

**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 August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
**DATE:** October 24, 2024

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**Recommendation**

Receive, review and approve the attached August 22, 2024 meeting Minutes.

Attachment: August 22, 2024 meeting Minutes



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.  
City of Davis CONFERENCE ROOM  
(inside Community Chambers building)  
23 Russell Boulevard, 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, August 22, 2024 beginning at 5:04 p.m., held at the City of Davis Conference Room located inside the Community Chambers building at 23 Russell Boulevard, California 95616.

**Welcome and Roll Call**

Committee Members Present: Raul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl (departed at 6:18 p.m.), Cynthia Rodriguez, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Ari Halberstadt, David Springer (arrived at 5:11 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent:

**Welcome** Chair Athalye welcomed everyone and reminded those present 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:**  
Legislative/Regulatory: CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov provided a verbal update on the Task Group's activities: the legislative session will soon end, continuing to hold Task Group meetings, and following, tracking and monitoring energy bills that pertain to CCA's and IOU's.

(David Springer arrived at 5:11 p.m.)

Programs & Outreach: VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski informed those present that the Task Group met in person and reviewed numerous items.

Bioenergy: CAC Member Mark Aulman announced that the Task Group met with VCE Staff Gordon Samuel and looked at all bioenergy considerations, such as location,



background of site, resources, emissions, liabilities, advantages, and compatibility with VCE's goals and objectives.

**Staff Report:** VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a summary of the Board's July 11, 2024 meeting where the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cool Davis, reviewed CAISO Summer preparedness, approved sale of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), and approved legal and prepay transaction agreements. He also announced that VCE hired a new employee who will begin soon.

## Consent Items

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

Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent agenda item, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez . Motion passed with Ari Halberstadt abstaining. The following items were:

4. approved June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes; and,
5. received copy of Customer Participation update (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024).

## Regular Agenda

### Item 6: Introduction and update on internship work on Virtual Power Plants. (Information)

Ms. Kuczynski introduced this item and VCE Intern Catherine Rowen. Ms. Rowen provided an introduction to Virtual Power Plants (VPPs) emphasizing how VPPs can help meet the demand during peak periods and modify load on a large scale; the work she has been doing, including preparing two surveys; and her end goal of preparing a final report for VCE. Ms. Rowen reviewed California Energy Commission's (CEC) support for aggregated grid-connected distributed energy resources (DER) and reviewed two sources of funding: 1) demand side grid support program with two pilot programs and 2) VPP Demand Flexibility Grant for community-based automated VPPs. CAC and Staff had a brief discussion on programs and using thermostats and other technology like bidirectional electric vehicle charging. The CAC requested more information on flexibility markets.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

### Item 7: Review and provide feedback on the Valley Clean Energy 2024-2026 Outreach & Marketing Plan

Ms. Kuczynski introduced this item and provided highlights of the updated Outreach and Marketing Plan outline. She informed those present that the outline includes industry peer analysis, enhanced analytics and metrics, a SWOT analysis, and proposed goals, Ms. Kuczynski requested that feedback be provided to her or Board Clerk Alisa Lembke via email or give her a phone call.



**Outline.  
(Information)**

There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 8: Receive  
update on VCE's  
programs and  
grants.  
(Information)**

Ms. Kuczynski introduced this item and provided a summary and status of VCE's programs and grants. The CAC asked a few questions about how programs are measured on their success, status of grant applications, and outreach to Customer and contractors.

(Jennifer Rindahl departed at 6:18 p.m.)

There were no verbal or written public comments.

**Item 9: Receive  
2024 Long Range  
Calendar.  
(Information/Discu  
ssion)**

The CAC received the 2024 long calendar. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 10: Advisory  
Committee  
Member and Staff  
Announcements.**

There were no announcements.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

The CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 26, 2024 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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