



MEETING MINUTES
Yolo County Climate Action Commission
July 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 (*not in attendance*)
Pelayo Alvarez, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert (*not in attendance*)
Mica Benett – At Large
Ken Britten – At Large

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Sarah Morgan, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation
Matt Dulcich, UC Davis (*not in attendance*)

SUPERVISORS:

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

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.**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
 - Read by M. Aulman
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: K. Britten / A. Serena

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, M. Bennett, K. Britten

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: B. Austin, P. Alvarez

4. Public Comment

- N. Mvondo shared that a member of the public requested that the Chair acknowledge the members of public in attendance as they cannot see each other on the screen.
- N. Mvondo called Chris Granger, Christine Shewmaker, Jerel Francisco, Juliette Beck, Marlen, Rebecca Boyles (VCE), Scott Steward, Sierra Huffman (VCE), and Steve Murphy as those in attendance. She also recognized Heather Nichols from Yolo County RCD.
- J. Beck:
 - Introduced herself as a resident of Davis involved in several environmental and climate justice organizations and groups including Climate Strike Davis.
 - Gave kudos to the Woodland Sustainability Advisory Committee and the committee members that are also YCCAC Commission Members, such as Adelita Serena and Mark Aulman, for putting on the July 9th Woodland Sustainability Forum.
 - J. Beck also acknowledged the approval of the Climate Safe California resolution by Woodland City Council and commended Commissioner Datel for the role she played in that process.
 - She shared that on June 23, 2022, she attended a mobilization of environmental justice groups at the California Air Resources Board commenting on the statewide Climate Action Plan and that environmental justice was front and center in those conversations.
 - She also noted that she would love to see the Commission focus on climate impact assessments of Yolo County decisions and projects.

5. Approve June 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Decision: Approve with amendment from S. Reed

Approved By / Seconded By: R. Datel / S. Reed

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, N. Mvondo, M. Bennett, K. Britten

Noes: None

Abstain: C. White

Absent: B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- S. Reed corrected a statement of hers in the minutes referencing the Regional Collaborative Grant. She stated that she did not say that we shouldn't consider

the program, rather, she said that she did not think it was appropriate for our participation this year but that it should be on our long-term watch list.

6. Staff Announcements/Reports (K. Wraithwall)

- K. Wraithwall shared that July 26, 2022 is the Board of Supervisors Meeting where they will be discussing two key items relevant to the Commission:
 - Review and Approval of the Early Action Grant Strategy.
 - 100% Renewable Electricity Accounts Early Action Project.
 - The County put forward a request for funding for this project, which includes all County business accounts in VCE territory. The total cost comes out to about \$37,000 per year to upgrade all County business accounts to Ultra Green.
- K. Wraithwall shared that staff is targeting the first week of August to release the RFP, which will put the selection of a consultant in October.
- K. Wraithwall shared an announcement on the Yolo Agriculture Retrofit Early Action Project. She stated that the original plan was to bring this early action to the Board at their meeting on July 26, 2022, however, County staff will be taking time to incorporate feedback from the Board Subcommittee on Climate including:
 - Quantification of the program benefits.
 - Exploring what this program would look like if it were incentive-based in order to leverage funds for additional retrofits.
 - K. Wraithwall shared that staff will provide an update to the Commission next month before bringing it back to the Board Subcommittee on Climate for additional feedback before it returns to the full Board.
- K. Wraithwall shared that we can do website beta-testing among the Commission Members and we will have a full discussion of this at a later Commission meeting. She shared that website updates should be considered as a “Phase One” before considering longer term upgrades and that staff will provide an update on the framework for the Communications Plan at the next Commission meeting.
- S. Reed and N. Mvondo expressed interest in including real users in a beta-test to provide initial feedback for the website. S. Reed stressed the importance of explaining that the website is an iterative process and that we are inviting feedback on some key components. She also shared that beta-testing does not have to occur as a group, rather each Commission member could beta-test individually and provide their feedback without convening as a group or a subgroup.
 - N. Mvondo stated that if the whole Commission gives feedback as a group on the beta-test, then the public needs to be aware of that.
- K. Wraithwall shared that the beta-test will be an unlisted website that we will be able to tweak and update and she seconded the idea of stressing that this is

an iterative process. She also shared that the advantage of the unlisted website is we can make initial updates and try to keep a more aggressive timeline.

- K. Wraithwall shared an update on Countywide Collaborative Sustainability Efforts through a brief presentation. She shared that there is a lot that Yolo County is doing for climate action and sustainability that is not under the Sustainability Division. She shared a future vision for sustainability and collaboration in the County.
 - She shared a sense of what the Sustainability Division is currently involved in, listing the Yolo County Climate Compact, the Yolo Resiliency Collaborative (re-starting in August), the UC Davis Campus Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACs), Capitol Region Climate Readiness Collaborative, SGC Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program (upcoming opportunity), OPR/GO-Biz/LWDA Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) Sac Region (upcoming opportunity), and the Urban Sustainability Directors Network.
 - She shared that the plan for Fall 2022 is to form an internal county 'Green Team' to collaborate on climate and sustainability initiatives across departments and divisions.
 - She shared that in Summer 2023, the Sustainability division plans to begin annual presentations to the Board of Supervisors on Countywide Climate Action and Sustainability.
 - S. Reed suggested including Health and Human Services and associated programs in sustainability and resilience including health councils. She also shared that she found the presentation that was made by the groundwater sustainability planning folks at the Climate Compact to be very helpful and noted that they expressed interest in engaging in conversation about how they could be more integrated into this work.
 - K. Britten noted that we should consider whether there should be a more formal connection to the City sustainability efforts and whether there should be lines in the diagram that go to the Sustainability Committee of the City of Davis or the Winters Climate Action Commission to connect to ongoing projects and avoid duplicating efforts.
 - K. Wraithwall responded that her intention is for there to be interaction and coordination between municipalities and for that to be an essential part of our work. She shared that the Yolo Resiliency Collaborative will start meeting regularly in two weeks to think about how we can best coordinate to make this an established effort.
 - M. Aulman stressed the importance of collaboration with Valley Clean Energy.
 - R. Datel suggested the idea of a dashboard and making data available to the public to help collaboration among municipalities and other

jurisdictions, which would help with public outreach and our own understanding of our efforts.

- N. Mvondo asked if it would be helpful for R. Datel to send an example of a dashboard.
 - K. Wraithwall responded that building out additional tools and tracking mechanisms is an ask of the consultant and is written into the RFP so that will be coming in more detail soon.
- A. Serena shared that one of the biggest takeaways from being on the Woodland Sustainability Advisory Committee and working with integrated waste management was the need for clarity around organic waste and offering more sustainable waste options for apartments/smaller housing units.

Public Comment:

- Scott Steward shared that he is a part of the Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition and Climate Strike Davis. He said that revising the website and making it more accessible seems like it has inter-departmental implications, and he asked about the scale and authority of the team making the upgrades. His second question was if the RFP release is being delayed until September.
 - K. Wraithwall responded that the RFP release is being delayed by one week and is being released in August, then a consultant will be brought on in October. She also said that we are only doing the website revise through our own division, but we are communicating with the County's public information officer and website development team.

7. Presentation on Electric Vehicle Car Sharing from Míocar

- A. Serena introduced her connection with Míocar and the need for car share programs in Woodland and thought this would be a good opportunity to integrate their work into our electrified transportation program.
- Jerel Francisco shared that Míocar is a zero-emission vehicle car sharing program that operates primarily in rural locations in the San Joaquin Valley and is focused on serving historically disadvantaged communities.
 - J. Francisco said that to use their service, there is a downloadable app available in the App Store or Google Store, but that they also provide RF ID cards for locations that might not have cell service. Their service is very affordable and easy to use, starting at \$4 an hour, \$35 a day, and \$0.35 per mile if users go over the 550-mile limit. They offer a range of available vehicles- the Chevy Bolt (240-mile range), Chrysler Pacifica (plug-in hybrid minivan with 516-mile range), BMW i3 (180 mile range), Nissan Leaf (220 and 160 mile ranges). To register for Míocar, users must be 21 years or older, have a valid driver's license (or AB60 license), and a valid debit, credit, or prepaid card. It takes one to three days for your Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) application to be processed.

- J. Francisco shared potential site locations in Yolo County such as in Esparto, Knights Landing, and Woodland. They are pursuing public funding for these locations and highlighted the CARB Clean Mobility Options Voucher, California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project, Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (CVPR), Senate Bill 154 (future funding), and SACOG Green Region Grant for potential funding opportunities.
- He shared www.miocar.org and gloria@miocar.org as resources for further questions.
- J. Francisco then gave a presentation representing Shared Mobility. He shared that Shared Mobility supports bike sharing operation. He said that the overall vision of Shared Mobility is to expand access to clean transportation to support municipal climate action goals and create more sustainable and affordable shared transportation networks.
- K. Britten shared that he is supportive of this project and spreading it as fast as possible. He asked what it takes for a few of these cars to get into a place like Woodland and suggested the Winters Yolo Housing project as a location for Míocar, which would help disadvantaged populations.
 - J. Francisco responded that they usually go in locations that have not been invested in by these types of businesses.
- K. Britten asked if you need a charger as part of the infrastructure or dedicated parking spots to support this.
 - J. Francisco responded that yes, they usually do need dedicated parking and charging locations, which requires going after public funds.
- A. Kim asked what is required to make this happen and how long it would take to establish Míocar in Woodland, Esparto, and Knights Landing. He asked what the biggest challenges are and what the challenge has been when working with farmworker communities. He also asked if they have hired farmworkers or members of the farmworking community.
 - J. Francisco shared that he would pass these questions to Gloria Huerta, but that they do always seek to hire locally. He also said that they would need community-based organizations to be more involved and identify locations and housing that could benefit from these services.
- A. Kim also asked if Míocar has partnered with cities or municipalities, since West Sacramento has Via which is administered by the city.
 - J. Francisco responded that they always partner with Local Government agencies.
- A. Kim clarified that Míocar's ask for assistance is in identifying potential partners and community-based organizations to support this effort.
- M. Bennett asked Commission where the bigger bang for their buck is - whether that is providing more bikes or making it safer to ride your bikes in the community.
 - J. Francisco shared the issue around safety and that this is something that Shared Mobility seeks to address within their programs whether it

be through outreach or through increasing awareness of bike safety in general.

- S. Morgan noted that biking is not feasible in the Capay Valley and to consider where locations make the most sense. She asked if host sites become responsible for maintaining the cars and how that partnership works.
 - J. Francisco responded that Míocar operates both the vehicle and the charging stations, so it would not be a burden to the site. He also shared that they operate round trip meaning that you do have to bring your vehicle back to their location, but one day they are hoping to eliminate that.
- R. Datel asked if they have partnerships with UC Davis with the Institute of Transportation Studies or someone in that area to help them analyze data.
 - J. Francisco responded that he is actually a UC Davis grad and that there is a specific researcher who reports to CARB.
- N. Mvondo asked how long Míocar and Shared Mobility have been operating for and what his estimate is on employee size and experience. J. Francisco answered that Míocar has been operating in California for about four years. N. Mvondo also asked how many full-time staff members they have. J. Francisco answered that they have two full time staff members. N. Mvondo then asked about internship opportunities to encourage youth or community partnerships. J. Francisco shared that once they build capacity, they will be able to expand opportunities. N. Mvondo asked if there are sanitization processes in place when the cars are shared. J. Francisco shared that they include CDC recommended equipment and encourage riders to clean equipment after use.

Public Comment:

- Christine Shewmaker introduced herself as a retired molecular biologist who is a resident of Woodland and a member of Valley Clean Energy's Citizens Advisory Committee. She asked if we need to parse out whether the site would be in unincorporated Yolo County or not. She suggested considering how most of Yolo County is ag-land, so it is important to consider the location. She also shared that Amtrak runs through Yolo County which is something to consider. J. Francisco responded that partnering with travel groups is a great idea and that he would love to follow up on that and that Amtrak is a great location suggestion that they would look for.
- J. Francisco read a question submitted by Chris Granger, answering that it is possible to use municipal funds to fund Míocar fleet and that that is still on the table. He also shared that he does not have much information at the moment on local bike advocacy but that he will forward Shared Mobility's email and that advocacy is a big part of their work.

8. Action Item: Select YCCAC Representatives for CAAP RFP Evaluation Panel

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: S. Reed / M. Bennett

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, A. Ki, A. Serena, C. White, N. Mvondo, M. Bennett, K. Britten

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: M. Aulman, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- K. Wraithwall introduced this item and shared that there were five volunteers to join the evaluation panel. She said that the panel will be tasked with reviewing proposals, scoring proposals, having discussions about proposals, conducting interviews, and ultimately deciding on the consultant team that will be conducting the County's Climate Action and Adaptation Plans.
- K. Wraithwall read the names of the five volunteers: M. Bennett, K. Britten, N. Mvondo, S. Reed, and C. White.
- M. Bennett withdrew her name from the list of the five volunteers.
- M. Aulman said that N. Mvondo would be his first choice to carry out this role, but that the whole group is very qualified.
- R. Datel asked who else is on the panel aside from the three Commission members.
 - K. Wraithwall responded that there will be four other panelists; herself, Taro Echiburu, Alexander Tengolics (external affairs manager), and pending availability, someone from Yolo County RCD given the extensive role they will be playing in the CAAP process.
- S. Reed asked who among the volunteers was also on the panel that developed the RFP. K. Wraithwall responded that C. White is the only volunteer who served on the RFP Scope of Work Working Group.
- S. Reed withdrew from consideration. She shared that she was very impressed with the RFP but stressed that it is important to make sure this plan is developed in the context of Yolo County and that it is responsive to Yolo County conditions and the communities we intend to serve.
- N. Mvondo, C. White, and K. Britten were selected to serve on this panel.

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

- R. Datel shared that she brought the endorsement of Climate Safe California to the City of Woodland, and after many months, the City Council unanimously endorsed it on Tuesday, July 19, at their regular City Council meeting. She shared that her next stop will be the City of Davis. She also shared that the Climate Center's Webinar "Investing in Farmers for Nature Based Sequestration" is very relevant to this County and is happening at 10 AM on Thursday, July 28, via Zoom and that recordings will be available after.
- A. Serena shared that as a member of the Woodland Sustainability Advisory Committee, they had a very good turnout for their Community Input Forum for the City of Woodland with about fifty residents showing up. What stood out

from this event was that many folks felt passionate and panicked and frustrated about climate change. She shared that people want to know how to get involved and how they can play an active role in the change. She shared they submitted a report to the City of Woodland that can be found on the city's website. She shared that they would report back on how to better reach more community members for the next forum.

- K. Britten shared that he learned that Imperial County developed a draft Climate Action Plan that might be interesting to look at as they have a similar agricultural focus. He shared that it is available on their website, and everyone should check it out.
- N. Mvondo shared that she is a member of the National Alliance for Climate Resilience Planners (NARCP) and completed a twelve-month training last year. She shared that she received an invitation to apply to another twelve-month program that is a collaboration between the UC system and some state universities, that pairs community organizers with academics working on climate change research. She shared that she would update the Commission on this item and that it pairs well with the Commission's goals.
- S. Reed commented that West Sac is moving to in-person public meetings and asked what the County's position is on that. K. Wraithwall responded that there is not an update and suggested the Commission continue meeting remotely for now.

10. Long Range Calendar

- S. Reed commented that K. Wraithwall should make note of the San Diego presentation in September.
- N. Mvondo added that beta-testing should be added to the long-range calendar.
- K. Wraithwall commented on the excitement surrounding working groups and shared that next meeting will include a discussion on future working group structure. The goal is for the working groups to launch in October.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at: 6:27 PM
-