



MEETING MINUTES
Yolo County Climate Action Commission
August 26, 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**) (*arrived late @ 4:11 PM*)
Adelita Serena, District 5 Appointee
Chris White, Technical Lead (*not in attendance*)
NJ Mvondo, Environmental Justice Lead (**CHAIR**)
Bernadette Austin, Climate Scientist/Subject Matter Expert (*not in attendance*)
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
Carla Fresquez, UC Davis (*Eric O'Brien – Sustainability Director to serve as stand-in*)

SUPERVISORS:

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

Meeting commenced at 04:07 PM

- 1. Land Acknowledgement (*Attachment A*) (*M. Aulman*)**
- 2. Approval of the Agenda**
 - Consider approval of the agenda

Decision: Approved

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

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: A. Kim, C. White, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

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.

- A commenter thanked the Commission members for shouldering the comments received during the public comment period. He mentioned that he is a member of California State Strong and shared that the Governor of California and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have changed the way solar rebates operate and as a result 17,000 jobs have been lost. There is a currently an assembly bill in the works, AB-1374, and encouraged the Commission Members to advocate to have the bill passed.

4. Approve July 8, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes (*Attachment B*)

Decision: Approved

Approved By / Seconded By: R. Datel/S. Reed

Ayes: M. Aulman, A. Kim, A. Serena, NJ Mvondo, M. Bennett, K. Britten

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: C. White, B. Austin, P. Alvarez

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

- Staff provided updates to the Long Range Calendar. Staff shared an update on CPRG Award Results.
- Staff provided a summary of CAAP Series #3 Community Conversation Workshops.
- Staff provided an update on Early Action Projects.
- Staff provided a share-out of the CCEC Conference that was attended in June 2024.

Public Comment

- A commentor asked a Commission member if she could save her E&E TAC comments until the public comment section after Agenda Item 6. The commentor then thanked everyone and shared that she will be speaking on subsection C and D of Agenda Item 3. She then provided recommendations on how the County should interact with CBOs to improve future partnerships.
- A commentor shared that there is an EPA grant they will send the notice of to the Sustainability Department.

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

- Equity and Engagement (E&E) TAC Update (*A. Serena*)
 - An update on the discussions and progress made at the August 2024 Equity and Engagement (E&E) TAC Meeting was provided.
- Natural and Working Lands (NWL) TAC Update (*K. Reza*)
 - An update on the discussions and progress made at the August 2024 Natural and Working Lands (NWL) TAC Meeting was provided.

Public Comments

- A commenter with Cool Davis thanked the Commission and shared that Cool Davis is a partner with the Regional Resilience Collaborative and that CBO recruitments will be a part of that planning group, as well as the recruitment for Electrify Yolo. She shared that this is a learning process and if we treat everything as pilots, we can start to model an even more amazing set of Yolo County programs and services that will be more than face value statistics.
- A commenter stated that the Commission is working on a CAAP that outpaces in terms of speed and aggressiveness, the one put forth by the state. He then commented that when we consider that The Yolo County CAAP is based on the County's resolution of declaring a climate crisis, the County, the community, and the Commission is driving at a higher standard than the CAAP and it is not tenable to have organizations that are providing support and recognizing how to be equitable to be compensating for a lack of ability of consultants.

7. Commission Member Reports, Comments, Future Agenda Items

- Events to be Included in the Newsletter
 - A Commission member shared that an event, Green Drinks, will take place on Sept 13th at The Hive from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM.
- A Commission member expressed concern that only two pages of the DRAFT CAAP are allocated to implementation and advised that the remainder of contracted time with Dudek be dedicated to working on a business plan.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

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