



MEETING MINUTES

Yolo County Climate Action Commission

April 25, 2022 | 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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 (*left at 6:00pm*)
Pelayo Alvarez, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert
Mica Bennett – At Large (*absent*)
Ken Britten – At Large (*absent*)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Sarah Morgan, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
Matt Dulcich, UC Davis

SUPERVISORS:

Supervisor Don Saylor, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 2 (*not in attendance*)
Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 4

MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Yolo County Staff Action Items

- Modify March 28, 2022 meeting minutes to correct S. Reed's vote on Item 8.4, Recommend Home Energy Labeling Project Description to Board of Supervisors for Approval.
 - Revise Early Action Project Descriptions.
 - Add Discussion on Working Groups to May Commission Agenda.
 - Add Presentation on UC Davis CAP Progress to Long Range Calendar.
 - Work to make Yolo Climate Compact materials available on the website.
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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.

Approved By / Seconded By: N. Mvondo / A. Kim

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: K. Britten, M. Bennett

- 2. Land Acknowledgement**

- Read by A. Kim

- 3. Approval of the Agenda**

Decision: Approve with Change to Item 7 Requested by N. Mvondo.

Approved By / Seconded By: S. Reed / B. Austin

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: K. Britten, M. Bennett

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- N. Mvondo requested moving discussion of the Yolo Agricultural Equipment Retrofit Program Project Description (Attachment K) ahead of Attachments H and I because Stephanie Holliday from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District was only available to attend until 5pm.

- 4. Public Comment**

- No public comment.

- 5. Approve March 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Decision: Approve with Amendment to Item 8.4.

Approved By / Seconded By: S. Reed / B. Austin

Ayes: S. Reed, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Noes: None

Abstain: R. Datel

Absent: K. Britten, M. Bennett

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- S. Reed requested amendment to correct her roll call vote on Item 8.4, Recommend Home Energy Labeling Project Description to Board of Supervisors for Approval, from 'Aye' to 'No'.

6. Staff Announcements/Reports (Staff)

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- No additional comments.

Public Comment:

- J. Beck referenced the City of Oakland's consultant hiring strategy as a good example of this process and asked if the scope of work that is being developed includes one consultant or one consultant and an additional equity consultant to divide up the work.

7. Action Item: Approve Remaining Early Action Project Descriptions (*Attachments D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K*)

7.1 Recommend Yolo Agricultural Equipment Retrofit Program Project Description (Attachment K) to Board of Supervisors for Approval

Decision: Approve with the following amendments:

- Change "historically underrepresented" to "historically underserved."
- Change first sentence to "replace gas powered equipment with electric equipment."
- After the sentence starting with "The expansion will prioritize...", add, "The action will focus on replacing equipment such as utility task vehicles with electric alternatives for which the District can easily quantify GHG reduction."

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

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: K. Britten, M. Bennett

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- J. Provenza asked about the grant strategy's relationship to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund allocation.
 - P. Marchand noted that ARP funds could be used as match for grant applications, and that project descriptions that are considered urgent or unlikely to be matched with a grant could be recommended for ARP funds.
- S. Holliday (YSAQMD) clarified that the district does not use the term "historically underserved" and that this term would need to be fleshed out by the Commission. She also clarified that YSAQMD has many tools to examine the factors that may contribute to a farmer being designated "historically underserved."
- S. Holliday (YSAQMD) stated that the district would want to work with the Commission to establish additional partnerships and relationships.
- P. Alvarez gave a recommendation to reach out to the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) for assistance in outreach to underserved farmers.

Public Comment:

- L. Torres stressed importance of outreach extending beyond the general public to reach members of low-income and underserved communities. With the EV Program, marginalized communities would appreciate support with filling out applications due to language and technology barriers. Educational campaigns were requested regarding electric vehicles. Creative outreach to community gardens was requested to embrace these communities in future discussions.
- C. Shewmaker, resident of Woodland, provided comment on the 100% Renewable Electricity early action project and requested that language regarding the Community Choice Aggregation measure in the 2011 Climate Action Plan be added to the section on Consistency with Existing Policies to make a stronger argument to the Board of Supervisors. C. Shewmaker also suggested the Commission label this project as "100% Renewable Electricity" rather than "100% Renewable Energy Electric Accounts" for clarity.

7.2 Recommend Inventory and Feasibility Study to Remove Fossil Fuels from County Operations Project Description (*Attachment I*) to Board of Supervisors for Approval

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: B. Austin / M. Aulman

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: K. Britten, M. Bennett

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- M.Aulman inquired how long the inventorying/feasibility status would take.
 - T.Echiburu responded that staff did not yet establish the details of the timeline.
- C.White responded that an inventory could take three to six months to complete with the caveat that it takes PG&E up to a year to get information from their end (behind the meter).

Public Comment:

- C. Shewmaker was happy to see that an inventory was added to this process and suggested to start on one project to see what is possible to complete before getting all facilities evaluated.
- J. Beck shared a resource by UC Davis for underserved farms in Yolo County: <https://brinkley.faculty.ucdavis.edu/home/research/california-county-community-food-guides/yolo/>
- J. Beck stressed the importance of working with different agencies in providing leadership, education, and awareness as a County to school districts. Suggested that the County provide signals to districts that stress priority of electrification of fleets.

7.3 Recommend Zero Emission Vehicle Master Plan Project Description (Attachment J) to Board of Supervisors for Approval

Decision: Approve with the following changes:

- Add the following partnerships:
 - Yolo County Transportation District
 - UC Davis Institute of Transportation
 - La Cooperativa Campesina de California
- Add language that is consistent with CalTrans and CEC grant programs to ensure eligibility

Approved By / Seconded By: R. Datel / M. Aulman

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: K. Britten, M. Bennett

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- R. Datel recommended including Yolo County Transportation District and UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies as potential partners.
- A. Kim recommended including La Cooperativa Campesina de California as a potential partner.
- B. Austin offered connection to UC Davis Institute of Transportation Studies and emphasized the importance of transit in disadvantaged communities.
- C. White clarified that a zero-emission vehicle master plan includes transit, trucks, and infrastructure, and that such a plan is typically funded by Caltrans. A public charging plan is different and is typically funded by the California Energy Commission.
 - Recommendation was made to go with ZEV Master Plan and to add mobility hubs.

Public Comment:

- J. Beck plugged access to natural areas and recommended EV charging stations at natural centers, such as Cache Creek Nature Preserve, to build ecotourism industry.
- C. Shewmaker suggested a press release or announcement be made that the Board will consider these projects on May 24th.
- L. Torres requested that when the Board consider marginalized communities in the conversation of energy use, that they make programs opt-in instead of opt-out and consider how these actions will affect disadvantaged communities.
- S. Allen, Deputy Supervisor, District 4 applauded Commission's work.

8. Presentation on History and Progress of Climate Action Efforts in Yolo County

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- Clarification made that the emissions reductions mentioned in presentation came from the unincorporated area.
- S. Reed mentioned that the Yolo Climate Compact is a helpful forum for regional coordination.
- M. McCormick referenced the City of Oakland's Equitable Climate Action Plan and the equity best practice resources on their website.
- N. Mvondo requested posting Climate Compact presentations on website and recommended utilizing the ad hoc working groups as a forum for relationship building with community leaders.

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

9. Commission Member Reports, Comments, Future, Future Agenda Items

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- S. Reed requested County staff add a future agenda item regarding the development of working groups (specifically inclusion/outreach and funding/finance).
- M. Dulcich affirmed that a presentation on UC Davis's CAP progress is available at the Commission's direction.
- P. Alvarez shared that the California Natural Resources Agency released its nature-based climate solutions for natural and working lands document with different ecosystems represented and will send to K. Wraithwall.
- C. White honored as West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Public Comment: No public comment.

10. Long Range Calendar

- Updates from today's meeting will be made to the long-range calendar.
- May 24th is Board of Supervisor meeting where staff will present early action project descriptions.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at: 6:29 PM.
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