



## MEETING MINUTES

### Yolo County Climate Action Commission December 19, 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**)  
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 P. Alvarez*)
3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Decision:** Approve

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

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

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** A. Kim, M. Bennett

#### **4. Public Comment**

- A comment was made expressing concern that the Commission lacked sufficient representation from the agricultural community.
- A comment was made asking that the Farm Bureau be more involved in the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) process and more efforts be made regarding public engagement.

#### **5. Approve November 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Decision:** Approve

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

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

**Noes:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** M. Bennett

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

- Staff and Commission Members expressed words of appreciation for Supervisor Saylor and his 40 years of public service.
- Staff shared that they are working with the finance team to roll out stipend funding structure. Additional updates are anticipated for January.
- Staff stated that effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, Commission and Working Group meetings will move to an in-person format in compliance state guidance. Staff is continuing to look into hybrid meeting options.
- A question was asked about whether Yolo County would consider participating in action aimed at changing state law regarding meeting formats to be made more accessible.
- A statement was made asking to consider remote access to meetings as an accessibility and equity issue.
  - Staff responded that the public will still have the ability to join meetings remotely.
- A question was asked if Commission meetings must take place in a county building.
  - Staff confirmed that in-person meeting locations will have to take place within the county but could be in any building.

- A statement was made claiming State law to be antiquated and not considerate of disability or accessibility issues. It was added that with Zoom now easily accessible, there could be potential modifications to current rules.

**Public Comment**

- A comment was read from the chat that acknowledged the start of the County Hazard Mitigation Planning process and that there is a community input survey that live online until January 30th.

**7. Introducing Dudek**

- Staff introduced the Dudek team to the Commission with the preface that the County will be working collaboratively with Dudek and the public throughout the entire CAAP process.
- The Dudek team provided an overview of the project approach which was based off of the Yolo County RFP.
- The presentation by Dudek included an overview of how they will move forward with their Community Engagement & Equity Strategy.
  - The importance of centering the agricultural community in equity efforts was emphasized.
  - The multi-tiered Equity & Engagement Strategy was explained to be a didactic and malleable framework including personal interviews and surveys, digital media, pop-up events, workshops, press and partnerships to message the community about CAAP efforts and gather information.
  - It was stated that all communities, the Commission, working groups, and RCD will collaboratively partner with Dudek for cutting-edge climate action work in California.
- Dudek’s presentation provided brief summaries of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Emissions Inventory & Updated Targets Plan and the General GHG Emission Reduction Strategy Approach.
  - It was stated that data on GHG baseline emissions inventory will be used to create forecasts based off economic context, later to develop reductions plans.
  - It was stated that all emission sectors will be evaluated for GHG reduction potential.
- The presentation provided summaries of the Development of Climate Vulnerability Assessment, Adaptation & Resilience Strategies phase of the project; the Funding & Financing Roadmap; and the Implementation & Monitoring Plan.

**Additional Comments/Action Items:**

- A comment was made expressing appreciation for Dudek’s emphasis on equity and engagement. It was added that the needs of the community will not be met by taking the easiest path.
- A concern was shared about basing the housing gap on the 1978 Title 24 standards; a recommendation was made to look into the gap between housing standards in 1978 and 1981.
- A question was asked about how Dudek will coordinate with current and ongoing emergency response planning.
  - A Dudek Staff member responded that effective outreach tools and other information will be synthesized with ongoing efforts in the county to not duplicate any work.
- A question was asked about the limitations of county staff to track ongoing GHG emissions inventory rather than conducting a one-off data collection.
  - A Dudek Staff member responded that emissions tracking will be ongoing to monitor the progress of reductions efforts. It was added that monitoring and tracking will be automated as much as possible to not stretch County Staff too thin.
- A question was asked about establishing a good liaison with Yolo cities and who the point of contact would be for city sustainability.
  - Both Dudek and County Staff members offered themselves as points of contact for coordinating collaboration and consolidating communication with cities and other community-based partners.
- A question was asked if other local climate plans (Davis, West Sacramento, Woodland, etc.) could work together with the County to improve efficiency and costs.
  - Dudek Staff responded that cities will be engaged with the process due to their involvement in GHG emissions. It was added that coordination on a regional level is a great opportunity for collaboration on climate planning, but that Dudek’s plan is restricted to Yolo County’s unincorporated areas on a jurisdictional level. Another staff member stated that coordination opportunities can be identified once the baseline inventory is created.
  - County Staff added that there are alignment opportunities between jurisdictions that can advance climate action progress on a larger scale.
- A question was asked about Brown Act limitations on pacing communications between the commission and Dudek.
  - Dudek Staff responded that Dudek will be presenting on the agenda every month. It was added that Dudek will also be meeting with the Working Groups.
  - County Staff added that targeted monthly goals for Dudek will help maintain momentum each month. It was also added that Working Group meetings will serve as check-in points in between Commission meetings and that Working Groups can help guide the progress of the report.
  - Dudek Staff added that events in the public domain will allow for targeted conversation.

- Dudek was asked for examples of successful equity outcomes in climate planning.
  - Dudek Staff gave examples of culturally appropriate and language appropriate engagement, meeting people where they are, and working with trusted community entities to create opportunities for safe and trusted dialogue. It was added that strategic workshops could provide food and childcare options.
- A question was asked about how many Dudek team members will be working on Yolo's CAAP implementation.
  - Dudek Staff responded that the team members are addressed in the proposal.
- A question was asked on behalf of community members to address how Early Action Projects and implementation projects will impact green jobs.

**Public Comment:**

- A comment was made that the CAAP plan should be reformative.
- A comment was made asking for Early Action Items to begin implementation within the next year so that more Early Actions can be introduced later.
- A question was asked for clarification on intentions for GHG emissions reductions through sequestration and how this will impact communities. The commenter also asked how specific barriers for marginalized communities will be addressed in outreach efforts.

**8. Working Group Updates**

- Equity and Engagement Working Group Update
  - It was stated that the Working Group met on December 9<sup>th</sup> and addressed the equity issues that will arise with the in-person format change scheduled to take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - It was stated that the Dudek team held a meet-and-greet with the Equity and Engagement Working Group where the Working Group had opportunity to express concerns.
  - It was stated that the Working Group has finalized outreach materials and started the public outreach process.
  - A question was asked when they anticipate an update on who might join the working group.
    - Staff stated that the Equity & Engagement flyer is attached in the commission packet. It was shared that the working group has launched a website in multiple languages with a survey to create an FAQ page. The application deadline for working group is January 20<sup>th</sup>. Staff shared that they could share an update on outreach efforts in January.
- Natural and Working Lands Working Group
  - Staff shared that the working group is about to kick-off outreach. The working group has decided to recruit four additional seats that target

non-traditional perspectives. There is a wide range of focus groups that the working group would like to engage with. The working group would like to be finalized by February.

- A question was asked if “big ag” will be included in outreach.
  - Staff responded that RCD has many relationships with the farming community.
  - It was added that the Farm Bureau will be involved in outreach and that big ag players will be included.
  - A suggestion was made that reaching out to individual farmers could be more successful than reaching out to big ag enterprises.

**Public Comment:**

- A comment was made suggesting that Valley Clean Energy’s work with farmers could provide suggestions for outreach and transportation conversations with farmers.

**2. Commission Member Reports, Comments, Future, Future Agenda Items**

**3. Long Range Calendar**

- No updates at this time.

**4. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at: 6:51 PM
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