

**YOLO COUNTY DEBT COMMITTEE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 20, 2022**

**8:30AM – 9:30AM**

***ZOOM Meeting***

<u>Committee Members</u> <u>(all present):</u>	Angel Barajas, Chair	Board of Supervisors
	Gary Sandy	Board of Supervisors
	Chad Rinde	Interim County Administrator
	Tom Haynes	Interim Chief Financial Officer
	Taro Echiburu	Director of Community Services

<u>Others Present:</u>	Sou Xiong	Yolo County Treasury Manager
	Mitch Sears	Valley Clean Energy Alliance
	Edward Burnham	Valley Clean Energy Alliance

1. Chair Sandy called the meeting to order at 8:30AM
2. The agenda was reviewed and approved by unanimous vote (Barajas/Rinde)
3. There were no public comments
4. The Consent Agenda, including authorization of remote meeting pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 and approval of the minutes from the April 30, 2020 Debt Committee Meeting, were approved by unanimous vote (Barajas/Rinde).
6. The Committee received a presentation from Sou Xiong, Treasury Manager, on a proposed financing for the Yolo County Integrated Waste Management Division to fund two projects identified in the County’s 2022-26 Capital Improvement Plan, the construction of a new Waste Management Unit (WMU) 6H and reconstruction of the WMU G Leachate Pond (G-Pond). Staff recommended moving forward with a Direct Purchase Sale rather than a Public Sale as the financing mechanism due to the short timeframe for financing, ability to lock in interest rates sooner, lower cost of issuance, less stringent disclosure requirements and less burned on staff time.

Interim County Administrator Rinde asked whether staff were comfortable with the financing model and the long-term fiscal impact to the Solid Waste System. Interim CFO Haynes responded that after thorough review staff were comfortable the model and that it was built upon conservative assumptions. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to move forward with a Direct Purchase Sale by unanimous vote (Barajas/Rinde)

7. The Committee received a presentation from Interim CFO Haynes on a loan request from Valley Clean Energy (VCE) in the amount of \$10 million in order to bridge a short-term cash flow need. Based on VCE's cash flow needs, the availability of other financing options and the County's lending capacity, staff recommended a \$5 million loan or line of credit to be made out of the Demeter Fund.

The Committee received comments from VCE Executive Director Mitch Sears and Director of Finance Edward Burnham, who reiterated that the funding needs were short-term in nature and intended to ensure rate stabilization for the organization. Interim County Administrator Rinde asked about VCE's long-term financial outlook, which VCE staff indicated was strong due to an increasing percentage of total energy load coming from Power Purchase Agreements. The Committee approved staff's recommendation by unanimous vote (Barajas/Rinde)

8. The Committee adjourned at 9:30AM