



# City of Woodland

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**COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 9, 2017 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Woodland Community and Senior Center  
2001 East Street, Woodland CA**

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Attendance:**

Committee Members Present: Maria Armstrong, Mark Aulman, Kevin Cowan, Tom Flynn, Jim Gillette, Phil Hogan, Mark James, Beth Robbins, Christine Shewmaker, Erick Watkins

Committee Members Absent: Ralph Solorio

Staff Present: Roberta Childers, Environmental Sustainability Manager; Greg Meyer, Public Works Director; Reyna Piñon, Conservation Coordinator

Council Members Present: Angel Barajas, Skip Davies

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves, provided brief backgrounds, and stated their interest in participating on the advisory committee.

### 2. Review of Committee Purpose and Procedures

*Related documents:* [City Council Resolution 6753](#) and [Resolution 6753 Amendment 1](#)

Roberta Childers gave a summary of Community Choice Energy (CCE), provided a brief background of existing and anticipated CCE programs in California, and reviewed the committee purpose and procedures as established in City Council Resolution No. 6753.

### 3. Public Comment

No comments.

### 4. Selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The committee unanimously selected Tom Flynn as Chairperson and Christine Shewmaker as Vice Chairperson.

### 5. Overview of CCAs and the Valley Clean Energy Alliance

*Related documents:*

[PG&E Community Choice Aggregation information](#)

[City of Davis and Yolo County Technical Study – Draft Final Report, prepared by TEA, The Energy Authority](#)

[Updated pro forma for Davis and Yolo County CCE program, with and without Woodland participation](#)

## 6. Outline Committee Work Plan and Schedule

The committee discussed defining potential objectives that align with what Woodland would like to achieve from participation in a CCE program. The following potential objectives were identified:

- Provide cost-competitive electricity to residents, businesses, and public entities
- Achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions
- Local control of electricity procurement and development
- Provide community benefits such as reinvesting in local infrastructure
- Offer choice in program participation and level of program participation

The committee agreed that the objectives are essentially a set of criteria that can be used to determine if participation in a CCE program is right for Woodland.

Several questions were brought up by committee members that may be answered at future committee meetings, including:

- Do the identified objectives match the objectives of the Valley Clean Energy Alliance (VCEA) or another existing CCE program?
- Does pursuing a CCE program, in general, meet the identified objectives?
- What are the potential benefits of participating in the VCEA program versus another CCE program such as Marin Clean Energy or others?
- What reasons for opposition did Davis and Yolo County receive from local residents and businesses when exploring CCE participation?
- What was the decision making process leading up to the formation of the VCEA?
- How did Davis and Yolo County decide that the benefits outweighed the risks?
- From the VCEA's perspective, what are the pros and cons of Woodland joining?
- Is loss of local PG&E jobs as a result of CCE program participation a potential risk that should be considered based on local PG&E employment market?
- Could CCE participation provide a benefit in the CCE program rate structure over PG&E rates for high energy users?
- What are the estimated emissions reduction benefits associated with CCE program participation in relation to reaching Woodland's 2035 Climate Action Plan goals?
- Is the information provided in the City of Davis and Yolo County Technical Study sufficient for Woodland to make a decision on CCE program participation? Why or why not?

Committee members expressed that it would be helpful in the decision making process to hear from Davis and/or Yolo County staff and/or advisory committee members regarding their decision-making process in evaluating a CCE program and formation of the VCEA and to answer some of the questions that were asked during this meeting. City staff will contact Davis and Yolo County to try to arrange a presentation to the advisory committee at the January 23 meeting.

The committee discussed becoming familiar with the Technical Study and considering how Woodland fits into its analysis and framework.

The committee discussed fitting the identified objectives into the work plan and schedule. An identified goal of the committee is to provide an update to Council at the March 21 Council meeting; therefore, the committee will prepare a report to Council by the March 6 meeting. Another identified goal of the committee is to provide a report to Council at the April 18 meeting; therefore, the committee will agree on a recommendation to Council by the advisory committee meeting on April 3. City staff will draft a meeting schedule and the committee chairperson will outline a focus for each meeting in the series. The City will also prepare a brief summary of the governing document for the VCEA Joint Powers Agency.

7. Determine Regular Meeting Schedule

The committee agreed that meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end by 8:00 p.m. every other Monday, with the exception that the Monday, February 20 meeting will be moved to Wednesday, February 22 due to the President's Day holiday.

8. Adjourn