

MEETING MINUTES Yolo County Climate Action Commission October 24, 2022 | 4:00 PM – 6:00 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) (not in attendance)
Bernadette Austin, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert
Pelayo Alvarez, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert (not in attendance)
Mica Bennett – At Large (absent)
Ken Britten – At Large

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Sarah Morgan, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Camille Kirk, UC Davis (joined at 5:05)

SUPERVISORS:

Supervisor Don Saylor, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 2 Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 4

MEETING MINUTES

- 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 C. White)
- 3. Approval of the Agenda

Decision: Approve

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

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, B. Austin, K. Britten

Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: M. Bennett

4. Public Comment

• A question was asked about clarification regarding the timeline for the RFP selection process.

5. Approve September, 26 Meeting Minutes

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: S. Reed / K. Britten

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, B. Austin, K. Britten

Noes: None

Abstain: M. Aulman **Absent:** M. Bennett

6. Staff Announcements/Reports (Staff)

- A question was asked if the Nov. 22nd Board of Supervisors meeting is when County staff will have a selected a consultant to go before the Board.
 - Staff is targeting Nov. 22nd to bring forward a contract to the Board.
- A question was asked if equity is being utilized when reviewing the applications?
 - Staff is utilizing equity best practices. Equity was an important part of the scope of work that the Commission developed that is guiding the selection process.
- A question was asked if the Sustainability page can be in the main website drop down menu.
 - Staff will replace what is currently in the "Living" tab on the drop-down menu with "Sustainability" once the beta-tested web pages are finalized.
- Staff proposed December 19th at 4PM as a new meeting time for December.
 - A question was asked about the consideration of an earlier YCCAC meeting date in December.
 - Staff responded that an earlier Monday in December would be a quick turnaround time from the November meeting. Staff is continuing to explore other dates for the December YCCAC meeting.

Public Comment

- A question was asked about how equity is being evaluated and if there could be more transparency before a final decision is made on a consultant.
 - Staff cannot share more information at this stage of the selection process, though there will be opportunity for public comment when the contract goes before the Board.

- A question was asked if staff would consider the creation of translated social media posts.
- A question was asked if there is opportunity for additional early actions to be considered before the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) is completed?
 - Staff will consider moving forward with other actions as capacity allows.

7. Updates from Working Groups

- The Equity and Engagement Working Group met on October 13th and discussed the compensation policy and engagement/participation. The Working Group is currently operating as an ad-hoc working group.
 - Staff shared that they are applying for a grant from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network to fund the compensation policy that is being brought before the Board.
 - Working Group members requested Commission members share contacts that are not traditionally serving on working groups, and highlighted youth.
- A question was asked about the group's strategy for engaging with youth.
 - Some working group members are connected with the Yolo Youth Commission and hope to utilize new social media platforms to boost youth engagement.
- The Natural and Working Lands Group is preparing to reach out to potential members over the next few months and the group is determining the best number of people on the group to help engage with and develop strategies.
- A question was asked if Commission members could reach out to groups/individuals to gauge interest prior to passing their contact information to the Equity and Engagement Working Group and if the working group has a charter.
 - Working Groups welcome any references of contacts to serve on this group.

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

- The City of Woodland's Advisory Committee will have a working session with City Council in January. The Committee is looking to connect and collaborate with other cities in the County going forward.
- A request was made to have a future agenda item on how food security, food systems, and food waste will be dealt with by the Commission.
- The City of Winters has created three working groups, one of which is an outreach and engagement working group. Another is exploring funding options and planning documents to determine where climate opportunities are.
- A comment was made in support of the compensation policies that will be going to the Board for consideration on November 22nd.
- A suggestion was made to consider the County Fair as a potential outreach opportunity.

- A comment was made that the previous Climate Action Plan doesn't highlight wildfire and a suggestion was made to add wildfire safety as a future agenda item
- A question was asked regarding a recap on the compensation policy and when it will be going before the Board.
 - Staff intends to bring the compensation policy to the Board for approval on the Nov. 22nd Board meeting.

9. Long Range Calendar

• Long range calendar updates were shared.

10. Adjournment

• Meeting adjourned at: 5:35 PM.