

**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 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes
DATE: October 26, 2023

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached September 28, 2023 meeting minutes.



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023
CITY OF WOODLAND COUNCIL CHAMBERS
300 FIRST STREET, WOODLAND CA 95695**

Chair Mark Aulman established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2023 beginning at 5:04 p.m., held at City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mark Aulman (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Marsha Baird, Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Keith Taylor, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Davis Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:17 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Carl Linvill

Welcome Chair Aulman welcomed everyone and congratulated Danielle Ballard for being appointed to the At Large seat. He asked that Ms. Ballard introduce herself. Ms. Ballard gave a brief introduction of her background and her interest in serving on the CAC.

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:**
Programs & Outreach: VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles provided a summary of activities: discussions with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) are ongoing about expanding the AgFIT program outside of VCE's jurisdiction and to commercial and/or residential rates. VCE Staff have been working with Yolo County on the Electrification Retrofit Rebate Outreach Program (ERRO) grant, which focuses on connecting low income households with State electrification rebates. Mr. Westworth informed those present that he just completed an electrification retrofit on his home and he is willing to answer questions, share his challenges and successes. Vice Chair Athalye reminded those present that Cool Davis is another great resource for electrification of the home.



Legislative / Regulatory: Mr. Kristov informed those present that the legislative session recently ended mid-September. Several legislative bills were passed and several were not, but those that did not pass will be carried over to next year. He mentioned that the CPUC issued a Proposed Decision (PD) that would eliminate multi-family housing sharing on-site solar with the residents, which means that the electricity generated must go back to the grid. Comments to the PD will be addressed soon. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter informed those present that the Leg/Reg Task Group will be working on a draft 2024 Legislative Platform, with the goal of providing a draft to the CAC at the October meeting. Lastly, Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group is scheduled to provide a legislative end of session report, which will include an overview of how VCE makes “decisions” on legislative bills, at the November meeting.

Staff Report / Summary of Board’s September 14, 2023 meeting: VCE Chief Executive Officer Gordon Samuel provided brief highlights of the Board’s September 14, 2023 meeting: authorized to apply for the Strategic Growth Council’s Community Resilience Centers grant program; authorized the use of Portfolio Content Category (PCC) 3 Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) for Compliance Period 4; and, approved Strategic Plan minor update.

Mr. Samuel informed those present that the Gibson Project was on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors’ September meeting agenda, at which several provided public comment in support of the Project with a few who did not. This item was continued to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors’ October 10th agenda. Mr. Samuel informed the CAC that the Task Groups will be asked to draft their Year-end reports for review at the October meeting. He invited those to attend several events coming up: Carnitas Festival on Saturday, September 30th in Winters, National Drive Electric Week event on Sunday, October 1st in Davis, and the Salmon Festival on Saturday, November 4th in Winters. VCE Executive Officer Mitch Sears informed those present that he attended the Board of Supervisors’ meeting along with others to support the Gibson Project.

Consent Items

There were no written or verbal comments as identified above. Jennifer Rindahl made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. Motion passed with Carl Linvill absent and David Springer and Danielle Ballard abstaining. The following items were:

4. approved August 24, 2023 meeting Minutes; and,
5. received as an informational item, a copy of Board staff report on VCE’s 2022 Power Content Label for the Standard Green and UltraGreen products.

Item 6: Update on Phase 2 VCE’s

VCE Director of Customer Care & Outreach Rebecca Boyles informed those present that there have been significant changes of the California Vehicle Rebate



Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program. (Information)

Program (CVRP), specifically the eligibility requirements, of which VCE uses as proxy for determining who is eligible for VCE's EV Rebate Pilot Program (Phase 1). She reviewed the new CVRP eligibility requirements and a few concepts that could be included in Phase 2 and Phase 3. She informed those present that Staff will communicate with Customers who are on the EV Rebate waitlist and develop a full list of eligibility criteria. Staff will rework Phase 2 of the EV Rebate and discuss with the Outreach and Programs Task Group and/or CAC, then to the Board for approval. The CAC and Staff discussed: challenges that low-income customers have when looking to purchase an electric vehicle; outreach efforts; and, other rebates available. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 7: Receive progress update on 3-Year Programs Plan and introduction to 2024 Program concepts. (Information/Discussion)

Ms. Boyles provided a progress update of VCE's 2021-2023 Programs Plan highlighting VCE's accomplishments and introduced program concepts for 2024. The CAC and Staff discussed: how to increase information sharing on energy efficiency, electrifying your home, and other available programs and monies, with VCE's customers; joining efforts with VCE's partner jurisdictions to provide resources; and, connecting customers with others who have experiences and information to share. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 8: 2023 Long Range Calendar. (Discussion)

The CAC received the 2023 Long Range Calendar. There was no discussion.

Item 9: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements.

Mr. Sears informed those present that he attended CalCCA retreat held at Sonoma Clean Power CCA in Santa Rosa. He pointed out that they have a state of the art demonstration interactive center that is very well done.

Mr. Sears recognized Ms. Boyles and VCE Staff Sierra Huffman for being instrumental in forming a CalCCA Programs Committee for CCAs to share ideas, information and challenges on individual CCA's programs.

Chair Aulman announced that he will not be present at the CAC's October meeting.

Adjournment to Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the City of Davis Community Chambers located at 23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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