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August 21, 2026, DACAG Meeting Minutes

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Time commenced: 1:00pm

Chris Walker, Vice Chair, facilitated the meeting.

ITEM 1, **Welcome and Roll Call of the Members.**

Member Attendance			
Member	**Present**	**Absent**	**Location**
Chris Walker	X	☐	All members attended remotely via Webex with cameras on. Staff present at physical location @ the California Public Utilities Commission Headquarters (505 Van Ness Avenue, 1st Floor Courtyard Room, San Francisco, CA 94102).
Elena Krieger	☐	X	
Gem Moon Montes	X	☐	
Jacob Norte	X	☐	
Melanie Peck	☐	X	
Councilman Michael Vasquez	X	☐	
Ryan O'Neill	X	☐	
Román Partida-López	X Arrived at 2:08pm	☐	
Sarah Sharpe	X	☐	
Senait Forthal	☐	X	
Travis Gibrael	X	☐	

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

ITEM 2, General Public Comment.

- *Elaine Alvite, Mt. Diablo Adult Education*

ITEM 3, <u>New DACAG Members. Introduction and meet and greet with any newly appointed DACAG members.</u>

- Ryan O'Neill, Northern Rural Energy Network (NREN)
- Jacob Norte, Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla & Cupeño Indians

ITEM 4, <u>Opening Remarks by the CEC and CPUC Leadership.</u>

Commissioners in Attendance:

** Note which Commissioners or advisors were present.*

CEC Commissioners

X **Commissioner Gallardo - Colleen Kredell, Advisor***

X **Commissioner Skinner***

X **Commissioner McAllister***

CPUC Commissioners

X **Commissioner Houck**

X **Commissioner Douglas**

ITEM 5, <u>Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of July 17, 2026, DACAG meeting minutes.</u>

- Public Comment?
  - *None*
- Motion to approve Item 5, the Previous Month's Meeting Minutes July 17, 2026.

Member who makes motion	Chris Walker

- Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Councilman Michael Vasquez

Member Votes				
Member	**Aye**	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Not present during Vote**
Chris Walker	X	☐	☐	☐
Elena Krieger	☐	☐	☐	X
Gem Moon Montes	X	☐	☐	☐

Jacob Norte	X	☐	☐	☐
Melanie Peck	☐	☐	☐	X
Councilman Michael Vasquez	X	☐	☐	☐
Ryan O'Neill	X	☐	☐	☐
Román Partida-Lopez	☐	☐	☐	X
Sarah Sharpe	X	☐	☐	☐
Senait Forthal	☐	☐	☐	X
Travis Gibrael	X	☐	☐	☐

Motion	**Passes**	**Doesn't Pass**	**If not unanimous, include vote count**
ITEM 5	X	☐	

ITEM 6, Draft California Building Energy Performance Strategy Report. CEC staff will present and seek feedback on the Draft California Building Energy Performance Strategy Report. The report recommends a building performance standard to track and manage energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in large existing buildings to meet the state's climate Goals (CEC Docket 24-BPS-01, TN 271299).

Name/Affiliation of Presenters:

- Gabriel D. Taylor, Senior Mechanical Engineer, CEC
- JoAnna Saunders, Building Performance Specialist, CEC

Public Comment

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.
- No action was taken.

ITEM 7, Energy Disconnections and Reconnections (Disconnections) Rulemaking (R.18-07-005). CPUC staff will present and seek feedback on recommendations for the Disconnections proposed decision, 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 Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) currently scheduled to sunset in 2026.

Name/Affiliation of Presenters: Commissioner Houck, Paul Phillips and Isaac Tong from the CPUC

Public Comment

- Carmelita Miller, Greenlining Institute

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred. No action was taken.

ITEM 8, <u>Tribal Policies Rulemaking (R.22-02-002). Commissioner Houck will present and seek feedback on a CPUC proposed decision that modifies the Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP) and Tribal Land Transfer Policy (TLTP).</u>

Name/Affiliation of Presenters: Commissioner Darcie Houck, CPUC

Public Comment

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion Occurred.

ITEM 9, <u>Break. The DACAG will break for 5 minutes.</u>

- DACAG went on break at 3:51pm and returned at 3:56pm.

ITEM 10, <u>Climate Adaptation Rulemaking (R.18-04-019). CPUC staff will present and seek feedback on its Staff Proposal that considers modifications to community engagement requirements for the large energy investor-owned utilities (IOUs) when they develop Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessments (CAVAs). The IOUs must consider disadvantaged vulnerable communities (DVCs) in their CAVA reports to assess climate-driven risks to utility assets, operations, and infrastructure and provide adaptation options for vulnerable communities. The Staff Proposal also considers improvements to community adaptive capacity.</u>

Name/Affiliation of Presenters: Zara Jamshed, CPUC

Public Comment

- No comment

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.

ITEM 11, Priority Areas. DACAG members to provide updates and announcements regarding DACAG priority areas and associated activities, including summaries of any subject matter expert engagement with CEC or CPUC representatives. Members may discuss and revise items related to the 2026 priority areas, including the self-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:

- *No public Comment*

Priority Areas Discussed:

- New members Ryan O'Neill and Jacob Norte assigned themselves to priority areas.

ITEM 12, Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB). DACAG member(s) to provide any update(s) regarding engagement with the LIOB.

Member Update: [State whether LIOB report was made. Do not summarize discussion.]

Item not taken.

Public Comment:

- *No public comment.*

DACAG Member Discussion:

- No discussion occurred

ITEM 13, Agency Announcements. CEC and CPUC staff to provide any agency announcements.

Updates and announcements by DACAG members and staff of CEC and CPUC.

- CEC Staff Updates
    - *EPIC Symposium, September 29 at the California Natural Resources Agency Building, 715 P St, Sacramento.*
- CPUC Staff Updates
    - *None.*

ITEM 14, 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.
Chris

- Attendance: Councilman Michael Vasquez noting he may be absent from September 18th meeting but will confirm with DACAG support staff.
- No new suggested agenda topics.

ITEM 15, Public Comment. General public comment regarding items on or off the agenda related to the work done by the DACAG.

- *None.*

ITEM 16, Adjourn.

- Adjourned at 4:41pm.
- Next meeting is on Friday Sep 18, 202, at 1:00pm in San Francisco, and on Webex.