



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Yolo County Climate Action Commission**

**November 28, 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  
Pelayo Alvarez, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert  
Mica Bennett – At Large  
Ken Britten – At Large

#### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:**

Sarah Morgan, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation  
Camille Kirk, UC Davis

#### **SUPERVISORS:**

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

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- 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 NJ Mvondo*)
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Decision:** Approve

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

**Ayes:** S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, C. White, NJ Mvondo, B. Austin, P. Alvarez, M. Bennett, K. Britten

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** None

#### 4. Public Comment

- A suggestion was made to reexamine the cost of dredging in Cache Creek Conservancy as a potential Early Action project.

#### 5. Approve October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Decision:** Approve

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

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

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** P. Alvarez, M. Bennett, NJ Mvondo

**Absent:** None

#### **Additional Comments/Action Items:**

- A suggestion was made to consider listing the names of the members of public in attendance on future meeting minutes.

#### 6. Staff Announcements/Reports (Staff)

- The Climate Action & Sustainability Newsletter and redesigned website have been launched. Commission members and members of the public are asked to email resources and events for consideration in conclusion in the Newsletter to [sustainability@yolocounty.org](mailto:sustainability@yolocounty.org). To receive the newsletter, check both boxes under the Sustainability sign-up option or the “check all” box on the website.
- Staff shared that the County applied for and won a \$20,000 grant from USDN to support stipends for Commission and working group members.
- Staff shared a recap of the Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting. The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) contract with Dudek, the Scope of Work for the Resource Conservation District (RCD), and the CAAP Equitable Engagement Strategies consisting of four compensation strategies were approved.
- A question was asked if Commission panelists could comment on whether they thought equity and just transition were emphasized in equal weight to science during the review process.
  - A suggestion was made to move forward from the procurement process now that the consultant group has been selected.

- Staff shared that the Request for Proposal (RFP) Panel independently reviewed and scored the proposals, and Dudek was considered to be the most qualified for meeting the County’s climate and equity goals.
- Staff asked the Commission to share their headshots and responses to introductory questions for the “Introducing the Commission Members” social media series by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:**

- Concerns were expressed about outside companies being brought into the County’s climate action planning process. It was stated that there is room to improve the equity of this process in the future, despite the progress being made.

**7. Presentation on Agricultural Conservation Plan Update**

- A presentation was made on the Agricultural Conservation Plan by Charlie Tschudin. He stated that the Plan will support the County in agricultural protection during developmental growth. He summarized research and outreach efforts and it was stated that the plan is entering finalization stage and is anticipated to be presented to the BOS in Spring 2023.

**Additional Comments/Action Items:**

- A question was asked if there is a plan to coordinate with the Natural and Working Lands Working Group.
  - Staff responded that the two groups can set up future coordination and that the working group’s feedback on the Draft Plan is appreciated.

**8. Working Group Updates**

- The Equity and Engagement Working Group met on November 18<sup>th</sup> and discussed asset mapping for member recruitment. The Working Group is in the process of drafting outreach materials for member recruitment.
- Staff requested that Commission members share potential outreach contacts for Working Group membership by December 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Natural and Working Lands Working Group met on November 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss group membership and strategies for land use management. The Working Group will meet next on December 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - A question was asked in Commission Members could attend field tours without violating the Brown Act.
  - Staff responded that they would investigate this. It was stated that if field trips were framed as meetings with allowance for public involvement, then Commission Member participation would comply with the Brown Act.
  - All Working Group meetings thus far have been considered Ad-Hoc meetings and will be considered Brown Act bodies once recruitment is complete.

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

- An announcement was made that the Department of Energy has issued a Notice of Intent (NOI). There are several funding opportunities available at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Exchange that the Commission was encouraged to be proactive about.
- A question was asked for the size of nonprofits that qualify to apply for some of these grants be defined.
- An announcement was made that the California Emergency Climate Security Summit will be taking place on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.
- An announcement was made that the final Yolo Climate Compact meeting of the year will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda was stated to be a roundtable and celebration of the 15 years that the sessions have been held. There will be presentations from Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, Winters, UC Davis, Yocha Dehe, Yolo Housing, Yolo Solano Air Quality Management District, Yolo County Office of Education, Valley Clean Energy, and Yolo County.

## **10. Long Range Calendar**

- The Commission was reminded that the December meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

## **11. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at: 6:03 PM
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