Board considers moving this process faster.
 - T. Echiburú responded that this feedback will go to the Board for review and there is an opportunity to continue this discussion then.
- R. Datel asked if the amendment arrangement which requires a 2/3rd majority vote, is standard for any Boards or Commissions in the County.
 - T. Echiburú stated it is and it was a recommendation from County Counsel to include the 2/3rd majority to maintain consistency with other boards/commissions.

Additional Comments/Action Items: No public comment at this time.

9. Approve Recommended Early Action Priorities (P. Marchand)

- P. Marchand provided a background of this effort to new Commission Members and listed the recommendations on the seven prioritized early actions. Staff selected the top seven early actions based on having four or more 'highs' for individual criteria. Staff combined actions where it was possible, which is reflected in the staff report.

For incomplete proposals, staff used best professional judgement to prioritize the action. P. Marchand opened the floor to questions.

- A. Kim noted that the expansion of the Carl Moyer program did not appear on the current list; asked if it is too late to submit the Carl Moyer expansion project.
- P. Marchand stated there are two options – 1) to prioritize and add the Carl Moyer as an early action during the meeting, or 2) go forward with other early actions and hold a motion to add Carl Moyer expansion project to the proposals to review at the next Commission meeting.
- A. Kim moved to add Carl Moyer to next Commission agenda and to continue with approval of other early actions in the meantime.
- S. Reed made an alternative motion for Commission to approve that the list of 7, as provided, move forward for further analysis and within that list, for staff to reexamine the home energy audit mandate in order to analyze the opportunities to direct that program to prioritize benefits to low-income consumers, enabling them to make and afford modifications while they reside in the home and at the time they are able to sell. The motion included a reexamination by staff of the Capay project with the recommendations and comments made by Supervisor Saylor and an examination of opportunities to expedite funding so that it does not delay the project and run up cost.
- A. Kim withdrew his original motion and seconded S. Reed’s motion.
- T. Echiburu clarified that suggestion by Supervisor Saylor on Capay project will move forward without the need to be included in motion.
- C. White highlighted the benefits of the Home Energy Labeling Project to low-income communities, specifically with regards to job creation for at-risk youth.
 - P. Alvarez noted concern on whether this project benefits low-income communities, as mandated programs can create an additional cost to homeowners.
 - Staff will investigate ways to structure the Home Energy Labeling Project roll out to address this concern.

Decision: Approve

Moved By: / Seconded By: S. Reed / A. Kim

Ayes: 11

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items:

Public Comment – Christine Shewmaker commented on the high impact of the renewable energy project, and that there are long-term actions to implement regarding moving to 100% renewable energy and that in the intermediate term, low-income communities could be assisted to renewable energy through grants. Commented on #1 on early action proposals, wanted to add a sentence that clarifies that all NEW Yolo

County buildings would include removing fossil fuels. On the mandate, there may be a way to do the carrot versus the stick.

10. Update on Ad-Hoc Working Group for Climate Action Plan Scope of Work (M. McCormick)

- M. McCormick noted that first meeting for RFP working group is on March 17th and staff is currently developing a presentation on the past planning efforts in Yolo County with recommended best practices.

11. Commissioner Reports, Comments, Future Agenda Items

- S. Reed asked for an update on the History of Climate Action Planning Presentation.
 - S. Reed noted that the Commission should receive a presentation on Yolo County climate-related planning efforts, and based on that presentation, decide if the County should host a workshop.
 - T. Echiburú noted that a placeholder for a presentation was put on the long-range calendar, tentatively scheduled for March.
- Based on presentation, Commission to decide if there is a need for a workshop
- [Commissioner Reports amended for clarity per discussion at the March 28, 2022 meeting]

12. Long Range Calendar

- C. Tschudin added that update will be sent in between meetings.
- K. Britten suggested moving the “Recommendations regarding best practices for evaluating the climate impact of proposed development projects” currently scheduled for September 2022 to July or August on the long-range calendar.
 - T. Echiburú agreed County staff can move this item to July or August 2022 on the long-range calendar if those months are not filled with CAAP-specific items.
- S. Reed asked to discuss at a future Commission meeting, the Commission’s role in state and federal advocacy.

13. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:55 PM
