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April 17, 2026, Draft DACAG Meeting Minutes

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ITEM 1, Welcome and Roll Call of the Members.

Member Attendance			
Member	Present	Absent	Location
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All members attended remotely via Zoom with cameras on. Staff present at physical location @ the California Natural Resources Agency Headquarters (715 P Street, Room 2-201, Sacramento, CA 95814).
Chelsea	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chris	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elena	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fred	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gem	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Román	X joined at 1:56pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sarah	X joined at 1:42pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councilman Michael Vasquez	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Time commenced: 1:00pm

DACAG Chair Julia Hatton facilitated the meeting.

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

ITEM 2, General Public Comment.

- Tim Frank, Construction Trades Workforce Initiative

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

Commissioners in Attendance:

**Write any opening remarks below or next to their names [optional, you can simply note which Commissioners or advisors were present]*

- **CEC Leadership**
 - X Commissioner Gallardo
 - Commissioner Skinner
 - Others?

- **CPUC Leadership**
 - X Commissioner Houck
 - X Commissioner Douglas
 - Others?

ITEM 4, Moment of Gratitude. DACAG members and agency leadership give remarks on departing DACAG members.

Members and agency leaders celebrated the accomplishments of departing members Abimael Chavez-Hernandez, Chelsea Kirk, Fred Beihn, and Julia Hatton and thanked them for their service to the state of California and their communities.

ITEM 5, Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program Community Engagement Plans. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) will present and seek feedback from the DACAG on community engagement plans for the ratepayer-funded EPIC program, which supports the development of new, emerging, and pre-commercial clean energy innovations in California. Community engagement plans are designed to reflect the needs of communities, including disadvantaged communities.

Presenters:

- Fredric Beck, CPUC
- Britt Shaw, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)
- Richard Kwee, Southern California Edison (SCE)
- Cynthia Carter, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E)

- Public Comment?
 - None.
- DACAG Member Discussion:
 - Discussion occurred, no action taken.

ITEM 6, Proposed DACAG Comment Letter. Relating to the Electric Service Access, Rates and Disconnections priority area, DACAG members may consider and vote to approve a proposed comment letter on the CPUC’s Disconnections Rulemaking (R.18-07-005, Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider New Approaches to Disconnections and Reconnections to Improve Energy Access and Contain Costs) which recommends to deny utility proposals to increase disconnection rate caps, and continue Arrearage Management Plans (AMP), Percentage of Income Payment Plans (PIPP), and the Community-Based Organizations Case Management (CBO) pilot programs with recommended changes.

- Public Comment?
 - None.
- DACAG Member Discussion:
 - Discussion occurred.

- Motion to approve Item 6, DACAG comment letter on disconnections.

Member who makes motion	Councilman Michael Vasquez
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- Member to second motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Gem Montes
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gem	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Román	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Vasquez	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 6	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 7, Proposed DACAG Comment Letter. Relating to DACAG Priority Areas 1 & 2 (Electric Service Access, Rates, & Disconnections - Energy Programs; Electricity Generation, Transmission, & Distribution - Distributed Energy Resources), in light of AB 1207 (2025) which ends a funding stream for the CPUC's Disadvantaged Communities – Single-Family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) Program, DACAG members may consider and vote to approve a proposed comment letter to recommend continued funding for the CPUC's DAC-SASH which provides financial incentives for the installation of rooftop solar generating systems that assist income-qualified customers in overcoming barriers to the installation of onsite solar energy.

- Public Comment?
 - *None.*
- DACAG Member Discussion:
 - Discussion occurred.
- Motion to approve Item 6, DACAG comment letter on disconnections.
 - Chris Walker recused himself on this item and left the virtual room for discussion and voting.

Member who makes motion	Sarah Sharpe
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- Member to second motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Senait Forthal
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Member Votes	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chelsea	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris (recused)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Elena	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gem	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Román	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Vasquez	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 7	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 8, Break. The DACAG took a break for 5 minutes. 3:12 PM to 3:17 PM.

ITEM 9, Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of March 20, 2026, DACAG meeting minutes.

- Public Comment?
 - None.
- DACAG Member Discussion:
 - No discussion occurred.
- Motion to approve Item 9, March 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Member who makes motion	Elena Krieger
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- Member to second motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Román Partida-López
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gem	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Román	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senait	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilman Vasquez	X	<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 10, 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 2026 priority areas, including the identification of subject matter experts.

2026 DACAG Priority Areas:

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=269285>

1. Electric Service Access, Rates, and Disconnections
2. Electricity Generation, Transmission, and Distribution
3. Transportation Electrification and Zero-Emission Mobility
4. Building and Industrial Decarbonization and Clean Fuels
5. Long-Term Planning

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.
- Members' chosen priorities:
 - Electric Service Access, Rates, and Disconnections
 - Members: Chris Walker, Gem Montes
 - Electricity Generation, Transmission, and Distribution
 - Members: Chris Walker, Elena Kreiger, Gem Montes
 - Transportation Electrification and Zero-Emission Mobility
 - Members: Román Partida-López, Sarah Sharpe, Senait Forthal
 - Building and Industrial Decarbonization and Clean Fuels
 - Members: Elena Krieger, Román Partida-López, Sarah Sharpe, Senait Forthal
 - Long-Term Planning
 - Members: Councilman Michael Vasquez

ITEM 11, Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB). DACAG member(s) to provide any update(s) regarding engagement with the LIOB.

Member Update: No LIOB report was made.

ITEM 12, Agency Announcements. CEC and CPUC staff to provide any agency announcements.

- CEC Staff Updates
 - Clean Energy Hall of Fame Awards, currently accepting nominations, including for youth leaders.
 - Building Electrification Summit, June 10
- CPUC Staff Updates
 - On April 30, CPUC will vote on a proposal to, in alignment with AB 1207, shift the climate credits to high-billed months to help residential customers when bills are highest. Customers of PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E did not receive an April electric climate credit as usual. If voted out, residential customers of the large IOUs will receive residential climate credits in August and September of 2026, and future gas credits in February instead of April.
 - California Air Resources Board (CARD) Assembly Bill (AB) 32 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee call for applications has been extended through May 5, 2026.

ITEM 13, Agenda-Setting and Attendance. DACAG member(s) may propose and discuss any agenda items for future DACAG meetings and provide expected attendance for the next DACAG meeting.

- Proposed topics:
 - DAC-SASH, SOMAH program updates
 - Regulations affecting data centers
 - Geothermal primer
 - Wildfire rate impacts, grid hardening and planning re: wildfires

ITEM 14, Public Comment. General public comment regarding items on or off the agenda related to the work done by the DACAG.

Public Comment

- Sarah Sharpe, DACAG Secretary
- Román Partida-López, DACAG Member

ITEM 15, Adjourn.

The next DACAG meeting is on Friday, May 15, 2026.

Time Adjourned: ~3:42pm