



MEETING MINUTES
Yolo County Climate Action Commission
July 8, 2024 | 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 *(not in attendance)*
Chris White, Technical Lead *(not in attendance)*
NJ Mvondo, Environmental Justice Lead **(CHAIR)**
Bernadette Austin, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert
Pelayo Alvarez, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert *(not in attendance)*
Mica Bennett – At Large
Ken Britten – At Large

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Sarah Morgan, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation *(not in attendance)*
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 *(in attendance [arrived at 5:04 PM] and represented by Deputy Sheila Allen)*

Meeting commenced at 04:06 PM

1. **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.
 - Written public comment was provided via email.
 - i. Click here to read public comment [submission #1](#)
 - ii. Click here to read written public comment [submission #2](#)

2. **Discussion: Draft CAAP Review (150 minutes) (Attachments B, C, D)**
 - *Attachment Included as a Link to the Full DRAFT CAAP:*
<https://www.yolocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=80569&t=638533466386067329>
 - Commission members discussed their thoughts and suggestions on the Draft CAAP:
 - Commission members discussed the structure and content of the CAAP, highlighting the need for accessible communication strategies, including videos and social media engagement, especially targeting youth and non-English speakers.
 - The need to broaden the focus beyond just farmworkers to include all outdoor workers and other impacted communities was highlighted, ensuring that the CAAP addresses the needs of all vulnerable groups within the community was discussed.
 - Suggestions were made to simplify the CAAP by reducing bureaucratic language, rearranging chapters to improve clarity, and enhancing visual components for better engagement.
 - When reordering chapters, a suggestion was made to place mitigation strategies upfront, while technical and appendiceal content might be better positioned towards the end.
 - There was concern about the document being too wordy and suggestions to convert tables into figures for better understanding of the CAAP.
 - Discussion on how the CAAP should be structured like a business proposal, with clear sections on introduction, strategies, finances, monitoring, and implementation.
 - The importance of an effective executive summary and clear implementation strategies was emphasized, with suggestions to create separate documents detailing the CAAP's objectives and technical aspects.
 - The need for engaging with different community stakeholders, including youth and local artists, to disseminate the CAAP effectively was highlighted.
 - The importance of implementation strategies and potential challenges, with suggestions for a detailed executive summary and a phased approach was discussed.

- A comment was made on the need for a clear indication of the difficulty of implementing various measures within the CAAP, to help prioritize actions based on feasibility. Staff responded that action phasing criteria were created for this purpose.
- A comment was made on improving how data is gathered and presented in the CAAP. Suggested that the CAAP should include a detailed section explaining how data was collected, emphasizing the need for transparency and clarity in data presentation to enhance stakeholder trust and understanding.
- Comments were made on the challenges of accurately capturing emissions data, particularly concerning the impact of drought on the 2022 emissions inventory and the exclusion of mining operations from the inventory.
- A recommendation was made to embed links within the CAAP for deeper dives into specific recommendations and to ensure active involvement during the implementation phase.
- A comment was made about the uncertainty of future funding for climate action initiatives. Concerns were voiced about relying on increasingly scarce federal and state resources and highlighted the need to prioritize plans that can capture as much emission reduction as possible.

Public Comment:

- Public comment raised issues with the equity focus of the CAAP, the use of ARP funding, and the inclusion of vulnerable communities. Noted flawed definition of "just transition".
- Public comment suggested making a new chapter specifically for "clean energy" as energy is only mentioned in Strategy 3: Decarbonize Energy and Buildings and Increase Energy Efficiency.

3. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 06:07 PM.

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