

Natural and Working Lands Technical Advisory Committee

July 03, 2024 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Join via Zoom: <https://yolocounty.zoom.us/j/82849350600>

NWL TAC Members

Pelayo Alvarez, Climate Action Commission (YCCAC) Member, Audobon Conservation Ranching Program

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Scott Stone, Yolo Land & Cattle Co.

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Staff Members

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Tess Vaccaro, CivicSpark Fellow

AGENDA

1. DRAFT CAAP Discussion

- a. Overview of the Draft CAAP
 - i. An overview of the DRAFT CAAP, focusing on Appendix C was provided.
 - ii. Discussions included the need for enlarged map photos and the positive reception of the CAAP layout and photos.
- b. Carbon Credit Exchange
 - i. Concerns were raised regarding the proposed approach.
 - ii. A suggestion was made for a zero-footprint approach by asking businesses to donate 1% of their profit to climate-friendly goals and plans.
 - iii. Other potential solutions discussed included a surcharge in grocery markets to create a fund to lower the cost of growing climate-friendly crops.
- c. Landscape Network
 - i. The importance of working with farmers was highlighted.
 - ii. Suggestions included exploring other means of incentives and the need for a coordinator to assist farmers in applying to these programs.

- iii. It was noted that we should look into how other programs manage their incentives.
- d. Farmer Outreach and Education
 - i. Tables of the plan program were discussed, with a need for Dudek to recheck and ensure the accuracy of the information (e.g., page 149).
- e. Restoring Natural Lands
 - i. The suggestion to hire a Yolo County Open Space Technician was made.
 - ii. It was advised against listing specific organizations as this could exclude some; keeping the wording generalized was recommended to avoid leaving anyone out.
- f. Strategy 6
 - i. Concerns regarding equipment adoption were discussed, highlighting the pros and cons.
 - ii. Inquiry into the availability of programs for solar generators.
- g. Strategy 7
 - i. Questions were raised about the statement "GHG emissions are related to activities such as rice cultivation," specifically why only rice was mentioned.