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September 18, 2026, Draft 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. Jacob Norte	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. Melanie Peck	X	☐	
6. Román Partida-López	X – Joined at 2pm	☐	
7. Ryan O’Neill	X	☐	
8. Sarah Sharpe	☐	☐	
9. Senait Forthal	☐	☐	
10. Travis Gibrael	☐	☐	
11. Councilman Michael Vasquez	X – Left at 2pm	☐	

Time commenced: 1:00pm

Chris Walker facilitated the meeting.

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

ITEM 2, General Public Comment.

- *No comments*

ITEM 3, Opening Remarks by CEC and CPUC leadership.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners
 - **X Office of Commissioner Gallardo**, Eric Stokes, Chief of Staff
- CPUC
 - **X Commissioner Houck**, Lydia Park, Associate Governmental Programs Analyst
 - **X Commissioner Douglas**

ITEM 4, Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of August 21, 2026, DACAG meeting minutes.

- Public Comment?
 - *No comments*
- Motion to approve Item 4, the August 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes.

Member who makes motion	Ryan O'Neill
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- Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Gem Moon Montes
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Chris	X	☐	☐	☐
2. Elena	☐	☐	X	☐
3. Gem	X	☐	☐	☐
4. Jacob	X	☐	☐	☐
5. Melanie	X	☐	☐	☐
6. Román	☐	☐	☐	X
7. Ryan	X	☐	☐	☐
8. Sarah	☐	☐	☐	X
9. Senait	☐	☐	☐	X
10. Travis	☐	☐	☐	X

11. Councilman Vasquez	☐	☐	☐	X
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Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 4	X	☐	6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain

ITEM 5, 2026 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (2026 IEPR Update). CEC staff will present work in progress on geothermal energy (CEC Docket No. 26-IEPR-04) and energy equity (CEC Docket No. 26-IEPR-05) proceedings and seek feedback on findings in the forthcoming Draft 2026 IEPR Update.

Presentation/Discussion Title:

Name/Affiliation of Presenters:

- Stephanie Bailey, IEPR Team, CEC
- Eric Stokes, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Gallardo, CEC
- Fabi Lao, Equity Outreach and Engagement Lead, Office of the Public Advisor, Energy Equity and Tribal Affairs, CEC

Public Comment

- No comment

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.

ITEM 6, Climate Adaptation (R.18-04-019). The DACAG may vote to approve a proposed comment letter regarding the CPUC Energy Division's Guidance on Community Engagement and Adaptive Capacity Staff Proposal that recommends modifications to the community engagement requirements for the large investor-owned utilities (IOUs) when they develop and implement Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessments (CAVA). As part of the CPUC's Climate Adaptation proceeding (R.18-04-019) 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.

- Public Comment?

- *No comment.*
- DACAG Member Discussion:
 - Discussion occurred.
- Motion to approve Item 6, Climate Adaptation Comment Letter

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

Member who Seconds	Román Partida-López
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Chris	X	☐	☐	☐
2. Elena	X	☐	☐	☐
3. Gem	X	☐	☐	☐
4. Jacob	X	☐	☐	☐
5. Melanie	X	☐	☐	☐
6. Román	X	☐	☐	☐
7. Ryan	X	☐	☐	☐
8. Sarah	☐	☐	☐	X
9. Senait	☐	☐	☐	X
10. Travis	☐	☐	☐	X
11. Councilman Vasquez	☐	☐	☐	X

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 6	X	☐	7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

ITEM 7, Draft California Building Energy Performance Strategy Report. The DACAG may vote to approve a proposed comment letter 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).

- Public Comment?
 - No comment

- DACAG Member Discussion:
 - Discussion Occurred
 - No vote occurred

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

The DACAG took a break from 2:20pm. to 2:25pm.

ITEM 9: DACAG Officers. The DACAG may discuss, nominate, and vote to appoint DACAG Officers, including the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to one-year terms.

- Public Comment?
 - *No comment*
- DACAG Member Discussion:
 - Discussion occurred.

Secretary

- Motion to approve Item 9a, Melanie Peck as Secretary

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

Member who Seconds	Román Partida-López
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Chris	X	☐	☐	☐
2. Elena	X	☐	☐	☐
3. Gem	X	☐	☐	☐
4. Jacob	X	☐	☐	☐
5. Melanie	X	☐	☐	☐
6. Román	X	☐	☐	☐
7. Ryan	X	☐	☐	☐
8. Sarah	☐	☐	☐	X
9. Senait	☐	☐	☐	X
10. Travis	☐	☐	☐	X
11. Councilman Vasquez	☐	☐	☐	X

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 9a	X	☐	

Vice Chair

No vote taken. The Vice Chair election was postponed to the October 16, 2026, meeting.

Chair

- Motion to approve Item 9c, Chris Walker as Chair

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

Member who Seconds	Román Partida-López
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Chris	X	☐	☐	☐
2. Elena	X	☐	☐	☐
3. Gem	X	☐	☐	☐
4. Jacob	X	☐	☐	☐
5. Melanie	X	☐	☐	☐
6. Román	X	☐	☐	☐
7. Ryan	X	☐	☐	☐
8. Sarah	☐	☐	☐	X
9. Senait	☐	☐	☐	X
10. Travis	☐	☐	☐	X
11. Councilman Vasquez	☐	☐	☐	X

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 9c	X	☐	

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 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 comment.

Priority Areas Discussed:

- Chris Walker reported on Long-Term Planning SME Meeting which informed item 6

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

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion occurred.

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

- CEC Staff Updates
 - EPIC Symposium, September 29 at the California Natural Resources Agency Building, 715 P St, Sacramento.
 - Equitable Building Decarbonization (EBD) tribal workshop is coming up
- CPUC Staff Updates
 - California Climate Credits were issued on August and September utility bills. Customers in the Liberty, Bear Valley and PacifiCorp service territories will receive their credit in November.

- EPIC investment plan workshops, October 20 to 22, 2026, hybrid (online and at CPUC headquarters in San Francisco), where EPIC administrators present their 2026 to 2030 EPIC 5 investment plans and members of the public can ask questions and give feedback.
- California Air Resources Board Environmental Justice Advisory Committee meeting, September 30, 1:30pm to 4:30pm, hybrid in Buttonwillow, California and on Zoom.
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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.

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, October 16 at 1:00 p.m. in Bakersfield and** via Zoom. *[Later changed to Fresno, CA]*

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

- *No comment.*

ITEM 15, Adjourn.

Time Adjourned: 2:58 pm.