

Equity and Engagement Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

October 22, 2024 | 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

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E&E TAC Members

Adelita Serena (*Chair*), Yolo County Climate Action Commission (YCCAC) Member, Sierra Club (*not in attendance*)

Ann Filmer, Davis Odd Fellows (*not in attendance*)

Antonio De Loera-Brust, United Farm Workers (*not in attendance*)

Bernadette Austin (*Vice-Chair*), YCCAC Member, CivicWell

Chris Granger, Cool Davis (*not in attendance*)

Esmeralda Garza, De Colores Resource Center

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Izzy Chan-De Silva, Yolo Youth Commission Member

Genevieve Pyeatt, Yolo Food Bank (*not in attendance*)

Julia Thomas, Center for Land Based Learning (*not in attendance*)

Larry Guenther, Davis Odd Fellows (*not in attendance*)

Brandon Rueda, Cool Davis

Leslie Crenna, Cool Davis (*not in attendance*)

Meron Gebre, UC Davis (*not in attendance*)

Suzanne Reed, YCCAC Member

Zainab Waqar, Yolo Youth Commission Member (*not in attendance*)

Staff Members

Kristen Wraithwall, Yolo County Sustainability Manager

Julia Olsen, Yolo County Sustainability Analyst

Tess Vaccaro, Associate Administrative Services Analyst – Extra Help

Yuridiana Pantoja, Associate Administrative Services Analyst – Extra Help (*not in attendance*)

Andrea Garza, CivicSpark Fellow

Juan Ibarra, CivicSpark Fellow

Natalie Aguilar, CivicSpark Fellow (*not in attendance*)

AGENDA

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.

2. **Staff Announcements (10 minutes)**
 - a. Sustainability Division Staff provided updates:
 - i. The current plan is to have the Final CAAP brought before the Yolo County Climate Action Commission (YCCAC) in November (meeting date is pending) and the Board of Supervisors on December 3rd.
 - ii. The Regional Resilience Collaborative hopes to have a selected consultant by December.
 - b. Sharing Recap Feedback
 - i. Sustainability Division Staff shared that three meetings were conducted with CBO's and standalone members. Between the three meetings, there were four main points of commonality:
 1. Develop outreach strategies to understand community needs and identify community leaders. These outreach strategies include but are not limited to resource sharing, expanding access through virtual meetings, and strengthening collaboration and coordination.
 2. Continue seamless CBO involvement by establishing clear roles and responsibilities.
 3. Ensure clear communication concerning CBO responsibilities to ensure goals are aligned and boundaries are set.
 4. The future of the E&E TAC will require the establishment a governance structure and oversight responsibilities to continue and improve upon collaboration with the County's sustainability goals.

3. **CAAP Implementation + Future of E&E TAC (45 minutes)**
 - a. In an ideal scenario, what would the E&E TAC look like as we move into CAAP Implementation (*think size, member make-up, frequency of meeting, content of meetings, opportunities for innovation, etc.*)?
 - i. E&E TAC members participated in discussion and the following are main takeaways:
 1. A broader and well-defined CBO structure is needed

- a. The E&E TAC needs to be organized so that the different members have specific roles and responsibilities.
 - b. Forming subcommittees and/or ad-hoc committees may be beneficial.
 2. Expand the member body composition to be more diverse. Including the youth and aging population is needed.
 3. There is a need for capacity building through the mobilization of and reliance of prominent community groups and organizations.
- b. How would you like to see future County-community partnerships function (*i.e., CBO outreach partnerships, more informal advisory networks, broader collaborative structure, etc.*)?
 - i. E&E TAC members participated in a discussion that yielded the following opinions:
 1. CBOs should be integrated into the outreach and planning processes earlier on.
 2. Outreach needs to be less formal. Having raw, unmoderated, and unstructured conversations, where individuals feel like they are part of something, rather than just listening is important.
 3. Due to limited resources, outreach and engagement initiatives should be done in collaborated efforts.
 4. Different modes of external/community communication need to be explored and implemented.
 5. E&E TAC members need to be compensated for their time and contributions.
 - ii. E&E TAC members and Sustainability Division Staff agreed to enter a temporary hiatus until December 2024.
- c. How can we best leverage the E&E TAC's diverse expertise to support and strengthen sustainability initiatives during CAAP Implementation?
 - i. This question was not explicitly discussed, but based on prior responses, there is a collective desire for greater involvement in planning processes, such as being folded into the brainstorming process rather than serving as final reviewers of previously developed materials.

4. Next Steps (5 minutes)

- a. An E&E TAC member will provide an update to the Yolo County Climate Action Commission (YCCAC) on October 28th on the discussion had at the E&E TAC meeting,
- b. The E&E TAC will be going on a brief hiatus and will reconvene for a check-in in December 2024.

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