



**MINUTES OF THE VALLEY CLEAN ENERGY ALLIANCE
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
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**

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, May 22, 2025 beginning at 5:01 p.m., held at the Capay Valley Health and Community Center, Community Room, located at 17340 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, California 95627.

Welcome and Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Rahul Athalye (Chair), Lorenzo Kristov, David Springer, Jennifer Rindahl, Ari Halberstadt, Danielle Ballard, Cynthia Rodriguez

Committee Members Absent: Mark Aulman, Diccon Westworth, Keith Taylor

Welcome Chair Rahul 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 items on Consent Agenda.

Brief VCE staff Report **Task Group Reports:**

- A) Legislative & Regulatory Task Group: Lorenzo Kristov informed those present that the Task Group continues to meet bi-weekly on Fridays. He provided a brief update on a few legislative bills and informed those present that the Task Group is monitoring several bills. VCE Staff Yvonne Hunter provided a brief update on Senate Bill (SB) 540, the Pathways Initiative and Regional Organization bill, which has been amended substantially. Staff and the Task Group continue to monitor SB 540.
- B) Programs & Outreach Task Group: VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski informed those present that VCE is currently recruiting an open position to assist with VCE's programs and outreach. Staff have been working on finalizing work on the AgFIT program and have been working on HFP #1 and #2 programs.
- C) Bioenergy Task Group: Mr. Samuel informed those present that Staff asked the Bioenergy Task Group to provide input on a legislative bill related to bioenergy.



- D) Strategic Plan Task Group: Danielle Ballard informed those present that the Task Group has a meeting scheduled next week. VCE Staff Edward Burnham informed those present that the Task Group has been working on the draft and the Strategic Plan process.

Staff Report: VCE Staff Gordon Samuel announced that the Board did not meet in May and their next meeting is scheduled for June 12th. He announced that the California Honey Festival was rescheduled to Saturday, June 21, 2025 in Woodland. He asked that if anyone is interested in helping Staff with VCE's booth, please let VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski know. VCE Staff Mitch Sears announced that he, Ms. Kuczynski and CAC Member Ari Halberstadt attended earlier today the 2025 Demand Flex Symposium held at the UC Davis Energy and Efficiency Institute. VCE was a sponsor and VCE Board Chair Bapu Vaitla was in attendance representing VCE.

Consent Items

Danielle Ballard made a motion to approve the Consent agenda items, seconded by Ari Halberstadt. Motion passed with Aulman, Westworth, and Taylor absent and Rindahl abstained. The following items were:

4. approved April 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes; and,
5. received 2025 Long Range Calendar.

Item 6: Advisory Committee Member and Staff Announcements

David Springer informed those present that he attended an event in Winters and met and spoke with Senator Christopher Cabaldon about Valley Clean Energy.

Chair Athalye informed those present that he, along with several other CAC members, attended the CalCCA Conference in Orange County. Chair Athalye asked if anyone wanted to comment about their experience at the CalCCA Conference. There were no comments; however, Chair Athalye commented that it was a great conference and it provided him the opportunity to get to know the other CAC Members and Staff.

Item 7: Announcement and conclusion of the CAC's regular meeting.

Chair Athalye announced that there was no further business to discuss.

Item 8: Adjournment of Regular meeting.

Chair Athalye announced that the CAC has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, June 26, 2025 to be held in Davis; thereafter, VCE's second Strategic Plan Update Workshop will be held. Chair Athalye adjourned the CAC's regular meeting at 5:24 p.m. to reconvene into the Strategic Plan Update Workshop at 5:30 p.m.



RECONVENE AS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP

Item 1: Public Comment.

Chair Athalye began the Strategic Plan Update Workshop at 5:32 p.m. VCE Staff Rebecca Kuczynski welcomed those present and provided an acknowledgement of the land and local tribes. There were no written or verbal public comments.

Item 2: Strategic Plan Update Workshop

Ms. Kuczynski provided a brief overview of the purpose of VCE's Strategic Plan; the role of a Community Choice Aggregates (CCA's), such as VCE; reviewed VCE's customer base, annual load, and governance; and, how CCA's fit into the energy market space. Ms. Kuczynski reviewed the background of VCE's Strategic Plan, and briefly outlined its key goals, objectives, and proposed updates.

Mr. Burnham reviewed the details of Goal 1 - Financial Strength and proposed changes of adding policies, procedures and modeling to continue to strengthen VCE's financial foundation and manage costs.

Mr. Samuel reviewed Goal 2 – Procurement and Power Supply by providing an overview of VCE's long-term generation contracts, Power Content Label (PCL), load and projected history, solar and storage generation, and Resource Adequacy (RA) – Slice of Day (SOD).

Ms. Kuczynski solicited and received feedback from those present.

Verbal public comment: McKeen (attending remotely) commented that they would like to see expenditure savings and energy surplus provided to disadvantage customers and encouraged VCE to pursue grant partners.

Item 3: Adjournment of Workshop

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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