

**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 February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
**DATE:** March 28, 2024

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**Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached February 22, 2024 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M.  
CITY OF DAVIS COMMUNITY CHAMBERS  
23 RUSSELL BOULEVARD, DAVIS, CALIFORNIA 95616**

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, February 22, 2024 beginning at 5:02 p.m., held at City of Davis Community Chambers, located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Raul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), David Springer, Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Diccon Westworth

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman, Danielle Ballard, Cynthia Rodriguez

**Welcome** Chair Athalye welcomed everyone.

**Public Comment / Introductions** There were no verbal or written public comments on items not listed on the agenda nor on the Consent Agenda items.

**Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports** **Task Group Reports:**  
Legislative/Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that there was nothing to report on the regulatory side of things. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter informed those present that the last of the legislative bills were introduced, which are being reviewed by the Task Group and Staff. VCE Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that he and others attended yesterday's CalCCA Lobby Day in Sacramento, where they met with legislative staff.

Programs & Outreach: Keith Taylor informed those present that the Task Group met and discussed how to market UltraGreen; the current Customer 10% opt out rate and how to get to 95% opt in rate; VCE's Outreach & Marketing plan; AgFIT; and, other programs. He reminded those that the Almond Festival in Esparto is happening this Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and he and CAC Member Diccon Westworth will be attending.

Staff Report: VCE Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel informed those present that the Board did not hold a meeting in February, which will make the March meeting agenda full. He invited those who would like to help Staff at the Almond Festival booth, to contact VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles. Mr. Sears informed those present that he and VCE Staff Edward Burnham were joint guests who presented a case study



to the UC Davis Graduate students. The case study was on VCE’s financial outlook – reserves, programs, dividends, rates, etc.

### Consent Items

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above.

Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, Item 4, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Aulman, Ballard, and Rodriguez absent. The following item was:

4. approved January 25, 2024 meeting Minutes.

### Regular Agenda

#### Item 5: Strategic Plan update. (Information)

VCE Staff Edward Burnham introduced this item and VCE Staff provided a summary of 2023 accomplishments of goals and objectives outlined in VCE’s Strategic Plan. The CAC and Staff discussed the need to highlight VCE’s accomplishments in collateral (pamphlets and social media) and the opportunity to encourage Customers to opt up to UltraGreen now that renewable power is coming online. There were no written public comments.

Verbal Public Comment: Chris Granger of Cool Davis emphasized that with VCE’s new power coming online and our resource portfolio growing, now is a great opportunity to mobilize the community to opt up to UltraGreen.

Due to time constraints and the presence of VCE consultants at this meeting, Item 7 – Resource Adequacy “Slice-of-Day” framework presentation will be moved before Item 6 – ERRO / Concierge Service.

#### Item 7: Resource Adequacy “Slice-of-Day” framework presentation. (Information)

Mr. Samuel introduced this item and introduced Jaclyn Harr and Jay Strickland from The Energy Authority (TEA). TEA provided an overview of traditional and updated Resource Adequacy (RA) products and requirements, reviewed California Public Utility Commission’s (CPUC) goals of restructuring RA, and defined “Slice of Day”.

Staff and the CAC discussed: compliance issues, Flex RA, load, trading capabilities, impacts of new requirements, reliability, management of resources, and resource acquisition timing. There were no written public comments.

Verbal Public Comment: Chris Granger of Cool Davis commented thanked VCE for paying to attention shifting load, promoting Electric Vehicle (EV) use, providing EV charging stations through the SACOG grant, shifting load, and engaging the community.



**Item 6: Receive Electrification Retrofit Rebate Outreach (ERRO) Program update and seeking feedback and recommendation from CAC on Concierge Service. (Discussion/Action)**

Staff and the CAC discussed tabling this agenda item, but first the CAC will hear public comments since there were written comments to be read into the record and there were persons present to provide verbal comments.

Written Public Comment: Chad Ihrig submitted written public comment received and distributed to the CAC members and VCE Staff dated February 22, 2024. The Board Clerk read the written public comment into the record.

Written Public Comment: Chris Granger of Cool Davis submitted written public comments with an attachment of questions and suggestions dated February 22, 2024. The written public comments were distributed to the CAC members and VCE Staff on February 22, 2024. Ms. Granger waived the reading of their written public comments into the record.

Verbal Public Comment: Chris Granger of Cool Davis Pay requested that VCE Staff take a close look at the attachment to their written public comment that outlines questions and suggestions on implementing the ERRO and Concierge Service program. Specifically, paying attention to Customer eligibility requirements and other circumstances. She offered Cool Davis' willingness to work with VCE moving forward.

Board Clerk reminded those present that all written public comments will be posted to the VCE CAC webpage.

David Springer suggested that the Programs & Outreach Task Group discuss Cool Davis' written public comments with Staff prior to the CAC's next meeting.

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

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

There were no comments on this item from the CAC members. There were no written or verbal public comments.



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

The CAC Members and Staff had no announcements.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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