



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Woodland Council Chambers
300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695**

Chair Keith Taylor established that there was a quorum present and opened the Community Advisory Committee of Valley Clean Energy Alliance in a meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026 beginning at 5:01 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: Keith Taylor (Chair), Rahul Athalye (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Diccon Westworth, Mark Murray, Danielle Ballard (departed at 6:31 p.m.), Ari Halberstadt (attended remotely)

Committee Member(s) Absent: Cynthia Rodriguez

Welcome Chair Taylor welcomed everyone and introduced Mark Murray, who was newly appointed to the CAC to represent Yolo County. Mr. Murray provided a brief introduction of himself. CAC Member Ari Halberstadt attended remotely to present some slides during Item 9 (Receive Local Energy Task Group Update) and understood that he has no voting rights for this meeting.

Public Comment Verbal public comment was provided by Craig Perrin, who introduced himself and said he was interested in CAC's activities, specifically, what the Local Energy Task Group was working on. There were no written public comments on items not on the agenda nor on Consent Agenda items.

Item 3: Task Group Reports and Staff Reports

Task Group reports:

Programs & Outreach: Mark Aulman announced that there was nothing to report.

Legislative & Regulatory: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group will speak on two legislative bills that are on tonight's Regular Agenda. He informed those present that the California Energy Commission (CEC) is getting ready to submit their SB 100 report. He reminded those present that CEC's report is open to public comment.



Local Energy Group: Lorenzo Kristov did not provide a report since the Local Energy Task Group has an update on tonight's Regular Agenda.

Staff report: VCE Staff Edward Burnham thanked those who were participating in the task groups. He announced that VCE will be participating in several events: 1) Winters Youth Day, on Saturday, April 25; and, 2) California Honey Festival on Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, which immediately follows the CalCCA Conference in Sacramento. If interested in volunteering, please let Staff know. Mr. Burnham announced highlights of the Board's February 12th meeting: the appointment of Mark Murray to the CAC; received a year end (2025) review; and, voted to participate in CC Power's Willow Rock long duration storage project.

Consent Items

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

4. approved January 22, 2026 meeting Minutes;
5. received 2026 Long Range Calendar; and,
6. received annual Strategic Plan report.

Item 7: Receive process and schedule of Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) update. (Information)

VCE Staff Chad Curran provide an overview on the background of the IRP, the process, what is contained within an IRP, who is working on the update to the IRP, and the next steps.

Staff and the CAC discussed: statewide goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; forecast modeling; purpose of the IRP; and, how the information is used. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 8: Receive update on CalCCA sponsored bills for 2026 legislative session: AB 1761 (Rogers) and SB 1138 (Padilla). (Information)

VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter reviewed legislative bills: AB 1761 (PCIA transparency) and SB 1138 (Resource Adequacy transactability) in detail. Ms. Hunter mentioned that both bills are being supported by CalCCA. Ms. Hunter informed those present that 1) AB 1761 passed the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee 15-0 and SB 2238 is pending in the Senate Energy, Utilities and Commerce Committee, with the Committee hearing scheduled for April 7th.

Staff and the CAC discussed: availability of data; data that is provided; affordability and transparency; schedule of data released and to whom; and, portfolio planning. There were no written or verbal public comments.



**Item 9: Receive
Local Energy Task
Group update.
(Information)**

VCE Staff Chad Curran informed those present that the Local Energy Task Group (LETG) has been meeting to review their “Charge”. Mr. Curran provided an overview and introduction of the LETG update. Mr. Kristov provided an overview of some possible project types: 1) Community Resilience Centers; 2) Community -scale solar plus storage; 3) Public or coop-owned EV charging stations; and 4) energy self-supply for new housing and mixed-use developments. LETG Members and VCE Staff reviewed each of the project types and next steps. CAC Members and Staff discussed: the need for education on local energy possibilities; exploration of local carbon free electricity; local public utilities; and, photovoltaic (pv) systems plus a centralized battery in affordable housing.

(Danielle Ballard departed at 6:31 p.m.)

Public Comment: Craig Perrin commented that in Woodland, there might be a location for a greenfield site; he supports electric vehicle “off-charging”, and there is potential of 60 MW in solar capacity from roof top solar within the City of Woodland.

There were no written public comments.

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

There were no CAC or Staff announcements.

**Adjournment to
Next Meeting**

Chair Taylor announced that the CAC’s Thursday, April 23, 2026 meeting has been cancelled. The CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, May 28, 2026 at the City of Woodland Council Chambers located at 300 First Street, Woodland, California 95695. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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