

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE

Staff Report – Item 11

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Mitch Sears, Chief Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Consider Reappointment and Appointment to Jurisdiction seats on Community Advisory Committee

DATE: June 11, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

1. Consider reappointments/appointments to each jurisdiction seat for a three (3) year term to expire 2029 (Class 2).

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Board at their September 9, 2021 meeting, adopted a [revised Community Advisory Committee \(CAC\) structure](#) with eleven total members: eight jurisdictional members (two per jurisdiction) and three additional seats for At-large members intended to fill specific subject matter expertise/experience areas.

Class 2 appointments expire in June 2026 representing the jurisdiction seats: Davis, Woodland, Winters and Yolo County. Staff advertised on VCE's website, through local newspapers and social media seeking applicants for all jurisdiction seats.

Mark Murray was recently appointed to represent Yolo County at the Board's February 12, 2026 meeting. All three (3) incumbent CAC Members are seeking reappointment.

Jennifer Rindahl, past CAC Member, has resubmitted an application for consideration of appointment to represent the City of Winters. Ms. Rindahl served on the CAC from June 2020 - November 2025.

No other applications have been received.

The following CAC Members are seeking reappointment:

- Diccon Westworth - Woodland
- Ari Halberstadt - Davis
- Mark Murray – Yolo County

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends the Board consider:

1. Reappointment of the following for a three (3) year term to expire 2028 (Class 2);
 - Woodland Rep. - Diccon Westworth
 - Davis Rep. - Ari Halberstadt
 - Yolo County Rep. - Mark Murray; and,
2. Appoint Jennifer Rindahl to represent the City of Winters for a three (3) year term to expire 2028 (Class 2).

Below is a listing of the other “classes” and their expiration terms:

CLASS 3 - term expires in June 2027:

At-Large - Lorenzo Kristov

At-Large - Keith Taylor

At-Large – Danielle Ballard

CLASS 1 - term expires in June 2028:

Winters Rep. – David Springer

Woodland Rep. – Mark Aulman

Davis Rep. – Rahul Athalye

Yolo County Rep. – Cynthia Rodriguez

Attachment: Jennifer Rindahl’s Application (Redacted)



Received on:

6/3/2026 AML

Return to:

Valley Clean Energy
604 Second Street
Davis, CA 95616

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPLICATION

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

Name:
Last First Middle

Are you at least 18 years old?

Home Address:
Number/Street

City/State/Zip

Email Address:

Daytime Phone

Evening/Weekend Phone

Business Title or Occupation:

Company/Organization:

Address:
Street Address City, State and Zip

Which Valley Clean Energy jurisdiction do you reside in?

- City of Davis City of Woodland County of Yolo (Unincorporated) City of Winters

If you do not reside in Valley Clean Energy's jurisdictions, please include a separate statement to address why you are applying for this committee.

Are you seeking to fill an At-Large Seat? Yes No

Background Information:

Why do you wish to serve as a member of the VCE Community Advisory Committee?

Over the years I have worked with a variety of local governments, public safety leaders and environmental groups to create budgets and plans for local cities and counties. In recent years, I have become deeply concerned about the state of our electrical grid and the public safety implications due to the increasing impacts of climate change. I believe strongly in the efforts of Valley Clean Energy to help Yolo County increase sustainable energy use and to hopefully create a path for us to have our own micro grid.

What experience/perspective would you bring to the committee? Please reference the professional sector and related professional experience below for At-Large member applications in this section.

For over 20 years I have worked with local cities, counties, school and public transportation agencies to help them better communicate important issues about local services to their public. My work with the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources expanded my knowledge of sustainability issues, which was further expanded during my time running Delaine Eastin's campaign for governor. On Delaine's Campaign, I was responsible for drafting all policy items, including those centering around California's infrastructure and sustainability needs.

Please list your previous and present governmental and civic experience. Indicate when, position and duties:

Consultant (numerous cities, counties, school and districts - 2016- Present)
Consultant, Los Rios Community College District (2025-Present)
Consultant, San Juan Unified School District (2023-2024)
Consultant, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Association (June 2021 - Present)
Board Member, CA Democratic Party (2019 - Present) Yolo County DCCC (2019-2023),
Consultant, Peralta Community College District (August 2018- March 2019),
Director of Advocacy, UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, (2012-2015) Executive
Consultant (numerous cities, counties, school and districts - 2002- 2012)

List any special training or experience you have that you feel would benefit your committee service:

I bring more than 20 years of experience in strategic communications, public policy, community outreach, and local government engagement, with a particular focus on helping public agencies communicate complex issues clearly and build public trust.

I previously served on the Valley Clean Energy Community Advisory Committee and understand the importance of community choice energy programs in advancing local clean energy goals, supporting climate action, and maintaining accountability to the communities they serve. I also bring experience working with UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, where I supported statewide advocacy, legislative engagement, and communications related to agriculture, research, sustainability, and community resilience.

Do you have any interests or associations which might present a conflict of interest?
If yes, please explain:

What do you feel are your most important qualifications?

My strongest qualifications are my prior service on the Valley Clean Energy Community Advisory Committee, my 20+ years of experience in public agency communications and community engagement, and my ability to help translate complex policy and technical issues into clear, accessible information for residents. I also bring a strong understanding of local government, agriculture, sustainability, and the needs of Yolo County communities, which would allow me to contribute thoughtfully to VCE's clean energy, affordability, and public trust goals.

What do you see as some of the significant issues facing the community in the next few years that might pertain to Valley Clean Energy's Community Advisory Committee?

Some of the most significant issues facing the community over the next few years include wildfire risk, grid reliability, rising energy costs, and the need for greater local energy resilience. As PG&E rates and infrastructure costs continue to increase, affordability will remain a major concern for residents, businesses, farms, and local agencies. At the same time, extreme heat, fire danger, blackouts, brownouts, and public safety power shutoffs make it increasingly important to invest in clean, reliable, locally controlled energy solutions. Valley Clean Energy's Community Advisory Committee can play an important role in helping the agency balance climate goals, affordability, energy independence, and community trust while ensuring that residents understand both the challenges and the opportunities ahead.

What do you hope to accomplish as a committee member?

I hope to be an engaged and constructive committee member who brings a strong voice for the City of Winters and the broader communities Valley Clean Energy serves. I would like to contribute my background in public agency communications, community engagement, and regional policy work to help VCE continue to grow as a trusted, cost-effective, locally controlled energy provider. I am especially interested in supporting efforts that strengthen energy independence, affordability, resilience, and collaboration among local agencies working toward a more sustainable energy future for our region and state.

I am aware of the obligations and responsibilities of this committee and am willing and able to fulfill this commitment should I be appointed: (Initial here: [REDACTED])

Please attach your resume or any additional information or statements which you feel would be helpful to the Valley Clean Energy Board of Directors in reviewing your qualifications.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I understand that in connection with this application for appointment, the information contained herein will be made available to the general public upon request. I further understand that if appointed, I may be required to take the oath of office and may be subject to requirements for filing financial disclosure statements.

[REDACTED]

Please Sign Here

6/3/26

Date

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Applications will be kept on file for two years. This application will expire on: 6/3/2028

Date of appointment by the Valley Clean Energy Board: _____

Length of term: _____

Is this a re-appointment? _____