

MEETING MINUTES
Yolo County Climate Action Commission
January 31, 2022 | 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS:

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
Andrew Truman Kim, District 4 appointee (VICE-CHAIR)	matter Expert
Adelita Serena, District 5 appointee	Pelayo Alvarez, Climate scientist/subject
Chris White, Technical Lead	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

MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Yolo County Staff Action Items

- Apply prioritization criteria to submitted and eligible early actions
- Update prioritization criteria with Commission member changes
- Develop presentation on past planning efforts to provide Commission with context for CAP update
- Send out calendar invitation for regular Commission meetings – 4th Monday of the month from 4-6 pm
- Send out Doodle poll to schedule first ad-hoc working group meeting on development of CAP SOW
- Send invitation and past meeting materials to two newly appointed at-large Commission members
- Work with Chair & Vice Chair to develop February Commission Agenda
- Add name of person presenting to staff reports
- Consider adding Yocha Dehe land acknowledgement statement to next meeting
- Update prioritization criteria based on suggestions

Commission Action Items

- **NONE**
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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 / R. Datel

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items: NONE

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Decision: Approved

Moved By: / Seconded By: A. Kim / A. Serena

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items: NONE

3. **Public Comment**

- a. Juliette Beck – states that part of the Resolution that is not addressed (such as creation of EIRs, ecological impact and GHG footprint impact reports). Analysis would have benefitted the evaluation of the Schiffler Mining Project, approved a few weeks ago. If Commission is able to meet climate goals, County needs to have that analysis to evaluate project and process of creating staff reports with analysis on climate impacts. Will Commission bring that aspect of analysis into future decisions?
- b. Comments are accepted, will of Commission to bring back topic at a future meeting.

4. **Approve December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Decision: Approved

Moved By: / Seconded By: 9

Ayes: 0

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items: NONE

5. Staff Reports/Updates

- a. County made an offer to Sustainability Coordinator
- b. Currently in the process of onboarding for this position
- c. Start date is March 14, 2022
- d. Kristen Wraith-Wall is new Sustainability Coordinator

6. Regular Meeting Time

Decision: Regular meeting time 4th Monday of the month from 4-6 pm

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

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items: NONE

7. At-Large Commission Meeting Appointments

- a. R. Datel asked Commission Members to consider what are the most important qualifications
 - i. Preference for individual from Winters/Unincorporated Yolo
 - ii. B. Austin seconded importance of geographic diversity
- b. C. white appreciated diversity of applicants; most impressed with number of people from difference backgrounds (i.e. water, pesticides, etc.); encourage looking at topical gaps in Commission makeup
- c. A. Serena noted presence of Youth applicants
 - i. One application from Rumsey (Unincorporated Area).
 - ii. S. Morgan seconded A. Serena's comment about candidate from Rumsey and suggests considering gaps in areas of expertise (i.e., agricultural lens or energy)

- iii. S. Reed is not as concerned about gaps in expertise, points to the lack of connection to community and the need to have a conduit to the community; states expertise in climate is secondary to community expertise
- d. T. Echiburu suggested state date for Commission Members to provide recommendation
 - i. S. Reed suggested solicitation for At-Large Commission Member
 - ii. C. White is prepared to put forward names
 - iii. B. Austin is prepared to put forward names, suggested several approaches for selecting remaining seats
 - iv. A. Kim is prepared to put forward names today, suggested asking Commission if they feel comfortable moving forward
 - 1. T. Echiburu notes that any Commission Member can make a motion moving forward on appointment
 - v. C. White recommends Ken Britten
 - vi. B. Austin makes motion to seek to fill one or two vacant positions, each Commission member put in Chat their top two to three candidates
 - vii. S. Reed suggested to make motion for one candidate at a time
- e. S. Reed moved M. Bennett be approved as member of YCCAC
 - i. A. Serena seconds motion
- f. A. Kim supported K. Britten because of his experience working on the frontlines with respect to fire evacuations; deep understanding for climate policy
 - i. N.J. Mvondo supports K. Britten because of his experience in climate communication and policymaking in the City of Winters
- g. S. Morgan has a process question for ex-officio seats; can Commission Members provide ex-officio recommendations?
 - i. M. McCormick answers that it wouldn't be a formal recommendation, but a point of conversation for Commission to consider
- h. J. Provenza encourages Commission members to not use Chat function due to Brown Act requirements

Decision: Mica Bennett approved as member of YCCAC

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

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Decision: Ken Britten approved as member of YCCAC

Moved By: / Seconded By: R. Datel / C. White

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

8. Prioritization Criteria

- a. P. Marchand noted modification to timeline; Board approval of early actions to take place in April
- b. C. White has a question on GHG early actions; early actions don't necessarily make immediate GHG reductions, requesting clarity on timeframe ("significant GHG reductions OVER TIME")
- c. A. Kim appreciates emphasis on vulnerable communities; highlights that one term that is not explicitly on criteria is 'climate adaptation'; stresses that the emphasis is on GHG reduction
- d. S. Reed mentions that the Resolution references a just transition and inclusion
 - i. Concerned with funding actions now with one-off funding, lays down a foundation that can be scaled up or matured to long lasting sustainability. In other words, actions approved by the Commission should have long-term benefits. [amended by staff per discussion at the February 28, 2022 meeting]
 1. P. Marchand recommended adding language of just transition to co-benefits
- e. R. Datel clarified that prioritization criteria is not deterministic; Commission will come together and discuss results of prioritization criteria
- f. A. Kim agrees with S. Reed on just transition principles being included in prioritization criteria #5
- g. P. Marchand hears the following changes:
 - i. Add just transition to #5
 - ii. Add "may" to DAC designation census tract
 - iii. Add climate adaptation to #5

Decision: Approve Prioritization Criteria

Moved By: / Seconded By: C. White / M. Aulman

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Abstain: P. Alvarez, S. Reed

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- Juliette Beck (Public Comment) noted an inclusive approach recognizes communities need support to develop proposals. A just transition requires centering communities most impacted by climate change in the development of proposals.

9. Ad-Hoc Working Group for Development of SOW

- a. M. McCormick presented staff report
 - i. Looking for 2-3 Commission Members to support the ad-hoc working group
 - ii. Expectation is 8-hour time commitment (two meetings)
- b. A. Kim asked if meetings would be open to the public
 - i. M. McCormick responded subject to Brown Act and posted publicly/open to public
- c. R. Datel asked if others can be appointed to working group beyond members of the Commission
 - i. M. McCormick – ad-hoc working groups are allowed to add external (non-Commission) members; in this case staff recommends keeping working group small focused on commission members
- d. S. Reed asked how at-large Commission Members would be involved to review SOW (separate from ad hoc working group)
 - i. M. McCormick suggests that this approach would be brought back to larger Commissions

Decision: Approve formation of ad-hoc working group

Moved By: / Seconded By: C. White / A. Kim

Ayes: 8

Noes: S. Reed

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Additional Comments/Action Items:

- R. Datel, C. White, and A. Kim volunteered to ad-hoc working group
- A. Kim requests to join the group
- S. Reed asked if new at-large Commission Members should be invited to ad-hoc working group?
 - i. Ad-hoc working group is limited to 5 people (because of two additional appointments)
- P. Alvarez and A. Kim offered to leave spot if another (newly appointee) at-large Commission Member is interested

10. Commissioner Reports, Comments, Future Agenda Items

- a. A. Kim proposed adding land acknowledgement to future agenda
 - i. T. Echiburu comments that staff will come back with text for Commission to prove and then the land acknowledgement would occur at the next meeting
 - ii. S. Reed supports this
 - iii. A. Serena also supports adding this item to agenda for consideration for regular Commission meeting agendas

- iv. N.J. Mvondo also supports adding land acknowledgement
- b. S. Reed proposes that Commission introduce perspectives and skills of the Commission Members at future meetings
 - i. Introduce context of 2011 CAP and outcomes of that plan, as well as 2018 GHG inventory and 2021 Sustainability Plan
 - ii. Also provide information about the origin and content of the Resolution on which the Commission is based; states Commission is lacking data from communities the CAP should serve
 - iii. Also suggests bonding opportunity for Commission Members (ie. Conducting a SWOT Analysis) that could identify strengths, gaps, and needs of the County [amended for clarity]
 - iv. S. Reed states the presentation should be a broader scope than the CAP
 - 1. Staff should lead a broad conversation about items needed for the scope of work for the CAP update
 - 2. A. Serena supported S. Reed's recommendation
 - a. A. Serena also asks to include Juliette Beck's recommendation on the next agenda, which includes developing new GHG inventory
- c. N.J. Mvondo asked if overview of plans to date can be covered at a Commission meeting or if it must be segmented
- d. S. Reed believes it should inform working group that develops SOW; Sustainability Plan did not include current conditions assessment outcomes of the 2011 CAP
 - i. A. Serena supports S. Reed's suggestions.
 - ii. A. Kim agrees with S. Reed to have high level review of past plans (from Staff/County perspective and what is missing)
 - iii. J. Provenza suggests workshop for presentation of work to date
 - iv. NJ Mvondo will discuss with staff to set agenda item
- e. S. Reed would be interested in discussing advocacy role of the Commission

11. Long Range Calendar

- a. T. Echiburu noted future agenda items / topics can also be plugged into long range calendar (standing item)

12. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:35 PM