

**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 November 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** December 19, 2024

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**Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached November 21, 2024 meeting Minutes.

Attachment: November 12, 2024 meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  
City of Woodland Council Chambers  
300 First 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, November 21, 2024 beginning at 5:02 p.m., held at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Raul Athalye (Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Ari Halberstadt, Cynthia Rodriguez, Diccon Westworth

Committee Members Absent: Danielle Ballard, Jennifer Rindahl

**Welcome** Chair Athalye welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that VCE is still seeking candidates to fill the unincorporated Yolo County CAC seat.

**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:** Chair Athalye announced that due to time constraints, Task Group Reports will not be provided. He reminded those present that Task Group 2024 Year-end reports are due Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for review at the CAC's December 19, 2024 meeting.

**Staff Report:** VCE Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel provided a brief review of the Board's November 14, 2024 meeting: the 2023 Power Content Label was "accepted and attested" to its accuracy; the Hourly Flex Pricing pilot programs were approved; and, an update of the 2025 Operating budget and customer rates was provided. He also invited those present that VCE will be participating in the City of Davis Candlelight Parade on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>; the City of Woodland Holiday Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>; and partnered with Monarch Tractor to have an electric tractor in the City of Winters Tractor Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Items** There were no written or verbal public comments as identified above.



Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent agenda items, seconded by Kristov. Motion passed with Ballard and Rindahl absent. The following items were:

4. approved October 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes; and,
5. approved recommending to the Board to adopt the 2025 Legislative and Regulatory Platform.

## Regular Agenda

### **Item 6: Discuss and seek recommendation to the Board on GHG-Free allocations from large hydro and nuclear resources.**

#### **(Discussion/Action)**

Mr. Samuel reviewed PG&E's historical offering to accept GHG-free (large hydro and nuclear) attributes and VCE's acceptance of large hydro attributes only. Mr. Samuel explained that with the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant operations being extended; the changes in the financial, market and regulatory; and Customers are paying for nuclear, prompted Staff to reassess their historical recommendation to accept large hydro only and are now recommending that VCE accept both large hydro and nuclear attributes.

The CAC and Staff discussed: VCE's Power Content Label; customer perception of nuclear; monetary impacts; and risks. There were no written or verbal public comments. The CAC reviewed Staff's three (3) part recommendation and addressed each part separately.

Motion made by Kristov to accept the 2025 allocation of large hydro GHG free attributes, seconded by Springer. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Aulman, Springer, Halberstadt, Westworth, Taylor, Kristov, Rodriguez, Athalye  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Ballard, Rindahl  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion made by Taylor to accept the 2025 allocation of nuclear power GHG free attributes, seconded by Westworth. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Aulman, Springer, Halberstadt, Westworth, Taylor, Athalye  
NOES: Kristov, Rodriguez  
ABSENT: Ballard, Rindahl  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion made by Taylor to recommend that VCE's Executive Officer enter a agreements with PG&E to accept the 2025 large hydro and nuclear GHG free allocations, seconded by Westworth. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Aulman, Springer, Halberstadt, Westworth, Taylor, Athalye  
NOES: Kristov, Rodriguez  
ABSENT: Ballard, Rindahl



ABSTAIN: None

**Item 7: Receive preliminary 2025 Operating Budget update and customer rates. (Information)**

Mr. Samuel introduced this information item and informed the CAC that the Board will approve the 2025 Operating budget and review customer rates at their December 12, 2024 regular meeting. VCE Director of Finance and Internal Operations Edward Burnham presented an overview of the draft 2025 Operating budget, key factors influencing the 2025 budget and customer rates, and highlights of proposed updates to VCE's Reserve and Dividend policies. The CAC and Staff discussed: Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) costs; possible customer rate discounts; revenue investment; long term fixed costs, modifications to VCE's Reserve and Dividend policies; investment credit rating; affordability; and, customer outreach and retainment of Customers. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 8: Receive 2024 Long Range Calendar. (Information)**

The 2024 long range calendar was briefly reviewed.

**Item 9: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.**

Mark Aulman informed those present that the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan was submitted to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors for their ratification scheduled for their meeting next week on Tuesday. The Plan details, feedback and comments can be viewed online.

VCE's Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that the Board at their November meeting had a robust discussion on Phase 2 of the Electric Vehicle Rebate pilot program. Staff will be bringing back additional information and an updated Phase 2 to the Board at a future meeting for further discussion. Secondly, Mr. Sears also informed those present that VCE Staff, in combination with Yolo County and local community organizations, prepared and submitted a microgrid grant application to the EPA.

**Adjournment to Next Meeting**

The CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 19, 2024 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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