

DOCKETED

Docket Number:	16-OIR-06
Project Title:	Senate Bill 350 Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group
TN #:	267699
Document Title:	Item 9 - Priority Areas and Metrics - Recharging the DACAG
Description:	N/A
Filer:	Dorothy Murimi
Organization:	California Energy Commission
Submitter Role:	Commission Staff
Submission Date:	11/21/2025 11:46:33 AM
Docketed Date:	11/21/2025



Recharging the DACAG

Consolidating Priority Areas &
Identifying Key Tracking
Metrics

Chris Walker
DACAG Vice Chair

Recapping Our Vision for an Engaged & Effective DACAG

A proactive, collaborative, and diverse advisory body driving accountability, transparency, and equitable inputs and outcomes across all priority areas through structured, empowered participation

Purposeful Engagement

Strategic focus on priority areas with clear goals, metrics, and timely inputs to agency processes

Collaborative Action

Shared responsibility between members, agencies, and utilities with defined expectations for all parties

Equity-Centered Impact

Measurable improvements in disadvantaged community outcomes across all policy areas

Accountable Progress

Tracking, reporting, and evaluating impacts with transparent communication of results

Empowered Members

Active member participation supported by agency leads, information, and data

Continuous Improvement

Regular evaluation of effectiveness with adaptability to evolving needs and challenges

Current DACAG Priority Areas



Affordability and Disconnections



Building, Industrial, Gas System Decarbonization, and Clean Renewable Hydrogen



Electric Program Investment Charge Program (EPIC)



Electricity Reliability, Resiliency, and Load Flexibility

Including Distribution and Transmission Grid Planning and Distributed Energy Resources



Long-term Planning

SB 100, SB 350, IEPR, Offshore Wind, Lithium Valley Vision, Long-term Natural Gas, Smart Grids and Broadband



Transportation Electrification and Zero Emission Transportation



Tribal and Community Engagement and Participation



Workforce Training and Development

Reconsidering DACAG Priority Areas

Responsive to feedback that we have too many priority areas, this straw proposal requests member input on a consolidated list.

🕒 Importance of Current Priority Areas

- All of our priority areas are important
- This proposal does not remove any from our attention
- Mostly just reorganizes them into a smaller number of categories for administrative efficiency.

👥 Potential Advantages of Consolidating Categories

- Better recognize the cross-cutting nature of priority areas
- More easily convene priority area subject matter experts
- Streamline member coordination with agencies

⚠️ Likely Limitations of Consolidating Categories

- We don't actually create more of an ability to focus on each topic (time and other constraints remain)
- Appearance of deprioritizing crucial topics/issues
- Some strained groupings

SMEs and Priority Areas

⚖️ Bagley-Keene Compliance

We cannot convene a quorum of members outside of our regular, public, and noticed meetings.

👤 SME Participation

- Each member is an SME for 2-3 Priority Areas each
- Each Priority Area has 4 permanent SMEs
 - 1 lead for coordination purposes
 - 1-2 backups

↔️ Cross-WG Collaboration

Coordination across related WGs or topics, careful of B-K guardrails (no quorum in WG meetings)

Straw Proposal: Consolidated DACAG Priority Areas



Access, Affordability, & Resilience



Decarbonization & Clean Energy Innovation



Long-term Planning



Clean Transportation



Tribal Nations & Community Empowerment

Straw Proposal: Potential Tracking Metrics

Access, Affordability, & Resilience	- # and % of households with/without access to electricity by utility in DACs vs. non-DACs, including access by Tribes/reservations - # and % of low-income households experiencing disconnections or arrearages by utility in DACs vs. non-DACs - Average residential energy burden (bill/income ratio) - Frequency and duration of PSPS events and other outages - Average SAIDI and SAIFI score, and hosting/feeder capacity - % of grid investments benefiting DACs and Tribes - \$ and % of incentives and other programs serving LI consumers, DACs, and Tribes - # of households served by customer generation and LI ratepayer programs; \$ savings per households and in aggregate by program
Decarbonization & Clean Energy Innovation	- \$ and % of EPIC or similar R&D funds directed to DAC- or Tribal-serving projects - # of households served by EPIC program; demonstration projects sited in or benefiting DACs - Peaker plant uptime in DACs vs non-DACs - GHG reductions attributable to DAC-targeted clean energy projects - Inclusion of equity metrics in technology funding solicitations - # of households served by LI decarb programs; \$ savings per households and in aggregate by program - Zones/areas served by zonal decarbonization programs, such as decommissioned gas lines
Long-Term Planning	- Representation of DAC and Tribal priorities in SB 100/SB 350 planning documents - # of planning processes (IEPR, IRP, etc.) incorporating equity or community benefits sections - \$ and % of planned capacity, storage, distribution, transmission investments located in DACs, on Tribal lands - CBOs and other community advocates engaged in planning processes
Clean Transportation	- Average household transportation burden by utility and in DACs vs non-DACs, by Tribe - \$ and % of ZEV infrastructure investments in DACs and on Tribal lands - \$ and % of ZEV program incentives accessed by low-income households - Average EV charging availability in DACs, for MFAH residents, by Tribe
Tribal Nations & Community Empowerment	- Tribal metrics spanning every other category above! - # of meaningful engagement touchpoints (public meetings, consultations, Tribal MOUs) for key planning and investment processes; # of public attendees/participants - # and % of public engagement processes with Tribal consultation; # and % of area of Tribes engaged - # of DAC or Tribal residents trained through clean energy programs, placed into permanent employment - # and % of incentive and other programs with local hiring, wage requirements, or (pre)apprenticeship requirements - % of program funds requiring community benefit or project labor agreements/plans or local hiring provisions - Qualitative feedback on agency responsiveness to stakeholder program design input - # and % of engagements with affirmative receipt/processing of public/stakeholder feedback by agencies

Straw Proposal: Discussion & Next Steps

Discussion Questions

- What advantages and disadvantages are there to consolidating our Priority Areas?
- What's your general feedback about the specific categories proposed?
- What's gained, lost, or needs further consideration or refinement?
- Which tracking metrics are crucial for us to track within each priority category?

Proposed Next Steps

- Confirm Priority Area categories, if different from our current set
- Confirm SMEs by Priority Area (4 members including 1 lead/coordinator, and 1-2 back ups)
- Schedule initial Priority Area meeting (excluding any SMEs in excess of B-K limit)
- Discuss, confirm 3-5 top tracking metrics with agency staff
- Agency staff confirm data availability and request baseline metrics by [DATE] to inform further Priority Area requests/actions