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Draft July 17, 2026, DACAG Meeting Minutes

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ITEM 1, Welcome

Member Attendance			
Member	Present	Absent	Location
1. Chris Walker	X	☐	All members attended remotely via Webex with cameras on.
2. Elena Krieger	X	☐	
3. Gem Moon Montes	X	☐	
4. Melanie Peck	X	☐	Staff present at physical location @ the California Public Utilities Commission Headquarters (505 Van Ness Avenue, 1 st Floor Courtyard Room, San Francisco, CA 94102).
5. Román Partida-Lopez	X	☐	
6. Ryan O'Neill	☐	X	
7. Sarah Sharpe	X	☐	
8. Senait Forthal	☐	☐	
9. Travis Gibrael	X	☐	
10. Councilman Michael Vasquez	X	☐	
11. N/A	☐	☐	

Time commenced: 1:04 pm

Chris Walker facilitated the meeting.

Group does have to move forward with voting items pursuant to Government Code, section 11123.5.

ITEM 2, General Public Comment.

- *None*

ITEM 3, Opening Remarks by CEC and CPUC leadership.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners

X Commissioner Gallardo -represented by Colleen Kredell

X Commissioner Skinner

- **EV HOME funding opportunity**

X Others

- Ryan Young introducing new CEC Deputy Public Advisor Jessica Bonitz
- CPUC

X Commissioner Houck

- **Disconnections**
- **Tribal OIR- Tribal Consultation and Tribal Land Transfer Policy**

X Commissioner Douglas- represented by Courtney Vaccaro

ITEM 4, Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of May 15, 2026, DACAG meeting minutes.

- Public Comment?
 - None
- Motion to approve Item 4, the May 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Member who makes motion	Roman
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- Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Elena
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Chris	X	☐	☐	☐
2. Elena	X	☐	☐	☐

3. Gem	X	☐	☐	☐
4. Melanie	X	☐	☐	☐
5. Román	X	☐	☐	☐
6. Ryan	☐	☐	☐	X
7. Sarah	X	☐	☐	☐
8. Senait	☐	☐	☐	X
9. Travis	☐	☐	X	☐
10. Coun cilman Vasquez	X	☐	☐	☐
11. N/A	☐	☐	☐	☐

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 4	X	☐	7 Ayes, 1 Abstention

ITEM 5, New DACAG Members. Introduction and meet and greet with any newly appointed DACAG members.

DACAG Discussion: New DACAG members were welcomed, and introductions were made of current members and Commissioners present.

- Melanie Peck, U.S. Green Building Council of California (USGBC-CA)
- Ryan O'Neill, Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN)- not present
- Travis Gibrael, Reclaim Our Power Utility Justice Campaign

ITEM 6, Community Solar and Solar Customer Programs for Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). CPUC staff to present an overview of DAC-serving solar programs, including the Community Renewable Energy (CRE) program for community solar and the CPUC's recent decision in A.22-05-022.

Presentation/Discussion Title: **Community Solar and Solar Customer Programs for Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)**

Name/Affiliation of Presenters:

- Tory Francisco, CPUC

Public Comment

- *Megan Phelps, San Diego Public Power*

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.

ITEM 7, Transmission Permitting and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Review. CPUC staff will present and overview of the electrical transmission permitting and CEQA review processes, including Tribal consultation and community engagement.

Presentation/Discussion Title:

Name/Affiliation of Presenters:

- Tommy Alexander, CPUC

Public Comment

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.

ITEM 8, Break. The DACAG will break for 5 minutes.

The DACAG took a break from 3:05 to 3:10pm.

ITEM 9, 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 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.

Public Comment:

- None

Priority Areas Discussed:

- Building and Industrial Decarbonization and Clean Fuels SME Meeting regarding thermostat requirements.

ITEM 10, Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB). DACAG member(s) or CPUC staff may provide any update(s) regarding engagement with the LIOB.

Member Update: LIOB Meeting Recap

Name/Affiliation of Presenters:

- Jen Gordon, CPUC

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.

ITEM 11, Agency Announcements. CEC and CPUC staff to provide any agency announcements.

- CEC Staff Updates
 - Draft Building Energy Performance strategy report was published on July 7
- CPUC Staff Updates
 - July 10 released Climate Adaptation Proceeding Staff Proposal – new community engagement framework
 - Climate Credit rulemaking R 25-07-013 workshop on Aug 11
 - EPIC program IOU community engagement plans have been submitted. Investment plans due Aug 26 will be sent to DACAG members for review
 - LIOB seeking new public member
 - Plan to attend DACAG October meeting in person with a site visit.

ITEM 12, 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.

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, August 21 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

- Possible Agenda Items
 - CEC Non-Energy Impacts Proceeding Report
 - Data Centers

ITEM 13, Public Comment. General public comment regarding items on or off the agenda related to the work done by the DACAG.

- None

ITEM 14, Adjourn.

Time Adjourned: 4:00 pm.