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March 20, 2026, DACAG Meeting Minutes

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ITEM 1, Welcome

Member Attendance			
Member	Present	Absent	Location
Chelsea	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	All members attended remotely via Webex with cameras on.
Chris	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elena	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fred	X - 2:59 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff present at physical location @ California Public Utilities Commission Headquarters (505 Van Ness Ave, 1 st Floor Courtyard Room, San Francisco, CA (94102))
Gem	X - 1:17 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councilman Michael Vasquez	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Román	X - 1:49 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sarah	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Time commenced: 1:00 pm

Julia Hatton facilitated the meeting.

Group has quorum, can move forward with voting items pursuant to Government Code, section 11123.5.

ITEM 2, General Public Comment

- Emma Searson – Managing Policy Director at GRID Alternatives
- Jaquin Castillos – Bloomington resident and community organizer with CCAEJ

ITEM 3, Opening remarks by CEC and CPUC leadership.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- **CEC**
 - X – Commissioner Gallardo
 - Commissioner Skinner
 - Others?
- **CPUC**
 - X – Commissioner Houck
 - X – Commissioner Douglas
 - Others?

ITEM 4, Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of February 20, 2026, meeting minutes.

- Public Comment?
 - *No Comment.*
- *Discussion*
 - *No discussion occurred.*
- Motion to approve Item 4, February 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Member who makes motion	Elena Krieger
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- Member who seconds motion.

Member who Seconds	Councilman Michael Vasquez
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Chelsea	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Chris	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Gem	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Michael Vasquez	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Román	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Sarah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 4	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Item passes 6/0

ITEM 5: Energy Disconnections and Reconnections (Disconnections) Rulemaking (R.18-07-005). CPUC staff will briefly recap the presentation from the February 20, 2026, meeting and seek feedback from the DACAG including whether and how to adjust disconnection caps and recommendations related to pilot programs on Arrearage Management Plans (AMPs), Percentage of Income Payment Plans (PIPPs), and the Arrears Case Management Pilot Program currently scheduled to sunset in 2026. Staff will also seek input on ways to minimize impacts to vulnerable customers given high statewide arrearages if pilots were allowed to sunset as scheduled and disconnection caps were modified, such as coordination between Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) and other entities to support customers at risk of disconnection.

Name/Affiliation of Presenters:

- Paul Phillips, CPUC
- Isaac Tong, CPUC
- Ankit Jain, CPUC

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred; no action was taken.

ITEM 6: Gas Research, Development, and Demonstration (Gas RD&D) Program. As it relates to the DACAG priority areas of Building, Industrial, Gas System Decarbonization, and Clean Renewable Hydrogen; Long-term Planning for Natural Gas; and the Electric Program Investment Charge Program (EPIC) (related to the coordinated role of gas), the Gas RD&D administrators of the CEC, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) will present and seek feedback from the DACAG on coordinated Gas RD&D investment proposals to be funded by ratepayers. DACAG input will inform investment concepts amounting to approximately \$50 million across their respective proposed Annual Gas RD&D Plans to be submitted to the CPUC by June 1, 2026.

Name/Affiliation of Presenters:

- Emma Maggioncalda, CPUC
- Rhetta deMesa, CEC
- Aaron Rezendez, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)
- Paul Lin, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred; no action was taken.

ITEM 7, Break – Break deferred

ITEM 8: Senate Bill (SB) 100 Non-Energy Impacts. As it relates to the Long-Term Planning DACAG priority area, DACAG members may consider and vote to approve a proposed comment letter on modeling under SB 100, including non-energy impacts. SB 100 sets the goal of supplying all retail electricity sold in California with renewable and zero-carbon resources by 2045.

- Public Comment?
 - *No comment*

DACAG Member Discussion and Vote:

- Discussion occurred, action was taken.
- Motion to approve Item 8, approving the SB 100 non-energy impacts comment letter

Member who makes motion	Senait Forthal
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- Member who seconds motion..

Member who Seconds	Chelsea Kirk
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Chelsea	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Chris	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Elena	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Fred	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Gem	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Councilman Michael Vasquez	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Román	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Sarah	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 8	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Item 8 passes 10/0

ITEM 9, DACAG Priority Areas

2025 Priority Areas

- a. Affordability and Disconnections.
- b. Building, Industrial, Gas System Decarbonization, and Clean Renewable Hydrogen.
- c. Electric Program Investment Charge Program (EPIC).
- d. Electricity Reliability, Resiliency, and Load Flexibility (Including Distribution and Transmission Grid Planning and Distributed Energy Resources).
- e. Long-term Planning (SB 100, SB 350, IEPR, Offshore Wind, Lithium Valley Vision, Long-term Natural Gas, Smart Grids and Broadband).
- f. Transportation Electrification and Zero Emission Transportation.
- g. Tribal and Community Engagement and Participation.
- h. Workforce Training and Development.

Public Comment?

- *No comment*

Priority Areas Discussed:

- 2026 proposed policy areas discussed.

DACAG Vote:

- Motion to approve Item 9, approving 2026 priority areas

Member who makes motion	Elena Krieger
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- Member who seconds motion.

Member who Seconds	Chris Walker
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Chelsea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
2. Chris	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Elena	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Fred	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Gem	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Councilman Michael Vasquez	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Román	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Sarah	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 9	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Item passes 9/0

ITEM 10, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

- A Q1 LIOB meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 26, 2026**, from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in Palm Springs. DACAG noted:
 - Recent LIOB recommendations regarding the CPUC CARE/FERA/ESA scoping memo
 - Opportunity for members to comment individually or on behalf of their organization.
 - No action taken.

ITEM 11, Updates and announcements by DACAG members and staff of CEC and CPUC.

- CEC Staff Updates
 - *Clean Energy Hall of Fame Awards — nominations open*
 - *April 2: Fusion Research & Development Innovation Initiative public workshop*
 - *Additional upcoming CEC workshops (modeling, monitoring, air quality) to be shared*
 - *Announcement of Ryan Young appointed as CEC Public Advisor*
- CPUC Staff Updates
 - *CARB Environmental Justice Advisory Committee recruitment — 11 members; applications due April 21 at 5:00 p.m.*
 - *Climate Credit update — 2026 credits will be distributed in high-bill months (not in April)*
 - *Q1 LIOB meeting details (community & tribal engagement; disconnections presentation by Paul Phillips)*
 - *Form 700 filings due March 27*
 - *DACAG recruitment ongoing*

ITEM 12, Future meeting dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, April 17**, via Zoom.
 - Possible Agenda Items
 - DAC-SASH support letter (Julia volunteered to draft)
 - Follow-up on Bloomington/January 2 outage issue and CPUC response
 - Draft letter on disconnections/arrearages/AMP/PIPP/CBO pilot

(Chris, Elena, Román, Councilmember Vasquez volunteered to draft)

- Identification of SMEs for 2026 priority areas

ITEM 13, General Public Comment.

Public Comment

- *No comment.*

ITEM 14, Adjourn

Time Adjourned: 4:05PM