



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, October 24, 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, October 24, 2024 beginning at 5:02 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), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov (departed at 6:54 pm.), David Springer, Ari Halberstadt, Jennifer Rindahl (departed at 6:50 p.m.), Cynthia Rodriguez (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Keith Taylor, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard

**Welcome** Chair 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.

**Brief Task Group and VCE staff Reports** **Task Group Reports:**  
**Legislative/Regulatory:** Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that there was nothing to report since the CAC will be reviewing the draft 2025 Legislative/Regulatory Platform during the regular Agenda.

**Programs & Outreach:** VCE Director of Marketing and Customer Care Rebecca Kuczynski reported that the Task Group met and discussed both the Hourly Flex Pilot Programs and Electric Vehicle Rebate Program.

**Bioenergy:** Mark Aulman informed those present that he distributed information and documents on the research he did to the other Task Group Members with no response yet.

(Cynthia Rodriguez arrived at 5:07 p.m.)



**Staff Report:** VCE Chief Operating Office Gordon Samuel informed those present that at the Board’s October 10, 2024 they received a Legislative End of Session update; and, an update on the 2024 Operating budget and preliminary 2025 Operating budget. Mr. Samuel invited Members to attend the Downtown Davis Treat Trail downtown Davis on Halloween and to the Salmon Festival of which VCE Staff will be present.

**Consent Items**

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

Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent agenda item, seconded by Kristov. Motion passed with Taylor, Westworth and Ballard absent. The following items were:

- 4. approved August 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes; and,
- 5. received copy of Customer Participation update (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024).

**Regular Agenda**

**Item 6: Receive Legislative End of Session updated from Pacific Policy Group. (Information)**

Mark Fenstermaker of Pacific Policy Group provided a legislative end of session update highlighting new leadership in Assembly Utilities (U&E) and the Energy Chair; the budget deficit; and, the focus shifting from reliability to affordability. Mr. Fenstermaker provided information on the 2025-2026 Session and the “landscape” of the upcoming two (2) year period. He reviewed a few items, such as affordability, changes in representatives coming in, the regional grid, budget stability, regional grid initiative, and several other factors that may play a role in the upcoming legislative session. The CAC briefly discussed: affordability, distributed energy, local resources, and rate costs for transmission and distribution and energy. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 7: Review, provide feedback and make recommendation to the Board on draft 2025 Legislative and Regulatory Platform. (Discussion/Action)**

VCE Legislative and Project Specialist Yvonne Hunter introduced this item and reminded the CAC that the Platform is an inward looking document to assist Staff and that it builds on the Strategic Plan goals. This Platform includes regulatory information, which was not included in the 2024 Legislative Platform. Ms. Hunter presented highlights of the Legislative/Regulatory Task Group’s draft of the 2025 Legislative and Regulatory Platform. The CAC and Staff discussed possible additions and clarifications to the draft. There were no written or verbal public comments. The CAC agreed that the 2025 Platform be redrafted to incorporate additional information and provide clarification, then return with the redraft to the CAC at their November 2024 meeting.



**Item 8: Review and recommend to the Board VCE's participation in Hourly Flex Pricing Pilots – Expanded AgFIT Pilots 1 & 2, and Vehicle-to-Grid (V2X). (Discussion/Action)**

Ms. Kuczynski introduced this item by providing the background and context of the Hour Flex Pricing (HFP) Pilots: Ag, residential, and nonresidential dynamic pricing and Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) Pilots. Staff reviewed the HFP Pilots' goals, design, how the customer will interface, and structure. CAC and Staff discussed: shifting load, rates, difference between Time of Use (TOU) and dynamic rates, bidirectional charging, participation numbers, and charging station projects. The CAC approved recommending to the Board that VCE participate in the Hourly Flex Pricing Pilots. There were no written or verbal public comment.

Lorenzo Kristov made a motion to recommend to the Board that VCE participate in the Hourly Flex Pricing Pilots – Expanded AgFIT Pilots 1 & 2, and Vehicle-to-Grid, seconded by David Springer. Motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: Kristov, Aulman, Springer, Rindahl, Rodriguez, Halberstadt, Athalye
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Taylor, Westworth, Ballard
- ABSTAIN: None

**Item 9: Review, provide feedback and make recommendation to the Board to approve Phase 2 of VCE's Electric Vehicle Rebate Program. (Discussion/Action)**

Ms. Kuczynski provided the background and context of Phase 2 of VCE's Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate Program. Staff reviewed program design, incentives, proposed budget and the next steps. CAC and Staff discussed: outreach efforts, previously received applications on waiting list from Phase 1, efficacy of the program, time and form of the incentive, buyer uncertainty of receiving rebate, impact of the program, possible additional funding for the program, customer equity, next steps after Phase 2, and the benefits to the community of this program. The CAC agreed that other goals, outcomes, approaches and measures should be considered when discussing further Phases of the EV Rebate Program. There were no verbal or written public comments.

Motion made by Cynthia Rodriguez to recommend to the Board to approve Phase 2 of VCE's Electric Vehicle Rebate Program, seconded by Mark Aulman. Motion passed by the following vote:

- AYES: Kristov, Aulman, Springer, Rindahl, Rodriguez, Athalye
- NOES: Halberstadt
- ABSENT: Taylor, Westworth, Ballard
- ABSTAIN: None

(Jennifer Rindahl departed at 6:50 p.m.)



**Item 10: Receive  
2024 Long Range  
Calendar.  
(Information/Discu  
ssion)**

No suggestions were provided. There were no written or verbal public comments.  
(Lorenzo Kristov departed at 6:53 p.m.)

**Item 11: Advisory  
Committee  
Member and Staff  
Announcements.**

There were no announcements from the CAC Members or Staff.

**Adjournment to  
Next Meeting**

Chair Athalye announced that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the CAC's next scheduled meeting is Thursday, November 21, 2024 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Alisa M. Lembke".

Alisa M. Lembke  
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst