# Recharging the DACAG

Consolidating Priority Areas &
Identifying Key Tracking
Metrics

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# 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

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| **Access, Affordability, & Resilience** | - # and % of households with/without access to electricity by utility in DACs vs. non-DACs, including access by Tribes/reservations<br>- # and % of low-income households experiencing disconnections or arrearages by utility in DACs vs. non-DACs<br>- Average residential energy burden (bill/income ratio)<br>- Frequency and duration of PSPS events and other outages<br>- Average SAIDI and SAFDI score, and hosting/feeder capacity<br>- % of grid investments benefiting DACs and Tribes<br>- $ and % of incentives and other programs serving LI consumers, DACs, and Tribes<br>- # 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<br>- # of households served by EPIC program; demonstration projects sited in or benefiting DACs<br>- Peaker plant uptime in DACs vs non-DACs<br>- GHG reductions attributable to DAC-targeted clean energy projects<br>- Inclusion of equity metrics in technology funding solicitations<br>- # of households served by LI decarb programs; $ savings per households and in aggregate by program<br>- 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<br>- # of planning processes (IEPR, IRP, etc.) incorporating equity or community benefits sections<br>- $ and % of planned capacity, storage, distribution, transmission investments located in DACs, on Tribal lands<br>- 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<br>- $ and % of ZEV infrastructure investments in DACs and on Tribal lands<br>- $ and % of ZEV program incentives accessed by low-income households<br>- Average EV charging availability in DACs, for MFAH residents, by Tribe |
| **Tribal Nations & Community Empowerment** | - Tribal metrics spanning every other category above!<br>- # of meaningful engagement touchpoints (public meetings, consultations, Tribal MOUs) for key planning and investment processes; # of public attendees/participants<br>- # and % of public engagement processes with Tribal consultation; # and % of area of Tribes engaged<br>- # of DAC or Tribal residents trained through clean energy programs, placed into permanent employment<br>- # and % of incentive and other programs with local hiring, wage requirements, or (pre)apprenticeship requirements<br>- % of program funds requiring community benefit or project labor agreements/plans or local hiring provisions<br>- Qualitative feedback on agency responsiveness to stakeholder program design input<br>- # 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