

**VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 23, 2025

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached September 25, 2025 meeting Minutes.

Attachment: September 25, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 25, 2025 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, September 25, 2025 beginning at 5:01 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: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, Diccon Westworth, Cynthia Rodriguez, David Springer (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Rindahl, Ari Halberstadt, Danielle Ballard (attended remotely)

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 and on Consent Agenda items. (David Springer arrived at 5:07 p.m.)

Brief VCE staff Report

Task Group Reports:

1. Outreach & Programs – Diccon Westworth informed those present that he met with Staff and discussed the proposed redrafted Phase 2 of the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program (“Charge Your Ride”). VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski added that Staff are gathering information and will be coming to the CAC and Board in the next few months for input, review and approval.
2. Legislative & Regulatory – Lorenzo Kristov provided an update on the end of the legislative session - some bills were signed by the Governor and some are still hanging out there. He provided an update on several bills. He also informed those present that Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group (PPG), VCE’s lobbyist consultant, will be providing an update on the end of the legislative session at the Board’s October meeting.
3. Strategic Plan – VCE Staff Edward Burnham informed those present that the Board held their Strategic Plan (SP) Workshop at their September 11, 2025 meeting and had a healthy discussion. As a result, some revisions and small modifications to the draft SP Major Update



have been made and Staff will be taking the draft Major Update to the Board at their October meeting.

4. Bioenergy – Mark Aulman informed those present that this Task Group is on hiatus until a Staff replacement of the Chief Operating Officer is brought on.

CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov made the suggestion that the CAC look into forming a local energy Task Group to help develop strategies in line with the Major Update to the Strategic Plan. He would like it added to the 2025 Long Range Calendar and start discussing this formation at the CAC's October meeting. Board Clerk Alisa Lembke will add it to the 2025 Long Range Calendar. Mr. Kristov will provide some information for a staff report to start the discussion.

Staff Report: VCE Staff Edward Burnham announced that the Board at their September 11, 2025 meeting approved VCE's Capitalization Policy; received an update on the AgFIT pilot program; accepted and attested the 2024 Power Content Label (PCL); and, held their Strategic Plan workshop. Mr. Burnham announced that Staff attending two Farmers Markets one in Winters and the other in Woodland and will be attending the upcoming "EV at The Pavilion" in Davis on Sunday, September 28th.

Consent Agenda Items

There were no written or verbal public comments as identified above. Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Halberstadt, Rindahl and Ballard absent. The following items were:

4. approved August 28, 2025 meeting Minutes; and
5. received 2025 Long Range Calendar.

Item 6: Further discussion and seeking recommendation on Large Electric Load Policy. (Discussion/Action)

VCE Chief Executive Officer Mitch Sears introduced this item and introduced VCE's consultant Don Dame. Mr. Dame provided an overview and highlighted the CAC's discussions and input that occurred at the CAC's August 28th meeting. After Mr. Dame reviewed the policy principles, the CAC and Staff further discussed the draft Policy and the CAC provided their feedback.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Diccon Westworth made a motion to recommend to the Board that they adopt the Large Electric Load Customer Service Policy. Lorenzo Kristov made a substitute motion to add language to the draft Policy to request that the applicant provide their interconnection status and to make the recommendation to the Board that the draft Policy be adopted. Diccon



Westworth second the motion. Motion passed with Halberstadt, Rindahl, and Ballard absent.

**Item 7: Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements**

There were no announcements by the CAC Members. Mr. Sears announced that VCE is making progress on filling the vacant Chief Operating Officer position.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, October 23, 2025 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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