



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Davis Conference Room
(inside Community Chambers building)
23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 95616**

Vice Chair Taylor established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025 beginning at 5:00 p.m., held at the City of Davis Conference Room, inside the Community Chambers building, located at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Chair, arrived at 5:32 p.m.), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer (arrived at 5:05 p.m.), Jennifer Rindahl, Diccon Westworth, Ari Halberstadt (departed at approximately 6:05 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Danielle Ballard, Cynthia Rodriguez

Welcome Vice Chair Keith Taylor welcomed everyone and announced that he would run the meeting because Chair Rahul Athalye is running late. He 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.

Brief VCE staff Report **Task Group Reports:**
(David Springer arrived at 5:05 p.m.)

1. **Legislative & Regulatory** – CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group continues to meet every 2 week scheduled. He informed those present that the Los Angeles Times had an article on SB 541 (Affordability) and bailouts to IOUs for fire liabilities. The Task Group also worked on the draft 2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform.
2. **Programs & Outreach** – CAC Member Diccon Westworth informed those present that the “Charge Your Ride” was finalized and is being presented tonight to the CAC for a recommendation. VCE Staff



Rebecca Kuczynski informed those present that there have been impersonators as VCE employees going door to door, which VCE never does, and this initiated a scam alert on VCE's webpage and the plan to implement a fraud page on the website.

3. Strategic Plan – VCE Staff Edward Burnham announced that the Major Update of the Strategic Plan 2026-2029 was adopted by the Board at their October 14, 2025 Special Meeting.

Staff Report: Mr. Burnham announced that the Board at their October 2025 Special meeting received an end of session legislative update from Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group, VCE's Lobbyist consultant; authorized VCE's participation in the Smart Home Energy and Load Flexibility (SHELF) Pilot program with UC Davis California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC) and Panasonic; approved the Large Electric Load Customer Service Policy; and, as mentioned above approved the Strategic Plan Major Update. It was announced that two events are coming up: 1) Davis Downtown Treat Trail on Friday, October 31st (Halloween) in downtown Davis and 2) the Salmon Festival on Saturday, November 11th in Winters. Mr. Burnham announced that VCE received an investment grade credit rating of A- Stable from S&P Global Ratings. Staff explained the benefits and what this means to VCE and informed those present that a Press Release is forthcoming and the A- credit rating is on VCE's website. Lastly, offers have been extended to a few candidates for various positions and Staff are hoping to make some announcements soon.

Agenda

Consent Items

Ari Halberstadt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Jennifer Rindahl and Ari Halberstadt abstaining specifically from the approval of the September 25, 2025 meeting Minutes. The following items were:

4. approved September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes;
5. received Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2025);
6. received 2025 Long Range Calendar;
7. received copy of Board Staff Report on 2024 Power Content Label (PCL) Certification and 2024 PCL Outreach information;
8. received copy of Board Staff Report on legislative update and slides of legislative End of Session update provided by Pacific Policy Group; and,
9. made a recommendation to the Board to adopt the 2026 Legislative and Regulatory Platform.



Item 10: Review, provide feedback and make recommendation to the Board to approve Phase 2 of VCE's Electric Vehicle Rebate Program ("Charge Your Ride"). (Discussion/Action)

VCE Staff Rebecca Kuzynski provided an overview of VCE's Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate Pilot Programs background, timeline, and engagement process leading up to the proposed "Charge Your Ride" (Phase 2) EV program. The Pilot Program's goals, design, budget options, and scenarios were reviewed. In summary, the "Charge Your Ride" program elements include incentives for pre-owned EVs for low income customers, incentives for multi-family charging outlets and stations, and technical support to support multi-family property owners.

(Rahul Athalye arrived at 5:32 p.m.)

The CAC and Staff discussed and provided feedback on many topics, including: outreach efforts regarding the program; program eligibility; data on used EV's; technical support for participants; permitting for multi-family participants; and, flexibility of the program moving forward.

There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by David Springer for the CAC to recommend to the Board to approve Phase 2, Budget Option 2, of VCE's Electric Vehicle Rebate Pilot Program "Charge Your Ride", seconded by Diccon Westworth. Motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Taylor, Aulman, Kristov, Springer, Rindahl, Westworth, Halberstadt, Athalye

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ballard, Rodriguez

ABSTAIN: None

Item 11: Discuss formation of a CAC Local Energy Task Group. (Discussion/Action)

CAC Member Lorenzo Kristov summarized his proposal suggesting that the CAC consider forming a Local Energy Task Group (LETG) by highlighting that his proposal sets the stage, provides background information and lays out goals. Several CAC Members expressed an interest in being on the LETG.

(Ari Halberstadt departed at approximately 6:05 p.m.)

Mr. Burnham pointed out that Mr. Kristov's proposal and the formation of a Local Energy Task Group ties into Goal 2, Objective 2.3 of the Major Update to the Strategic Plan, which focuses on VCE's portfolio. There were no written or verbal public comments.



After a brief discussion, Chair Rahul Athalye made a motion to form a Local Energy Task Group (LETG), seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed with Ballard, Rodriguez, and Halberstadt absent.

**Item 9: Advisory
Committee
Member and Staff
Announcements**

Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that Canara Media, which focuses on clean energy, will be holding their Canary Media Live event on November 6, 2025 in Berkeley. He will send the information to VCE. There were no announcements from any of the other CAC members or VCE Staff.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, November 20, 2025 (3rd Thursday of the month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday) at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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