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August 15, 2025, DACAG Meeting Minutes

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ITEM 1, Welcome

Member Attendance			
Member	Present	Absent	Location
1. Abimael	☐	X	All members attended remotely via Zoom with cameras on. Staff present at physical location @ the California Energy Commission Sacramento Office (715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Room 2-201 (Media Room)).
2. Chelsea	☐	X	
3. Chris	X	☐	
4. Elena	☐	X	
5. Fred – joined at 1:24 p.m.	X	☐	
6. Gem	X	☐	
7. Julia	X	☐	
8. Román – Joined at 2:23 p.m.	X	☐	
9. Sarah	☐	X	
10.Senait	X	☐	
11.N/A	☐	☐	

Time commenced:

Julia Hatton facilitated the meeting.

Group had quorum after 2:23 p.m. to move forward with voting items pursuant to Government Code, section 11123.5.

ITEM 2, General Public Comment

- No comments

ITEM 3, Opening Remarks by the CEC and CPUC Leadership.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners

☐ **Commissioner Gallardo**

X Aretha Welch, Advisor, Office of Commissioner Gallardo

☐ Others?

X Jane Park, Chief of Staff, Office of Vice Chair Gunda

Aretha Welch, Advisor, Office of Commissioner Gallardo

- CPUC

X **Commissioner Douglas**

☐ Others?

ITEM 4, DACAG members will give remarks thanking departing DACAG member Stephanie Chen for her service.

- Julia Hatton led conversation.
- Stephanie Chen provided remarks
- Members who provided remarks: Fred Beihn, Senait Forthal
- Commissioners and staff who provided remarks: Commissioner Douglas, Jane Park, Chief of Staff, Office of Vice Chair Gunda, Judith Ikle, CPUC.

ITEM 5, Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of the July 18, 2025, DACAG meeting minutes.

- No quorum
- Item deferred to next meeting

ITEM 6, Environmental and Social Justice (ESJ) Pilot Study Plan for Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase (RAMP). In accordance with Decision (D.)22-12-027, Southern California Edison (SCE) will present and solicit feedback from the DACAG on its proposed Pilot to incorporate equity into a risk-based

decision-making framework for SCE's 2026 RAMP filings in CPUC Rulemaking (R.)20-07-013.

Presenter: Seema Sutarwala Turner, SCE

Public Comment

- *No public comment*

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred

ITEM 7 - Break

ITEM 8, DACAG Officers. The DACAG may discuss, nominate, and vote to appoint a DACAG Vice Chair.

Public Comment

- *No public comment*

DACAG Member Discussion

- Discussion occurred; Chris Walker self-nominated for position of Vice Chair
- Members commenced with vote

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Abimael	☐	☐	☐	X
Chelsea	☐	☐	☐	X
Chris	X	☐	☐	☐
Elena	☐	☐	☐	X
Fred	X	☐	☐	☐
Gem	X	☐	☐	☐
Julia	X	☐	☐	☐
Román	X	☐	☐	☐
Sarah	☐	☐	☐	X

Senait	X	☐	☐	☐
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Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 8	X	☐	

- The new Vice Chair is now Chris Walker

ITEM 9, Priority Areas. DACAG members to provide updates and announcements regarding DACAG priority areas and associated activities. Members may discuss and revise items related to the 2025 priority areas, including the identification of subject matter experts.

Current Priority Areas: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=262096>

Public Comment:

- No public comment.

Priority Areas Discussed:

- 1 - Affordability & Disconnections.
- 6 - Transportation Electrification and Zero Emission Transportation.
- 8 - Workforce Training and Development

ITEM 10, Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) Discussion. DACAG member(s) to discuss engagement with the LIOB and possible redesignation of the DACAG liaison to the LIOB.

Member Update: No updates

DACAG Member Discussion:

- No discussion.

ITEM 11, Agency Announcements. CEC and CPUC staff to provide any agency announcements.

- CEC Staff Updates
 - *Announced a joint statement with the CPUC and ERDD regarding the termination of the Solar for All (SFA) grant by the EPA.*

- *Invited DACAG members to the CEC's 50th-anniversary celebration symposium on September 19, 2025.*
- *Announced a \$10 million grant opportunity for the Food Production Investment Program.*
- *Announced a JAEDI workshop on September 15th to discuss updates to the energy equity indicators tool and the JEDI framework.*
- CPUC Staff Updates
 - *Climate Adaptation Workshop on August 27th, focusing on long-term planning for energy infrastructure with an emphasis on equity.*

ITEM 12, Future meeting dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled for **September 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.** via Webex.
 - Member suggested items for future meetings
 - Federal legislative impacts on CEC and CPUC's work
 - Active proceedings and anticipated proceedings in 2026
 - Update from CPUC or Utilities on income-graduated fixed charges.

ITEM 13, General Public Comment.

Public Comment

- *No comments.*

ITEM 14, Adjourn

Time Adjourned: 3:21 pm