

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC June 26, 2025 Meeting and Strategic Plan Update Workshop Minutes

DATE: July 24, 2025

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached June 26, 2025 meeting and Strategic Plan Update Workshop Minutes.

Attachment: June 26, 2025 CAC meeting and Strategic Plan Update Workshop Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AND STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP
Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR)
San Joaquin Valley Room
2801 2nd Street, Davis, CA 95618**

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, June 26, 2025 beginning at 5:06 p.m., held at the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR), San Joaquin Valley Room located at 2801 2nd Street, Davis, California 95618.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Ari Halberstadt, Jennifer Rindahl, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:18 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard,

Welcome Chair Rahul 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 or on Consent.

Brief VCE staff Report

Task Group Reports:

- A) Legislative & Regulatory (Leg./Reg) Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group is keeping tabs on legislation regarding battery storage program funding for residential IOU (only) customers, and the expansion of the program to CAC customers. The Task Group is also keeping tabs on Assembly Bill (AB) 306: Building regulations: state building standards, as it relates to "REACH" codes and residential units.
- B) Programs & Outreach Task Group: VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski informed those present that the Task Group has not met recently.
- C) Bioenergy Task Group: VCE Staff Gordon Samuel informed those present that the Task Group has not met recently; however, the Task Group has provided feedback on a Biomass bill to the Leg/Reg Task Group. : feedback from Mark and Danielle for a Biomass bill that feedback was provide to Leg/Reg Task Group



- D) Strategic Plan Task Group: VCE staff Edward Burnham informed those present that the Task Group took the feedback from the May 22, 2025 Strategic Plan Update Workshop and outlined more action items. The Strategic Plan Update's current timeline will remain. The Task Group will meet again to review tonight's feedback from the Strategic Plan Update Workshop on Goals 3 and 4.

Staff Report: Mr. Samuel announced that the Board received at their June 12, 2025 meeting their annual Summer Preparedness Outlook update; approved the customer rate discounts for the remainder of 2025; allocated the 2024 Net Margin; reappointed Cynthia Rodriguez, David Springer, Rahul Athalye and Mark Aulman for another 3 years to represent each VCE jurisdiction; and, received highlights from Board Members and Staff on the CalCCA 2025 Conference held in late April. On behalf of Staff, Mr. Samuel thanked Mark Aulman for help staff at the California Honey Festival held at the Yolo County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 21, 2025. (Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:18 p.m.)

Consent Items

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

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

4. approved May 22, 2025 meeting and Strategic Plan Updated Workshop Minutes;
5. received 2025 Long Range Calendar; and,
6. received Summer Preparedness outlook.

Item 7: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements

Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that he attended a transmission planning workshop hosted by Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) and Peninsula Clean Power (PCE), which was held recently in Sacramento, and attended by a variety of agencies.

No other CAC or VCE Staff had any announcements.

Item 8: Adjournment of Regular meeting.

Chair Athalye announced that the CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, July 24, 2025 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers. Chair Athalye adjourned the CAC's regular meeting at 5:27 p.m. to reconvene into the Strategic Plan Update Workshop at 5:30 p.m.



RECONVENED AS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP

Item 1: Public Comment.

Chair Athalye began the Strategic Plan Update Workshop at 5:35 p.m. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 2: Strategic Plan Update Workshop

VCE Staff Edward Burnham welcomed those who were in attendance and reviewed the Workshop #2 agenda. Mr. Burnham provided a brief overview of Valley Clean Energy's (VCE) role as a Community Choice Aggregate (CCA); the location map of CCAs within California; and, the process of making a major update to VCE's Strategic Plan by holding workshops and soliciting input from VCE's customers through a survey. Mr. Burnham reviewed the key goals and objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan.

VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski reviewed the results of Workshop 1, where Goals 1 (Financial Strength) and 2 (Procurement and Power Supply) were discussed. Positive and helpful feedback was provided. Ms. Kuczynski briefly highlighted the survey results.

Ms. Kuczynski reviewed Goal 3 - Customers and Community and highlighted proposed changes to enhance and amplify VCE's community benefits and increase customer satisfaction and retention.

Mr. Samuel reviewed Goal 4 - Decarbonization and Grid Innovation and proposed that this goal be retitled to "Energy Service Resilience" and to revise the objectives accordingly, with possibly moving 4.3 objective (increase participation in VCE's UltraGreen 100% renewable product) to Goal 3 (Customers and Community).

Both Ms. Kuczynski and Mr. Samuel solicited and received feedback from those present. There was no written or verbal public comment.

Item 3: Adjournment of Workshop

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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