



MEETING MINUTES
Yolo County Climate Action Commission
February 26, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Suzanne Reed, District 1 Appointee
Robin Dattel, District 2 Appointee
Mark Aulman, District 3 Appointee
Andrew Truman Kim, District 4 Appointee **(VICE-CHAIR)** *(virtual)*
Adelita Serena, District 5 Appointee
Chris White, Technical Lead
NJ Mvondo, Environmental Justice Lead **(CHAIR)**
Bernadette Austin, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert *(virtual)*
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 *(represented by Oliver Snow)*

Commenced at 4:29 PM due to technical difficulties

1. Land Acknowledgement (*Attachment A*) (NJ Mvondo)

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Consider approval of the agenda

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: S. Reed/A. Serena

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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 January 22, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes (*Attachment B*)

Decision: Approve

Approved By / Seconded By: M. Aulman/K. Britten

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

Noes: None

Abstain: B. Austin, P. Alvarez

Absent: None

5. Staff Announcements/Reports (Staff) (30 Minutes)

- Updates to the Long Range Calendar for the upcoming months were shared.
- An update was shared that the Youth CAAP Calendar Art Contest closed on February 16th and the submissions are currently undergoing evaluation. Winners will be invited to the March YCCAC Meeting and will be awarded with a prize and certificate.
 - An update was shared on the U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Application. If selected as a grant recipient, Yolo County will assume the role as the lead entity of the project.
 - The grant application is due on April 1st and a response will be issued between September and November.

- An update was shared that the Regional Resilience Grant Program (RRGP) Grant for the Yolo Regional Resilience Collaborative had its first kickoff meeting in late January and has received the go ahead to start spending grant funds.
- An update on the Equipment Replacement Program was provided.
 - Four applications from Yolo-Solano County residents have been submitted for the Agricultural Equipment Replacement Program.
- The Sustainability Division shared that they are requesting proposals from consultants to work on the Inventory and Feasibility Study to Remove Fossil Fuels from County Operations.

Public Comment

- In reference to the Long-Range Calendar, it was asked if the February meeting with the Board of Supervisors had taken place yet.

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

- An update on the discussions and progress made at the February Equity and Engagement (E&E) TAC Meeting was provided.
- No updates were provided from the Natural and Working Lands (NWL) TAC.

Public Comment

- None

7. Receive Update on Natural and Working Lands Outreach Summary (*Attachment F*) (*K. Wraithwall*) (20 minutes)

- The findings from the Natural and Working Lands Outreach Survey were shared and discussed.

Public Comment

- None

8. Consider and Approve Updated Emission Reduction and Adaptation Strategy, Measure, Action List (*Attachments G, H*) (*K. Wraithwall, J. Reed, M. Hendrix*) (60 minutes)

- The updated Emission Reduction and Adaptation Strategy, Measure and Action List was shared and discussed.

Decision: Approve

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: M. Aulman, P. Alvarez, B. Austin

Public Comment

- A representative from Catholic Charity Yolo-Solano commented on the importance of CBOS and collaboration with school districts.
- A commenter provided a written comment which reads as follows:

“Dear Yolo County Sustainability Staff, YCCAC Commissioners and Dudek Consultants.

It makes me quite happy to see a draft of the Emission Reduction and Adaptation Strategy, Measure, Action List for the CAAP in the 2/24/26 agenda. A lot of good work.

Below find my comments on that list (Item 8) for the 2/26/24 YCCAC meeting. I chose to write a letter as my comments are more than 2 minutes and rather specific. Having comments at the end of a discussion of a full list like this can mean ones specific comments come at the end rather than when the specific area is being discussed. I hope you will have my comments during the discussion of item 8 and specifically as relates to Procuring Clean Energy.

My comments are divided into basic comments and specific suggestions for the Procuring Clean Energy section.

Basic Comments

1. **Include monitoring on a yearly basis the emission reductions from increase in RPS percentage at VCE.** VCE (Valley Clean Energy) serves unincorporated Yolo County as one of its four service areas (other three are Davis, Winters and Woodland) and as such serves most of the consumers in unincorporated Yolo County. At their July 2023 board meeting, VCEA set a goal of 100% RPS by 2030 ([press](#), and [mentioned at July YCCAC – pg 7](#)), VCE is now in the range of 50% RPS., As they transition to 100% over the next 6 years – significant reductions in emissions will occur and these should be followed for unincorporated Yolo County . VCE is a JPA (Joint Powers Agreement) of unincorporated Yolo County, Davis, Winters and Woodland and their board of directors consists of 2 elected officials from each jurisdiction. So two Yolo BOS members are on the VCEA board.
2. **Acknowledge Clean Energy/Electricity is needed both for Buildings and Transportation** While I understand the goal to keep the listed strategies to 10, it would in some senses make more sense to have Goal 3 – Decarbonize Energy and Buildings and Increase Energy Efficiency broken into two – one dealing with buildings and one dealing with electricity/energy. Goal 1, relating to transportation, also needs clean

electricity/energy. So putting the clean electricity/energy by itself makes that clearer. If you cannot split the categories, do be sure to indicate that the clean electricity/energy is needed broadly for our CAAP goals.

3. **Need for regulatory/legislative lobbying to ensure goals in Increase Renewable Energy Generation and Storage section.** Recent decisions by the CPUC have disincentivized solar for roof tops, apartments, businesses and farms. Many of the goals in this section need a friendly legislative/regulatory atmosphere to be successful. So consider just one general goal in here to address that.

Specific recommendations/suggestions to the Procuring Clean Energy Section. (changes/comments in red)

- Transition all County facilities to Valley Clean Energy (VCE), the local Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, and select their 100% renewable and carbon-free "UltraGreen" option. – **Can you actually do this for facilities in PGE territory?**
 - Continue to facilitate residential participation in existing demand response program(s) created by local utilities (PG&E and VCE). Such programs could include time-based rates or time-of-use (TOU) pricing, critical peak pricing, or critical peak rebates, and should provide outreach materials that are accessible to all residents, including non-English speakers. **There are non-residential programs for this as well. VCE has a pilot program along these lines related to Ag, So my suggestion – just remove the residential,**
 - **Monitor emission reductions that come from VCE transitioning to its 2030 goal of 100% RPS. This should be done yearly using the Power Content label values for RPS% and Carbon Intensity.,**
 - Create an education and outreach program to increase enrollment of County residents and businesses in the "UltraGreen" option offered by Valley Clean Energy (VCE), the local Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, and select their 100% renewable and carbon-free "UltraGreen" option.
 - Provide incentives to offset the extra cost to residents from opting into VCE's "UltraGreen" power option and a complement to outreach efforts increasing adoption of VCE's 100% renewable and carbon-free electricity portfolio option. **Focus this effort on low income consumers, especially CARE and FERA.**
- A representative from Cool Davis commented on the importance of consistent and aligned messaging from the County/Cities to all Yolo County residents.

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

- Events to be Included in the Newsletter

Public Comment

- None

6. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

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