

MEETING MINUTES Yolo County Climate Action Commission October 23, 2023 | 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Suzanne Reed, District 1 Appointee
Robin Datel, District 2 Appointee
Mark Aulman, District 3 Appointee (not in attendance)
Andrew Truman Kim, District 4 Appointee (VICE-CHAIR)
Adelita Serena, District 5 Appointee (not in attendance)
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
Mica Bennett – At Large
Ken Britten – At Large

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Sarah Morgan, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Carla Fresquez, UC Davis (not in attendance)

SUPERVISORS:

Supervisor Lucas Frerichs, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 2 (*not in attendance*)
Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 4 (*Oliver Snow in attendance on behalf of District 4*)

MEETING MINUTES

- 1. Land Acknowledgement (Attachment A) (A. Truman Kim)
- 2. Approval of the Agenda

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: K. Britten / R. Datel

Ayes: S. Reed, NJ Mvondo, P. Alvarez, M. Bennet, K.Britten, R.Datel

Noes: None Abstain: A. Kim Absent: M. Aulman, A. Serena, C. White, B. Austin

3. Public Comment:

o No public comment.

4. Approve September 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Attachment B)

Decision: Approve with amendment.

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

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, M. Bennett, K. Britten, Nj Mvondo, P. Alvarez

Noes: None Abstain: A. Kim

Absent: M. Aulman, A. Serena, C. White, B. Austin

Additional Comments/Action Items: Correction to be made in the minutes for accuracy concerning a query about organic certification at a facility on page 4.

5. Staff Announcements/Reports (Staff) (15 minutes)

- O Staff shared that Mary Vixie Sandy was appointed by Governor Newsom to fill the District 3 Seat on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.
- o Staff provided an update on the timeline and progress of the Yolo CAAP Youth Calendar Art Contest.

Public Comment:

 A suggestion was to utilize the educational documentary, Common Ground, to introduce and provide context for the calendar contest to enhancing student engagement.

6. Introduction to Newest CAAP Community Outreach Partner – De Colores Resource Center (A. Serena) (7 minutes)

o The De Colores Resource Center was introduced as the newest CAAP community outreach partner.

Public Comment:

o No public comment.

7. Update on Technical Advisory Committees (TACs) (10 minutes)

- The Chair of the Equity and Engagement (E&E) TAC provided an update on the group's new partnership with the De Colores Resource Center, the effectiveness of CBO partnerships, measuring effectiveness of CBO partnerships, and data collection methods for assessments on community engagement.
- o The Chairs of the Natural and Working Lands (NWL) TAC provided an update on recent meeting delays, plans for extending the survey deadline and employing different methods, and data collection from input from the agricultural community to ensure comprehensive community input.

Public Comment:

 Concerns were raised about effective outreach to the agricultural community, with suggestions for adopting new strategies to better connect with farmers and growers.

8. Presentation on CAAP Progress to Date and Timeline Moving Forward (K. Wraithwall) (15 minutes) (Attachment D)

 A request to change the order of agenda items was unanimously approved.
 Agenda item 10 (Review of Draft CAAP Strategy, Measure, Action Framework) to be heard before agenda item 9 (CAAP Workshop Series #2).

Additional Comments/Action Items:

 A suggestion was made to figure out the levels of self-efficacy of community members as it serves as a means of directly observing what is being implemented into their daily lives.

Public Comment:

o A member of the public commended CAAP progress to date and provided suggestions for increased interaction with the Board of Supervisors.

9. Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Workshop Series #2 (K. Wraithwall) (30 minutes) (Attachments E, F, and G)

 Staff provided an update on the CAAP Workshop Series #2 schedule, and provided an update on the focus of the workshop series: deeper local-level engagement with the community on specific strategies and actions.

Public Comment:

O A suggestion was made about a Spanish-only workshop. The current plan does not have a fully Spanish workshop due to scheduling challenges and feedback from migrant centers. However, translation services will be available at all workshops, and there's potential for a farm worker-specific session in the future.

10. Review of Draft Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Strategy, Measure, Action Framework (J. Reed and M. Hendrix - Dudek) (30 minutes) (Attachment H, I)

o The Dudek team provided an overview of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan's strategy framework and draft document layout. Discussion was held on the use of language and graphics in the plan, along with the balance of information provided in the body of the plan versus in appendices.

Public Comment:

 A member of the public acknowledged of the importance of co-benefits and a query regarding the impact of recent regulatory changes on long-term planning was discussed.

11. Commission Member Reports, Comments, Future Agenda Items

o An introduction was made of a new group, Yolo Sol, focusing on native stories and practices was noted.

12. Long Range Calendar (Attachment J)

13. Adjournment

o Meeting adjourned at: 6:38 PM.