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Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) EPIC 5 (2026-2030) IOU Community Engagement Plan Requirements

Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG)
April 17, 2026

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CPUC Equity Requirements in EPIC Investment Plans

- **D.23-04-042** requires that beginning in 2021, IOU EPIC Investment Plans shall:
 - Dedicate at least 25 percent of technology demonstration and deployment (TD&D) funds toward projects located in and benefitting disadvantaged communities, and
 - At least an additional 10 percent allocation of TD&D funds toward projects located in and benefitting low-income communities.
- **D.24-03-007** endorsed equity as a cross-cutting principle applicable to all EPIC Strategic Goals.
- **D.26-02-037** adopted a Framework for Equity in EPIC RD&D
- **D.26-02-037** requires reporting on alignment with the Equity Framework include:
 - Quantified investment and realized impacts to DVC and Tribal locations;
 - Forecasted impacts to the identified DVC and Tribal locations;
 - Rationale and methods for all data collected related to metrics;
 - Identification of baselines from which change in metrics are to be compared; and
 - Narrative giving context for the equity data and impacts.

CPUC Requires IOU Community Engagement Plans to Inform EPIC 5

- **D.18-10-052** required EPIC IOU administrators to better incorporate DVC – including Tribes – input into their investment planning process, and how CBOs will be leveraged for improved information sharing.
- **D.18-10-052** required EPIC IOU administrators to improve stakeholder engagement and transparency throughout the entire investment planning and implementation process.
- **D.23-04-042** adopts a Community Engagement Planning (CEP) process and directs EPIC IOU administrators to:
 - Submit CEPs via Tier 2 Advice Letter in advance of EPIC 5 (2026-2030) portfolio planning.
 - Develop targeted and coordinated engagement strategies and seek early input from ESJ communities prior to developing investment plans.
 - Demonstrate that input from ESJ communities aided in shaping Strategic Initiatives and research topics.
 - Consult the DACAG in developing its CEPs.

Opportunity for Input: EPIC 2026 Milestone Deadlines

- June 26 – IOU CEPs are due
 - Provides two months for DACAG review prior to IOU EPIC 5 investment plan submission
- August 26 – EPIC 5 Investment Plan proposals due
- September (anticipated) – Public workshop to present and discuss submitted EPIC 5 Investment Plans
- December (anticipated) – Proposed Decision considering EPIC 5 Investment Plans

DACAG Workshop

Joint IOU EPIC 5 Community
Engagement Plans

April 17, 2026



Core Questions for DACAG Input



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DACAG Member feedback will be incorporated in the EPIC 5 Community Engagement Plans to be filed June 26, 2026.



PG&E EPIC 5 Community Engagement Plan

DACAG Presentation – April 17, 2026

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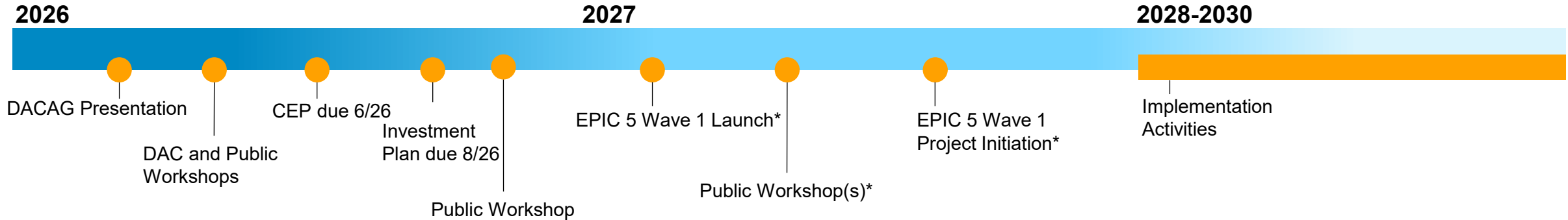
EPIC 5 Context for Community Engagement

EPIC 5 Goal	PG&E Draft Proposed Initiatives
Transportation Electrification	Ensuring cost-effective and timely access to EV connection for the benefit of all Californians
DER Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Affordable load growth through advanced planning and operating capabilitiesExploring pathways to streamline interconnection for DERs and new load to reduce costs for All
Building Decarbonization	Accelerating affordable and accessible whole-home electrification to enable community-scale decarbonization
Climate Adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Understanding and planning for climate impacts on operations, assets & environmentBuilding community resilience from prevention through recovery
Achieving 100% Net-Zero Carbon Emissions	Enabling affordable electrification pathways for hard-to-decarbonize sectors and to support future gas decommissioning

- **Development of EPIC 5 Investment Plan in progress**
 - Will refine initiatives over the next few months with plans due in August
 - Plan to present initiatives to ESJ groups May-July (workshops, meetings)
- **Anticipated DVC impacts include:**
 - Affordability
 - Community Resilience
 - Improved Air Quality
 - Safety and Reliability
 - Access: understanding & addressing barriers to participation



Engagement During EPIC Lifecycle



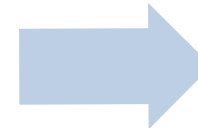
Investment Plan Development

- DAC Workshop
- Public Workshop
- RTAG Engagement
- Mapping of CBOs/ESJ groups to Strategic Initiatives
- Align Strategic Initiatives with PG&E R&D Strategy, ESJ Action Plan, EPIC RD&D Equity Framework



Project Selection

- Public Workshops
- Vendor Pitchfest
- RTAG Priorities listening sessions
- Surveys and Interviews
- Internal scoping inclusive of equity fund allocation requirements and metrics
- Program Admin Coordination



Implementation

- Supplier Diversity Network
- CBO/ESJ Project Partners & feedback
- Metrics & Results Dissemination
- Sharing learnings, Industry engagement

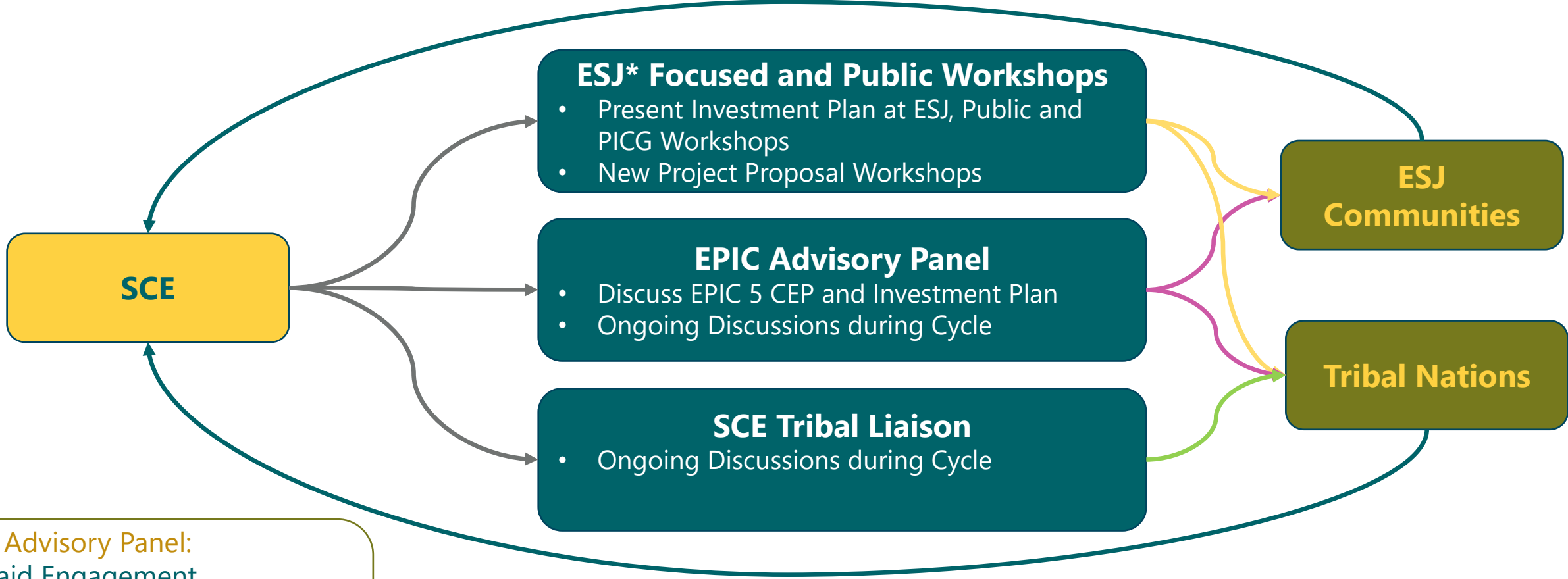
SCE EPIC 5 Community Engagement Plan

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EPIC 5 Engagement Plan



EPIC Advisory Panel:

- Paid Engagement
- Discuss EPIC Strategy, Processes and Projects
- Structured Response to Feedback

** SCE uses ESJ throughout this presentation as a substitute for D.26-02-037's DVC requirements*

Lessons Learned & Next Steps

CAVA* Community Engagement Plan

- Work directly with DVC community leaders
- Offer paid engagements *and* a learning opportunity
- Co-design and co-develop materials

EPIC Advisory Panel and Tribal Workshop

- Find ways to lean into skill set of community leaders
- Education activities received positive responses
- EPIC projects have limited alignment with tribal priorities
- EPIC not well suited for workforce development



SCE intends to build on prior CAVA and EPIC related engagement elements to formulate its EPIC 5 approach

- Utilize advisory panel for EPIC 5
- Refine where needed advisory panel membership
- Modify tribal engagement approach
- Continue to identify areas for improvement from advisory panel

* Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment



What's Ahead



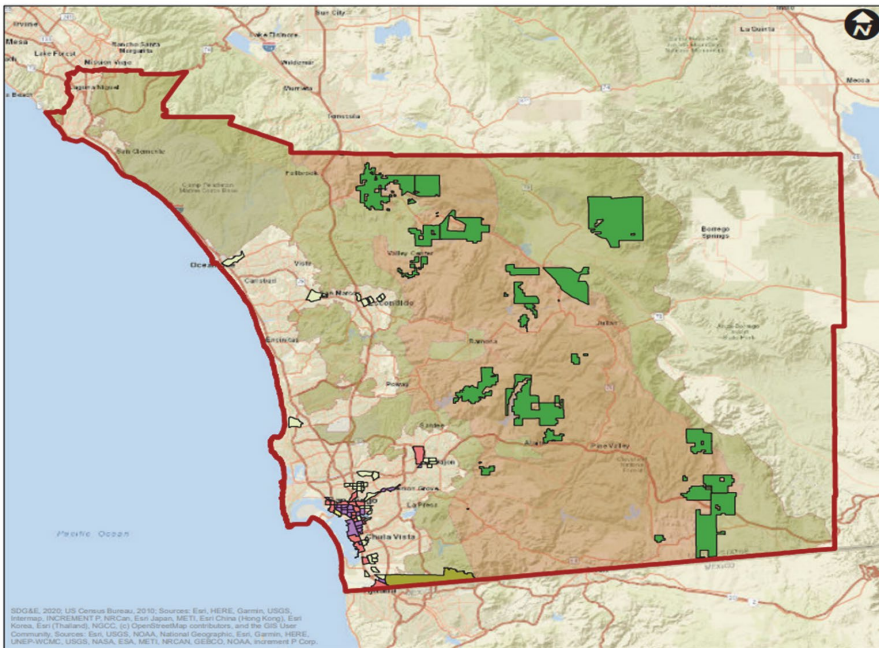
SDG&E EPIC-5 Community Engagement Plan

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EPIC-5 for Community Engagement

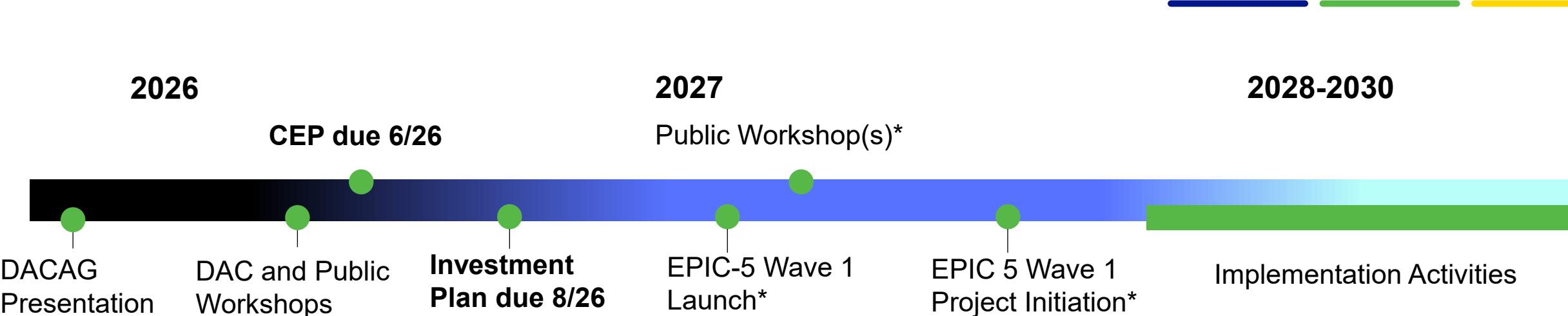
EPIC-5 Goal	SDG&E Draft Proposed Initiatives
DER Integration	DER Integration for Advancing Grid and Community Resilience
Climate Adaptation	Next-Generation Resilience and Response
Building Decarbonization	Guiding Customers to a Clean Energy Future



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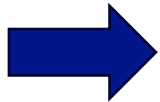
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Community Engagement Plan (CEP) During EPIC-5 Lifecycle



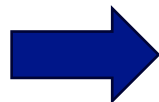
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