

**Ag and Ecosystems Subcommittee of the Vermont Climate Council**  
**8:30 AM September 29, 2022**  
**Minutes**

Location: Meeting was recorded and [posted online](#).

Subcommittee Members Present: Abbie Corse, Billy Coster, Judy Dow, Alissa White, Ryan Patch, Jake Claro, David Mears, Sonja Reilly, Lauren Oates

State Agency Staff Present: Marian Wolz

Minutes by: Billy Coster

8:30 AM Greeting, Review and Approval of Agenda and [9/1/22 Minutes](#).

- *Agenda and minutes approved.*

8:35 AM Discuss and Finalize Subcommittee State Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Priority Recommendation to VCC.

- *Discussion of state funding versus federal funding opportunities under the Biden administration Justice 40 initiative.*
- *Discussion of whether to prioritize a subset of actions for state funding or to move the full suite of actions forward for funding in FY24.*
- *Subcommittee failed to reach consensus on a path forward, so held a vote on whether to draft a memo to VCC that highlights the importance of elevating support for resilience and adaptation action on par with mitigation investments and that prioritizes a subset of Ag Ecos actions for FY24 state one-time funding, while acknowledging full funding of all Ac Ecos CAP actions is also important.*
- *Vote was 6 'yes' (White, Mears, Reilly, Oates, Coster, Corse), 1 'no' (Dow); members Patch and Claro had to drop off call prior to vote.*
- *Oates will work with member Dow and Co-chairs to draft memo and share with group prior to sending to VCC.*

10:10 AM Public Comment

- *Cheryl Joy Lipton provided public comment. She suggested bracketing controversial terms with "quotes" and that public comment should be held at the time indicated on meeting agendas.*

10:20 AM Adjourn

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