



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Davis Conference Room
(inside Community Chambers building)
23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, 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, February 27, 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), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, Mark Aulman, Diccon Westworth, Jennifer Rindahl, Ari Halberstadt,

Committee Members Absent: David Springer, Cynthia Rodriguez, Danielle Ballard

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 the Consent Agenda.

Brief VCE staff Report **Staff Report:** VCE Staff Gordon announced that the Board did not have a meeting in January 2025 and just recently had their meeting on February 13th with two (2) new Board Members and one (1) new alternate. Mr. Samuel informed those present that the Board approved pursuing an investment grade credit rating with S&P, approved clean energy purchases, an 8-10% savings with “Prepay”, received a 2024 year-end review, and received a Strategic Plan update. Mr. Samuels informed those present that VCE had a booth at the Almond Festival this past weekend at the Esparto Regional Park. There are two (2) upcoming events in May: California Honey Festival on Saturday, May 3rd in Woodland and Celebrate Davis on Friday, May 16th in Davis. If interested, please contact Mary-Kathryn.

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 Taylor. Motion passed with Springer, Rodriguez and Ballard absent. The following items were:

4. approved December 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes; and,
5. received Customer Participation update (4th Quarter 2024).

Regular Agenda

Item 6: Receive VCE Strategic Plan update and Task Group formation. (Discussion/Action)

VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided a brief summary of the staff report. Staff are seeking the CAC to form a Strategic Plan Task Group to provide feedback related to a major update to VCE's Strategic Plan. The goal is for Staff to present the major update to the Board at their October or November 2025 meeting. Mr. Burnham would prefer a CAC representative from each jurisdiction to be on the Task Group. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Motion made by Rindahl to form a 2025 Strategic Plan Task Group, seconded by Westworth. Motion passed with Springer, Rodriguez and Ballard absent.

Item 7: Formation of Community Advisory Committee 2025 Task Groups. (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Samuel provided a brief summary of the staff report seeking to form the 2025 Task Groups: Legislative & Regulatory, Programs & Outreach, and Bioenergy. There were no written or verbal public comments. In addition, as indicated in the earlier item, the Strategic Plan Task Group was created for 2025.

Kristov made a motion to approve the formation of the

1. Legislative & Regulatory,
2. Programs & Outreach, and
3. Bioenergy

Task Group for 2025, seconded by Aulman. Motion passed with Springer, Rodriguez and Ballard absent.

VCE Board Clerk Alisa Lembke informed those present that draft Charges will be due for the CAC's review at their March 27th meeting. She will send out an email to all CAC Members asking for volunteers to serve on the Task Groups with a maximum of five (5) members on any one Task Group; provide a copy of the 2024 Charges for reference and use; and, the due date of the draft Charge.



Lorenzo Kristov, Jennifer Rindahl, Ari Halberstadt and Rahul Athalye volunteered to continue to serve on the Legislative & Regulatory Task Group.

**Item 8: Receive
2024 Year in
review: Customer
Care and
Marketing.
(Information)**

VCE Staff Rebecca Boyles reviewed customer care and marketing highlights and accomplishments in 2024. The CAC and Staff discussed: opt outs, billing and Net Energy Metering, messaging opportunities, website analytics, programs, including AgFIT and Hourly Flex Pricing (#1 and #2) dynamic pricing programs, Yolo County Farm Bureau questionnaire and capacity of the electrical grid, and solarization of industrial buildings. There were no written or verbal public comments.

**Item 9: Receive
2025 Long Range
Calendar.
(Information)**

There were no comments on the long range calendar.

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

Mr. Sears announced that today VCE initiated the prepay process, approved by the Board at their February 13, 2025 meeting, which resulted in a very positive outcome, potentially saving several millions of dollars a year to VCE Customers.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to the CAC's next scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers, located at 300 First Street, Davis, California 95695.

Alisa M. Lembke
Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst