



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.  
City of Woodland Council Chambers  
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

Vice Chair Rahul Athalye established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026, 2025 beginning at 5:07 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 (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, Ari Halberstadt, David Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

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

**Welcome** Vice Chair Rahul Athalye welcomed everyone and moved into the public comment period.

**Public Comment** There were no verbal or written public comments on items not on the agenda or on Consent.

**Item 3: Task Group Reports and Staff Reports**

Task Group Reports:

Programs & Outreach: Mark Aulman informed those present that the Task Group met where they determined who would be Chair and Vice Chair of the Task Group and reviewed and commented on the draft Charge, which is on tonight's Regular agenda.

Legislative & Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Local Energy: VCE Staff Edward Burnham informed those present that the Task Group met with three (3) VCE Staff members and moved the meetings from a Friday cadence to a Thursday cadence when Staff are in the office. He encourages people to attend in person, but remote attendance is still available.

VCE Staff Report: Mr. Burnham provided the Staff Report by informing those present that the Board did not meet in January and their next regular meeting is scheduled for February 2026. He informed those present that PG&E adopted their rate tariffs; VCE will have an event booth at the Almond Festival scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2026 in Esparto and encouraged CAC Members to attend; an employment offer was



extended to join the Customer Care & Marketing team; and, an intern is starting soon to assist with marketing and outreach.

(Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:15 p.m.)

Lastly, CalCCA has opened enrollment to participate in the 2026 Annual Conference scheduled for early May 2026 and to be held in Sacramento. The Board Clerk will be sending out a participation email soon.

### **Consent Items**

Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Cynthia Rodriguez. Motion passed with Taylor, Westworth and Ballard absent. The following items were:

4. approved December 18 2025 meeting Minutes;
5. received Customer Participation update (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025); and,
6. received 2026 Long Range Calendar.

### **Item 7: Review and approve draft 2026 CAC Task Group Charges. (Discussion/Action)**

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Lorenzo Kristov to approve all three (3) 2026 Task Group Charges, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed with Taylor, Westworth and Ballard absent.

### **Item 8: Receive Power Portfolio update. (Information)**

VCE Staff Chad Curran introduced this item reviewing VCE's long term power contracts; historical and forecasted renewable energy supply; how VCE is meeting State energy obligations; and, VCE's strategic goals and drivers to changes in projections. Mr. Curran provided the status of our active Power Purchase Agreements (PPA). He highlighted that overall, VCE's PPA are performing as expected; VCE is on track to meet goals for renewable and carbon free energy; additional procurement could be needed if significant changes to load and/or portfolio; and, VCE may need to procure additional energy to meet state procurement requirements.

VCE Staff and CAC Members discussed: whether there were any local jurisdictions electrifying facilities; load forecast and how weather could impact the forecast; and, the advantages of VCE being a member of California Community Power (CC Power) for additional power resources.

There were no written or verbal public comments.



**Item 9: 2025 year  
in review:  
Customer Care and  
Marketing.  
(Information)**

VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski provided highlights of VCE’s year covering customer care, marketing, outreach, programs and the major update to the Strategic Plan. The CAC and Staff briefly discussed: the Community impact of the large savings to VCE customers and the large dollars allocated to programs; how to get a better idea of why a VCE customer opts out; and, what was accomplished last year.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

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

There were no CAC Member or VCE Staff announcements.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled their next meeting for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at the City of Davis Conference Room (inside Community Chambers building), located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke  
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst