

City of Woodland

**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 17, 2021
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Mark Aulman, Liza Grandia, Rolf Frankenbach, Allison Martin, Catalina Munoz, Sara Schremmer, Adelita Serena, Raul Tadler, Robert Ullrey

Absent: None

Staff Present: Stephen Coyle, Rosie Ledesma

Guests: Lupita Torres, Mary Jimenez, David Abramson, Scott Steward, Juliette Beck

3. Public comment

Scott Steward noted (via chat) that the next county subcommittee, Saylor and Provenza, will be held April 5. Input prior due by March 24th. It would be great to have the Woodland sustainability committee representation at the April 5th meeting.

4. Member reports (Information Item)

Frankenbach: Rolf reported that the Petaluma City Council enacted rule disallow new gas stations to encourage electrification.

Grandia: Liza reported that she just came from a Woodland Joint Unified School District environmental stewardship meeting where they just finalized their mission statement and will work on work plan next.

Martin: Allison shared (via chat) that Yolo RCD is working with the county to focus on improving carbon sequestering capabilities of Yolo County farms in support of the County CAP. More information is available at <https://yolorcd.org/project/carbon-farm-planning/> and <https://yolorcd.org/project/healthy-soils-demonstration-project/>.

Schremmer: Sara reported that the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District had opened a grant opportunity on March 29 for funds for projects related to increasing air quality.

Aulman: Mark reported that he had discussed the committee's work plan discussion draft with the City Manager and that the work plan may be taken to City Council in April or May for approval.

There were no other member reports.

5. Staff reports (Information Item)

Rosie reported that the City will host a virtual Water-wise Landscape Tour May 24-30 and that a Bulky Waste voucher will be sent to residents in May for use in June, allowing residents to drop off a load of bulky waste free at the Yolo County Central Landfill.

6. Approve Minutes for February 17, 2021 (Action Item)

On a motion by Robert Ullrey, seconded by Allison Martin, and carried on an 8-0 vote, committee members approved the minutes for the February 17, 2021 meeting.

Ayes: Aulman, Frankenbach, Grandia, Martin, Munoz, Schremmer, Tadler, and Ullrey

Noes: None

Abstentions: Serena

7. Presentation by Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition (Information Item)

The committee received a presentation by the Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition (YCEC) introducing the coalition and providing the committee with an update on the coalition's conversations with the County that have resulted in the County adopting a Yolo County Climate Crisis Resolution. Both the slides from the presentation and the County Resolution are attached to these minutes; the presentation is additionally available at:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Zi1YTUxreB2AUQuLfwUDjvOkMQXCHeHdGtOqdZedTo8/edit#slide=id.g6fa49a3335_0_1.

Following the presentation, the committee discussed the advisory body the county is establishing pursuant to the Resolution and the relationship the City and this committee might have with it, as well as strategies for establishing a countywide carbon-negative footprint by 2030.

8. Discuss long-range calendar (Information/Action Item)

Committee members expressed interest in continuing the conversation at the next meeting, and in exploring integrating City efforts with those of Valley Clean Energy to promote energy efficiency and the use of clean energy.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



The Path to a Climate Emergency Mobilization in Yolo County

Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition



Yolo Climate Emergency Coalition (YCEC) History

- YCEC formed in the Fall of 2019 - Volunteer Group of Yolo County Residents
- YCEC Mission Statement: "to work with an inclusive coalition and the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to pass and implement a Climate Emergency Declaration for Yolo County."
- Fall 2019-March 10
 - Several drafts of a Climate Emergency Resolution created - several month process of editing
 - Many meetings with Yolo County Board of Supervisors
- First Presentation to Yolo County BOS: March 10, 2020.
- March 2020 COVID hit - moved to all virtual organizing
- March 2020-September 2020: Continued meetings and refinement of Emergency Resolution
- September 2020: Yolo County Board of Supervisors passes the Resolution 4-1!!

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September 2020-Present

- Working with County to implement the goals outlined in the Resolution
- New Working Groups developing within YCEC to further goals of a “Just Transition” within Yolo County
- Exploring process of “strategic doing” - on-the-ground action



Goals Outlined in Climate Emergency Resolution

- Just Transition to Carbon-Negative, Climate Positive Yolo County by 2030
- **Creation of an Advisory Body to Develop and Implement Plan**
- Plan guided by science, data, best practices, equity, and justice
- Ecological Impact Statements in County Agenda Items
- Call on State/Federal/Intl Governments to declare a Climate Emergency



*A Current YCEC Effort:
Guide Inclusive and
Equitable formation of
the Yolo County Climate
Advisory Body*

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Founding Questions for Advisory Body

- *How can the Advisory Body help achieve the goals in the Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis Requiring an Urgent Mobilization?*
- ★ ➤ *How can we ensure that the Advisory Body is inclusive and taps into the needs and expertise within our communities, including the indigenous wisdom of this area?*
- *How can we structure the Advisory Body to have it be a vehicle for timely, on-the-ground regenerative activity and a County-wide mobilization towards a healthy, equitable, and climate-positive Yolo County?*



Advisory Body General Considerations

- Guided by Just Transition Principles
- Incorporate indigenous ecological knowledge and land stewardship
- Transparency and public accountability
- Lessons from COVID-response mobilization
- Inclusive structure and process



Desired Outcomes

- All sectors of Yolo County mobilized through innovative and effective models of democratic participation;
- Create a vehicle for on-the-ground activities to happen
- Complete "just mobilization plan" to achieve 2030 Climate-Positive goal with clear yearly metrics
- Acquire funding from grants and other available sources for regenerative activity in Yolo County



Representation

1. Direct representation from frontline communities
2. Public Health and Health and Human Services
3. Criminal justice reform
4. Representation from all economic sectors
5. Youth involvement at all levels should be encouraged.
6. Participation stipends should be made available
When required for low-income and BBIPOC



Composition

- Visionary - have a clear vision of what a 2030 decarbonized, equitable Yolo County looks like (a clear vision of their own - not necessarily that there is one vision).
- Inclusive - experience in working with diverse communities and cross-sector collaboration.
- Ideally have a proven track record of achieving tangible, quality of life benefits for historically marginalized communities.
- Experience with climate-related issues.



Structure

- Should support an inclusive and participatory process for soliciting ideas, proposals and projects from all parts of the county
- Should implement direct outreach, focus groups, public surveys and innovative, incentivized methods
- Should be accountable to and informed by a larger set of working groups
- Members should participate in at least one working group.
- Working groups should be established on a variety of priority topics
- Advisory Body to include membership from identified stakeholder groups



Potential Stakeholder Groups

- Farmers (Organic, Conventional, Urban)
- Farm workers
- Food justice coalitions, small business and restaurants
- Housing -particularly affordable housing
- Youth leadership
- Transportation Sectors
- Underserved urban populations
- Native Californian cultural practitioners
- Education and local school districts
- Reps from Public Safety and Criminal Justice System



Process

- The just transition framework and values filter should guide the process.
- Start meetings with a Land Acknowledgement
- Meetings should be facilitated by an experienced facilitator trained in cross-sector
- Need to be inclusive, consensus driven facilitation techniques
- Have input from BBIPOC and inclusion in prep work from the very beginning, not after all the logistics are set in place

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Next Steps



October 13, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 20-114

BY Julie Dachtler
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

A Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis Requiring an Urgent and Inclusive Mobilization in Yolo County

WHEREAS, Yolo County, like other communities across California, is at risk of experiencing the devastating effects of extreme heat and weather events caused by climate change, including increased frequency and magnitude of wildfires and associated air pollution, health impacts, utility and transportation services interruptions, economic disruption, property loss, dislocation, housing shortages, food insecurity, gaps in education due to school closures, impacts on agricultural production; and increased demand on public sector resources and emergency response capacity;

WHEREAS, the COVID19 pandemic has spurred a health and economic crisis that has exposed and amplified pervasive social and economic disparities that will be further amplified by the climate change crisis;

WHEREAS, historically Yolo County actions have put it in the forefront of the green movement including adoption in 2009 of the Yolo County 2030 General Plan with more than 350 climate change related policies; among them: the 2011 adoption of a Climate Action Plan(CAP) to: reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, 27% below 1990 levels by 2030, 53% below 1990 levels by 2040, and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050; address economic and social adaptation to the effects of climate change; and implement detailed strategies and measures to achieve these goals and contribute to State and international climate protection efforts;

WHEREAS, Yolo County can continue its leadership by initiating with urgent speed, a Climate Mobilization of countywide resources to effect a just transition to an inclusive, equitable, sustainable, and resilient local economy while also supporting and advocating for regional, national, and international efforts necessary to reverse the climate, social justice, and economic crises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Yolo County declares climate change a crisis requiring urgent and immediate mobilization of public and private resources to develop and implement a climate and sustainability plan that identifies and integrates current and future actions needed to achieve a just economic recovery and transition to a countywide carbon-negative (climate-positive) footprint by 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County commits to an inclusive plan development and implementation process that engages and empowers all stakeholders, including historically under-represented and disproportionately impacted communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County shall, by March 1, 2021 create a working advisory body to develop and propose a new Climate Action Plan (Yolo County 2022 Climate Action Plan) designed to reduce all greenhouse gas emissions in Yolo County and achieve a carbon negative footprint by 2030. The advisory body shall include, but not limited to, in addition to appropriate county staff, one or more county supervisors, representatives from cities and other appropriate jurisdictions, community organizations, experts in the field of climate

change, and representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities. The advisory body shall be charged with engagement with the broader Yolo County community, including public meetings, to ensure all voices are heard. The proposed Yolo County 2022 Climate Action Plan shall be delivered to the Board of Supervisors by March 1, 2022. Upon adoption, the advisory body will advise Yolo County and the cities regarding the implementation of the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County staff will work with the Yolo Climate Coalition and other stakeholders to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors as to the composition of a working advisory body, consistent with the paragraph above. That recommendation shall include the number of members, the length of time a member may serve, the procedure for applying for membership, categories of membership, and approval of members by the Board of Supervisors. The intent is to create an advisory body that includes, in addition to appropriate county staff, a county supervisor liaison; representation from cities and other appropriate jurisdictions that agree to participate; representation of community organizations; one or more experts in the field of climate change or environmental science, and representation from vulnerable, marginalized, and underserved communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that development and implementation of the plan shall be guided by science, data, best practices, equity, and justice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County will consider and adopt sustainability, greenhouse gas (GHG) and co-pollutant carbon-footprint and ecological impact statements for relevant Yolo County Commissions and Board of Supervisor agenda action items in the same manner as fiscal impact statements are currently considered and adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Yolo County calls on the State of California, the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and all governments and people worldwide to declare a climate emergency, initiate a Climate Action Mobilization to reverse both global warming and the ecological crisis, and provide maximum protection for all people and species of the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in furtherance of this resolution, Yolo County shall submit a certified copy of this resolution to federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal organizations, and other relevant agencies and request that all relevant support, funding, and assistance in effectuating this resolution be provided.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors this 29th day of September 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Provenza, Villegas, Saylor, Sandy.

NOES: Chamberlain.

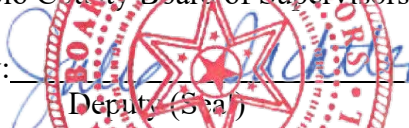
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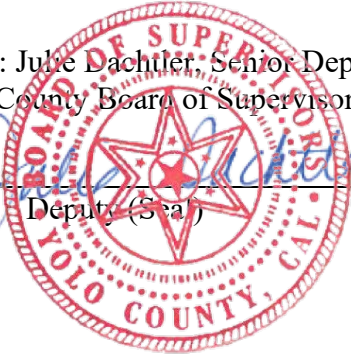
ABSENT: None.



Gary Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Julie Dachler, Senior Deputy Clerk
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy (Seal)



Approved as to Form:



Philip J. Pogledich, County Counsel