

Regular Meeting of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) of Valley Clean Energy Alliance and Strategic Plan Workshop Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Capay Valley Health and Community Center Community Room 17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, California 95627

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If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC and included in the official record, please hand it to a member of VCE staff who will distribute the information to the CAC members and other staff.

Please note that the numerical order of items is for convenience of reference. Items may be taken out of order on the request of any CAC member with the concurrence of the CAC. Staff recommendations are advisory to the CAC. The CAC may take any action it deems appropriate on any item on the agenda even if it varies from the staff recommendation.

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<u>Public comments may be submitted electronically or verbally during the meeting.</u> Instructions on how to submit your public comments can be found in the PUBLIC PARTICIPATION note at the end of this agenda.

Committee Members: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, David Springer, Lorenzo Kristov, Cynthia Rodriguez, Jennifer Rindahl, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Ari Halberstadt

5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Public Comment: This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the CAC on any VCE-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda or are listed on the Consent portion of the agenda. Public comments on matters <u>listed</u> on the Regular agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the CAC are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker, electronically submitted comments should be limited to approximately 300 words. Comments that are longer than 300 words will only be read for two minutes. All electronically submitted comments, whether read in their entirety or not, will be posted to the VCE website within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. See the information below under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION at the conclusion of this agenda about how to provide your public comment.
- 3. Brief Task Group and VCE Staff Reports(≈ 15 minutes) Representatives of VCE staff and active Task Groups will provide verbal updates on on-going Staff and Task Group work. Task Group recommendations requiring Committee attention require a regular agenda item. Summaries of written reports received by the Committee in advance of the meeting will receive a time allocation of up to ten minutes. Otherwise, the time allocation will be five minutes, including questions and answers. The Committee may decide to allocate additional time at the end of the regular agenda.
 - a. Task Group Reports
 - b. Staff Report

CONSENT AGENDA (≈ 5 minutes)

- 4. Approval of April 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
- 5. Receive 2025 Long Range Calendar. (Information)



REGULAR AGENDA

- **6.** Advisory Committee Member and Announcements. (≈ 15 minutes) Action items and reports from members of the Advisory Committee, including announcements, reports on meetings, and information which would be of interest to the Committee or the public.
- **7. Announcement and conclusion of the CAC's regular meeting.** The CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, June 26, 2025 with a VCE Strategic Plan Workshop to follow.
- **8. Adjournment of Regular meeting.** VCE has scheduled a Strategic Plan Workshop to be held in Davis on Thursday, June 26, 2025 after the CAC's meeting.

RECONVENE AS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP Estimated start time 5:30 p.m.

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2. VCE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP

- a. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) & Valley Clean Energy (VCE) Basics
- b. VCE Strategic Plan Background
- c. Workshop Focus Areas
 - i. Plan Goal 1 Financial Strength
 - ii. Plan Goal 2 Procurement and Power Supply
- d. Discussion/Feedback
- e. Next Steps/Timeline

3. Adjournment of Workshop.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: <u>Public Comments</u>: Public participation for this meeting will be done electronically via e-mail and during the meeting as described below.

<u>Public participation via e-mail:</u> If you have anything that you wish to be distributed to the CAC and included in the official record, please e-mail it to VCE staff at Meetings@ValleyCleanEnergy.org. If information is received by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the CAC meeting it will be e-mailed to the CAC members and other staff prior to the meeting. If it is received after 3:00 p.m. the information will be distributed after the meeting, but within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. Written public



comments that do not exceed 300 words will be read by the VCE Board Clerk, or other assigned VCE staff, to the CAC and the public during the meeting subject to the usual time limit for public comments [two (2) minutes]. General written public comments will be read during Item 2, Public Comment. Written public comment on individual agenda items should include the item number in the "Subject" line for the e-mail and the Clerk will read the comment during the item. Items read cannot exceed 300 words or approximately two (2) minutes in length. All written comments received will be posted to the VCE website.

Verbal public participation during the meeting:

- 1) If attending in person, please complete a Comment Card and return it to the Board Clerk.
- 2) <u>If attending remotely via Zoom</u>, there are two (2) ways for the public to provide verbal comments:
 - A. If you are attending by computer, activate the "participants" icon at the bottom of your screen, then raise your hand (hand clap icon) under "reactions". When called upon, you will be "unmuted" to allow to speak.
 - B. If you are attending by phone only, you will need to press *9 to raise your hand. When called upon, press *6 to unmute your microphone.

VCE staff will acknowledge that you have a public comment to make during the item and will call upon you to make your verbal comment.

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VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report - Item 4

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: CAC April 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 22, 2025

Recommendation

Receive, review and approve the attached April 24, 2025 meeting Minutes.

Attachment: April 24, 2025 CAC meeting Minutes



MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
City of Davis Conference Room
(inside Community Chambers building)
23 Russell Blvd., Davis, California 956126

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, April 24, 2025 beginning at 5:01 p.m., held at the City of Davis Conference Room, located inside the Community Chambers building at 23 Russell Boulevard, Davis, California 95616.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Keith Taylor (Vice Chair), Mark Aulman, Lorenzo Kristov,

David Springer, Diccon Westworth, Danielle Ballard, Ari Halberstadt (arrived at

5:03 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent: Jennifer Rindahl, Cynthia Rodriguez (departed at 5:28 p.m. during Item 9)

Welcome Chair Rahul Athalye welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that VCE is

still seeking candidates to fill the unincorporated Yolo County CAC seat. He

asked the public attendees to introduce themselves.

Public Comment / Introductions

There were no verbal or written public comments on items not listed on the CAC's Agenda and no verbal or written public comments on the CAC's Consent

Agenda.

Brief VCE staff Report

Task Group Reports:

- A) <u>Legislative & Regulatory:</u> Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group has been concentrating on discussing Senate Bill 540, which is on the CAC's Agenda tonight.
- B) <u>Programs & Outreach:</u> VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski informed those present that there was nothing to report.
- C) <u>Strategic Plan:</u> Danielle Ballard reported that the group is reviewing the Strategic Plan and providing input on the major update. More information will be provided later under the Regular portion of tonight's meeting Agenda.

Staff Report: VCE Staff Gordon Samuel announced that the Board at their April 8, 2025 meeting received VCE's 2024 financial audit, a prepay update, and



Staff held a power charge indifference adjustment (PCIA) workshop. Mr. Samuel informed those present that VCE will be participating in three (3) events: Winters Youth Day, California Honey Festival, and Celebrate Davis. If anyone is interested in participating at the events, please contact Staff.

Agenda: Consent Items

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

Mark Aulman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items, seconded by Lorenzo Kristov. Motion passed with Jennifer Rindahl absent. The following items were:

- 4. approved March 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes;
- 5. received Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2025);
- 6. received updated VCE Load Management Standards Plan; and,
- 7. reviewed and approved draft Bioenergy and Strategic Plan 2025 Task Group charges.

Item 8: Strategic
Plan update –
discussion and
timeline roadmap.
(Information/Discussion)

VCE Chief Executive Officer Mitch Sears introduced this item. VCE Staff Edward Burnham provided an overview of the process of updating the Strategic Plan. Staff and the Strategic Plan Task Group have provided administrative updates and developed a preliminary draft plan to make substantive edits to VCE's goals and objectives. Mr. Burnham encourages CAC Members to review the draft provided in the Staff Report and provide their input to Staff. Mr. Burnham reviewed the major update timeline, which includes public workshops, surveys and CAC and Board meeting schedules, and next steps. There were no written public comments.

<u>Verbal Public Comment:</u> Bill Julian asked if VCE was leveraging any local resources for energy efficiency programs for smaller scale technologies.

Item 9 - 2024 Net Margin discussion and receive feedback from CAC. (Discussion/Action)

Mr. Burnham informed those present that the 2024 audited financial statements resulted in a net margin of \$26.4 million. He reviewed the background of 2024 Net Margin and presented several 2024 Net Margin allocation scenarios. Mr. Burnham noted that in developing the scenarios, Staff have taken into account VCE's Dividend Program parameters, as well as available and forecast cash reserves information.

Staff and the CAC discussed: how the net margin is determined and distributed; rate setting; affordability and rate competitiveness; the effects of discounted rates and programs on Customer opt-out rate; the effects of Net Energy Meter (NEM) Customers who over generate on the net margin; and,



the factors used and differences between the allocation scenarios. There were no written or verbal public comments.

The CAC did not make any recommendation on which scenario is preferred. Mr. Burnham informed those present that Staff will be presenting various scenarios to the Board at their June 12, 2025 meeting.

Item 10 - Receive additional information, discuss and seek recommendation from the CAC to the Board on Senate Bill 540 (Becker) Pathways Initiative and Regional Organization. (Information/Discussion/Action)

Mr. Sears introduced this item, provided an overview of this item, and reminded those present that VCE can take a position on Senate Bill (SB) 540 of support, oppose or no position. Mr. Sears provided a brief summary of regional and western markets and the history of wholesale electricity markets that have led to SB 540. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter provided what SB 540 does and does not do and reviewed answers to key questions raised at the CAC's March 27, 2025 meeting.

The CAC received the following verbal public comments:

<u>Bill Julian:</u> Mr. Julian informed those present that he provided written public comment on this item, which was distributed to the CAC Members and Staff earlier this week. He explained his position and recommendation to oppose SB 540.

<u>Carl Linvill:</u> Mr. Linvill informed the history of the Pathways Initiative on SB 540.

<u>Legislative and Regulatory Task Group Comments:</u> Staff noted that the Task Group did not reach a consensus on a position on SB 540; therefore, there is no recommendation from the Task Group to the CAC.

<u>Verbal Public Comment:</u> Christine Shewmaker informed those present that she has listened to numerous discussions from various groups on the pros and cons of SB 540. She recommends that the CAC oppose SB 540.

As mentioned above by Mr. Julian, he submitted written public comment earlier in the week which was distributed to the CAC members and staff prior to this meeting.

The CAC Members briefly discussed and provided their individual opinions on SB 540.



Motion made by Lorenzo Kristov to oppose Senate Bill 540, seconded by Keith Taylor. Motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: Ballard

ABSENT: Rindahl, Rodriguez

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Sears informed the CAC that Staff will summarize the CAC's discussion and provide the CAC's recommendation to the Board along with Staff's recommendation to support SB 540 as outlined in the Staff Report on this item.

Item 11 - Receive 2025 Long Range Calendar. (Information) Board Clerk Alisa Lembke informed those present that Senate Bill 540 has been added to the Board's May 8, 2025 meeting and has added Capitalization Policy as a placeholder to the Board's September 2025 meeting. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 12: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements There were no announcements by the CAC members or VCE Staff.

Adjournment to Next Meeting

The CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Capay Valley Health and Community Center (RISE), Community Room, located at 17317 Fremont Street, Esparto, California 95627. Thereafter a VCE Strategic Plan Workshop will be held. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Alisa M. Lembke Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Staff Report – Item 5

TO: Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Alisa Lembke, Board Clerk/Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Receive 2025 Long Range Calendar meeting topics

DATE: May 22, 2025

Please find attached the 2025 Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Long Range Calendar. Please note that it has some added information (coding) to each item for Staff purposes only.

At any time, if you have an item that you would like added, including future topics, please send an email to Chief Operating Officer Gordon Samuel, Board Clerk Alisa Lembke, CAC Chair and/or Vice Chair for consideration.

Due to the holidays in November and December 2025, the CAC's meeting dates have been moved to the 3rd Thursday and are as follows:

- November 20, 2025 (3rd Thursday) Woodland
- December 18, 2025 (3rd Thursday) Davis

Attachment:

1. 2025 Board and CAC Long Range Calendar

VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY

2025 Meeting Dates and <u>Proposed</u> Topics Board and Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

(Note: Meeting locations and Topics are subject to change)

MEETING DATE		TOPICS	ACTION
January 9, 2025 (Cancelled)	Board (Woodland)	This meeting was cancelled.	
January 23, 2025 NO QUORUM, ITEMS MOVED TO FEBRUARY 27, 2025 MEETING	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	 2025 CAC Task Group (s) formation (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) 2024 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (Placeholder) (R) Strategic Plan (O) 	 Discussion/Action Discuss/Action Information Discussion/Action
February 13, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R) Election of Officers for 2025 (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) Receive CAC Year-end Task Group Reports (O) 2024 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (O) Update to VCE Employee Handbook (Placeholder) (R) (historically Jan.) Prepay (Placeholder) (O) Annual Strategic Plan Report (R) (historically Jan.) 	 Action Nominations Information Information Information Action Action Information/Discussion Discussion/Action
February 27, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 2025 CAC Task Group (s) formation (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2024) (O) 2024 Year-end review: Customer Care & Marketing (Placeholder) (R) Strategic Plan (O) 	 Discussion/Action Information Information Discussion/Action
March 13, 2025	<mark>Board</mark> (Woodland)	This meeting was cancelled.	
March 27, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	 Approval of 2025 CAC Task Group "Charges" (R) (historically in Jan.) Senate Bill 540 (Pathways Initiative & Regional Organization) 	ActionInformation/Discussion

April 10, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Receive Enterprise Risk Management Report (Bi-Annual) (R) Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2025) (O) Calendar Year 2024 Audited Financial Statements (James Marta & Co.) (placeholder) (R) Load Management Standards Update (O) Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) / Rates Workshop (placeholder) (O) VCE Grant activity update (O) 	 Information Information Action Information Information Information
April 24, 2025	Advisory Committee <mark>(Davis)</mark>	 Load Management Standards Update (O) 2024 Net Margin Allocation (R) Senate Bill 540 (Pathways Initiative & Regional Organization) Customer Participation update (1st Quarter 2025) (O) Introduction to Strategic Plan Major Update Roadmap/Timeline 	 Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Information Information
April 28 - 30, 2025	CalCCA Annual Conference (Irvine)	VCE Staff and some Board and CAC members attending	
May 8, 2025 CANCELLED	Board (Woodland)	Meeting cancelled.	
May 22, 2025	Advisory Committee / Strategic Plan Workshop (Esparto)	<u>Strategic Plan Workshop:</u> Focus: Financial Strength/Rates and Procurement & Power Supply	Information/Discussion
June 12, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Re/Appointment of Members to Community Advisory Committee (Annual) (R) Mid-Year 2025 Financial Update (R) 2024 Net Margin Allocation (R) Legislative update provided by Pacific Policy Group (O) Summer Preparedness outlook (O) / Power Procurement Projects update (placeholder) (O) Senate Bill 540 (Becker) Pathways Initiative and Regional Organization Recap of CalCCA April 2025 Annual Conference (O) 	 Action Information Discussion/Action Information Discussion/Action Information

^{*}No meeting unless an urgent matter needs to be addressed

June 26, 2025 July 10, 2025	Advisory Committee / Strategic Plan Workshop (Davis) Board Woodland	 Power Portfolio Update (O) Summer Preparedness outlook (O) / Power Procurement Projects update (placeholder) (O) Strategic Plan Workshop: Focus: Customers & Community and Decarbonization and Grid Innovation Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2025) (O) 	 Information Information/Discussion Information
July 24, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	Review preliminary draft Strategic Plan Major Update and Survey Plan (O)	Information/Discussion/Action
August 14, 2025	Board (Davis)	Tentatively NO MEETING*	
August 28, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 Customer Participation Update (2nd Quarter 2025) (O) Outreach and Marketing Plan update (O) (placeholder) Review preliminary Strategic Plan Survey Results and Strategic Plan Recommendation (O) (placeholder) 	InformationInformationInformation/Discussion/Action
September 11, 2025	Board (Woodland)	 Certification of 2024 Power Content Label (Annual) (placeholder) (R) Outreach and Marketing Plan update (O) (placeholder) Strategic Plan Major Update Workshop and Survey Results (O) Capitalization Policy (placeholder) 	ActionInformationInformation/Discussion/ActionDiscussion/Action
September 25, 2025	Advisory Committee (Woodland)		•
October 9, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Enterprise Risk Management Update (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2025) (O) Progress Update on Programs Plan and 2026 program concepts (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) Adoption of Strategic Plan Major Update (O) 	 Discussion/Action Information Information Discussion/Action Information Discussion/Action
October 23, 2025	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 2024 Power Content Label Outreach (placeholder) (O) Customer Participation Update (3rd Quarter 2025) (O) Legislative End of Session Update (O) GHG Free Attributes (R) Integrated Resource Plan (R) 	 Information Information Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action

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November 13, 2025 November 27, 2025 November 20, 2025 (rescheduled to November 20 due to Thanksgiving holiday	Board (Woodland) Advisory Committee (Woodland)	 2026 Preliminary Operating Budget (R) GHG Free Attributes (R) Integrated Resource Plan (R) Contract Renewals (R) Adoption of Strategic Plan Major Update (placeholder) (O) Review CAC Draft 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) Draft 2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform (R) 	 Information/Discussion Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
on Nov. 27 th) December 11, 2025	Board (Davis)	 Approve 2026 Operating Budget (Annual) and 2026 Customer Rates (R) Receive VCE Grant/Program Annual Report (R) 2026 Legislative & Regulatory Platform (R) Contract Renewals (R) 	 Discussion/Action Information Discussion/Action Discussion/Action
December 25, 2025 December 18, 2025 (rescheduled to December 18 due to Christmas holiday on Dec. 25 th)	Advisory Committee (Davis)	 Approve 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) Power Portfolio Update (R) Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R) 	Discussion/ActionInformationNominations
January 8, 2026	Board (Woodland)	 Oaths of Office for Board Members (Annual - new Members only) (R) Election of Officers for 2026 (Annual) (R) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2025) (O) 2025 Year in review: Customer Care & Marketing (R) Receive 2025 Task Group Year-end Reports (R) 	 Action Nominations Information Information Information
January 22, 2026	Advisory Committee (Woodland)	 Rates/Budget 2026 Update (O) Customer Participation Update (4th Quarter 2025) (O) 2026 CAC Task Group(s) formation (Annual) (R) 	InformationInformationDiscuss/Action

PLEASE NOTE: April 28-30, 2025: CalCCA Annual Conference in Irvine, California

CAC PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS	ESTIMATED MEETING DATE(S)
Topics and Discussion dates may change as needed	

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