

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Staff Report - Item 4**

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**TO:** Community Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** CAC May 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
**DATE:** June 27, 2024

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**Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached May 23, 2024 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  
Yolo County Community Services Department  
Cache Creek Conference Room  
292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95695**

Chair Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024 beginning at 5:08 p.m., held at Yolo County Community Services Department, Cache Creek Conference Room, located at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95695.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Raul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez, Danielle Ballard, Jennifer Rindahl (arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman, Diccon Westworth

**Welcome** Chair Athalye welcomed everyone.

**Public Comment / Introductions** There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda and on Consent Agenda items.

**Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports** **Task Group Reports:**

Legislative/Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov provided an update on the State’s budget; status of Resource Adequacy Slice of Day proceedings; and, the status of Assembly Bill (AB) 3107 (Microgrids), AB 1999 (Electricity: Fixed Charges), and Senate Bill 1374 (Net Energy Metering for multi-family or multi-metered dwellings).

(Jennifer Rindahl arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

Programs & Outreach: David Springer informed those present that he met with CAC Members Mark Aulman and Diccon Westworth. They discussed a wide range of topics, including: AgFIT, REDWDS grant, Concierge Service, retention, and, CPUC allowing rate increases and how this will effect customers. They discussed vendor solicitating door to door, possible tag lines for VCE, Electric Vehicle (EV) rebates, and possibly partnering with UC Davis on Time of Use in selected residential homes.

**Staff Report:** VCE Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel provided a recap of the Board’s May 9, 2024 meeting: approved Load Management Standards Plan, received



an introduction to Slice of Day, and informed those present that the Board's July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the UC Davis California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC) with a tour of the facility at 5 p.m. This is open to the public. Mr. Samuel informed those present that several applications have been received for appointment to the CAC and we continue to seek candidates for the vacant unincorporated Yolo County seat. He thanked those who participated and visited the VCE booths at the Honey Festival and Celebrate Davis.

**Consent Items**

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

David Springer made a motion to approve the Consent agenda items, seconded by Lorenzo Kristov. Motion passed with Cynthia Rodriguez and Jennifer Rindahl abstaining and Aulman and Westworth absent. The following items were:

4. approved March 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes;
5. received copy of VCE's Load Management Standards Plan Staff Report to the Board;
6. received copy of Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2024); and,
7. received copy of SACOG Electrify Yolo update.

**Item 8: Request the CAC form a Biomass Task Group. (Discussion/Action)**

VCE Staff Gordon Samuel reviewed this item and requested that a Biomass Task Group be formed. There were no verbal comments.

Written Public Comment: Written public comment was received from Christine Shewmaker. Board Clerk Alisa Lembke read the written public comment into the record.

Motion made by Jennifer Rindahl to form a Biomass Task Group, seconded by Cythnia Rodriguez. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Kristov, Springer, Rindahl, Rodriguez, Ballard, Taylor, Athalye

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aulman, Westworth

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Samuels informed those present that he has been in contact with CAC Member Diccon Westworth who agreed to participate on the Task Group.



**Item 9: Receive draft updated reserve policy and dividend program guidelines and seek feedback and recommendation from CAC on the Board adopting the updated reserve policy and dividend program guidelines. (Discussion/Action)**

VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided highlights of the updates made to the Financial Reserve Policy and Dividend Program Guidelines. The CAC and Staff discussed several aspects of reserves, including goal amount, the effects of reserves on rates, credit rating, and programs, and possible missed opportunities for investments to generate more revenue. There were no written or verbal comments.

Motion made by Keith Taylor that the CAC recommend that the Board adopt the updated Financial Reserve Policy and Dividend Program Guidelines, seconded by Jennifer Rindahl. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Kristov, Springer, Rindahl, Rodriguez, Ballard, Taylor, Athalye

NOES: None

ABSENT: Aulman, Westworth

ABSTAIN: None

**Item 10: Recap of CalCCA 2024 Annual Conference. (Information)**

Mr. Sears provided a brief recap of the CalCCA 2024 Annual Conference held in San Jose on April 16 through April 18, 2024. CAC Members Keith Taylor and Danielle Ballard shared their experience attending the conference as well as VCE Staff. There were no verbal or written public comments.

**Item 11: Receive 2024 Long Range Calendar. (Information/Discussion)**

A few CAC Members provided suggested topics for upcoming meetings. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 12: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment to Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 27, 2024 at the City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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