



MEETING MINUTES

Yolo County Climate Action Commission

November 27, 2023 | 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 (*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

SUPERVISORS:

Supervisor Lucas Frerichs, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 2 (*not in attendance*)

Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 4

1. Land Acknowledgement (*Attachment A*) (*A. Serena*)
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Consider 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, P. Alvarez, M. Bennett, K. Britten, A. Truman Kim

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: B. Austin

3. **Public Comment** – this item is reserved for public comment on items relating to the Commission business that are not on the agenda. Public comment for items on the agenda will be taken when that agenda item is considered.

- No public comment at this time.

4. **Approve October 23rd Commission Meeting Minutes (*Attachment B*)**

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: S. Reed/A. Truman Kim

Ayes: S. Reed, R. Datel, C. White, NJ Mvondo, P. Alvarez, M. Bennett, K. Britten, A. Truman Kim

Noes: None

Abstain: M. Aulman, A. Serena

Absent: B. Austin

Public Comment:

- No public comment at this time.

Additional Comments/Action Items: A Commission member noted that the minutes need to be amended to reflect the appropriate presenter on the Equity and Engagement Technical Advisory Committee report-back.

5. **Staff Announcements/Reports (Staff)**

- Staff provided an update on the launch and current outreach for the Youth CAAP Calendar Art Contest.
- Staff shared their experience at Valley Vision’s Livability Summit.
- It was shared that the December Commission Meeting was canceled to give CBO/CBPs and volunteers a break from all of their hard work throughout the CAAP Community Workshop Series that ran from November through December.
- Staff shared an updated on the Winters and Dunnigan CAAP Community Workshops.
- Staff shared that Yolo County was awarded the Beacon Innovation and Leadership Award.
- Staff shared that climate funding as a guiding budgetary principle in the County’s yearly budget is being proposed at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting.

Public Comment

- A question was asked about the County’s Green Team.
- A suggestion to create a sample climate budget to propose to the Board of Supervisors was made.

6. Review and Provide Input on Climate Action and Adaptation Plan DRAFT Strategy, Measure, Action List (*Attachments G, H*) (*J. Reed and M. Hendrix, Dudek*) (90 minutes)

- Yolo County Sustainability Manger and Dudek Consulting Team provided an overview of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan strategy Measure and Action List.
- Commission members provided input and made comments on the proposed strategies across the following ten strategic focus areas:
 - Decarbonize Transportation
 - Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled
 - Decarbonize Energy and Buildings and Increase Energy Efficiency
 - Optimize Water Use
 - Minimize Waste
 - Reduce Off-road Equipment Emissions
 - Encourage Sustainable Agriculture
 - Sequester and Store Carbon in Natural and Working Lads
 - Reduce Carbon Footprint of Consumption and Production
 - Build Resilient Infrastructure and Healthy Communities
- NJ Mvondo motioned for the meeting to extend by 15-20 minutes to continue discussing item #6.

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: NJ. Mvondo / K. Britten

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: B. Austin

Public Comment:

- It was suggested that the Commission members take a tour of the Yolo County Central Landfill.
- A suggestion about including agrovoltatics in the strategies was made.
- A comment was made that the daily decisions made by the Board of Supervisors affect County climate goals.

7. Commission Member Reports, Comments, Future Agenda Items

- No reports, comments, or future agenda items at this time.

8. Long Range Calendar (*Attachment I*)

- The calendar of events moving forward was shared.

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 06:59 PM

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