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What is the PICG?

- Response to Evergreen Evaluation of the EPIC Program (2017)

- Established via CPUC decisions D.18-01-008 and D.18-10-052

- High level goal of improving information sharing and coordination both between the EPIC administrators and between the EPIC administrators and CPUC

PICG MISSION

- To identify timely opportunities for substantive feedback and coordination among EPIC investments and California's energy innovation needs and goals

- To provide the support functions that will allow this feedback and coordination to occur effectively

(Note: The PICG is an advisory body and does not itself dictate policy for any of the EPIC administrators nor the CPUC)

Partnership Area Identification

Policy + Innovation Partnership Areas are "issue areas of common interest and substantive opportunity, around which the PICG will engage in targeted coordination."

▶ WHERE ARE TIMELY OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT RD&D TO POLICY?

▶ WHERE CAN ENHANCED COORDINATION ACCELERATE OUTCOMES?

▶ WHAT ARE THE MOST CRITICAL CHALLENGES?

1. Identified obstacles and challenges to achieving state energy policy goals through interviews and background research

2. Mapped EPIC Projects onto obstacles and challenges they are addressing

3. Identified Critical Areas of concern for CPUC

4. Identified Timely Opportunities, based on current/upcoming proceedings

5. Compiled 12 Possible Partnership Areas

6. CPUC finalized the top 4 Partnership Areas for 2020

2020 Partnership Areas

- **EQUITY**: How can we ensure that the transition to clean energy is equitable?

- **WILDFIRE MITIGATION:** How do we develop new tools to prioritize and weigh wildfire mitigation investments?

- **TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION:** How can transportation electrification support grid reliability and promote decarbonization?

- **PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFFS:** How do we minimize social and economic disruptions of public safety power shutoffs for the most critical public services and the most vulnerable communities?

Additional information about each Partnership Area including workstream tasks, and key questions to be addressed can be found at **www.epicpartnership.org**

What will the PICG do with Partnership Areas?

4 Finalized the four 2020 Partnership Areas — JULY 2020

Announced Partnership Areas and Recruited Participants — JULY/AUGUST 2020

Outreach to Stakeholders / Communities — AUGUST 2020

Conduct Partnership Area Workstreams — SEPT. 2020 – DEC. 2020

Conduct Policy + Innovation Forum — TBD

EPIC Project Transparency and Data — 2020 – 2021 (& BEYOND)

Equity Partnership Areas Potential Key Questions

<u>Engagement</u>: What are effective ways for researchers or program implementers to understand specific needs and strengths of communities?

- Who do communities trust and how do trusted messengers convey information?
- What resources and technical assistance do community organizations need to engage?
- What aspects of RD&D projects do community members and community-based organizations want to be involved with?

<u>Understanding Challenges</u>: What technical and financial challenges are more significant in DACS and/or Low-Income communities?

- What challenges do Low-income homeowners face in adopting clean energy technology? Renters?
- What challenges do rental and multi-family properties face?

Equity Partnership Areas Potential Key Questions

Lessons Learned: What have we learned from previous efforts with DACs or Low-Income communities?

- What EPIC project challenges are still unresolved?

Moving Forward: How do we solve these challenges?

- Who may be missing from the discussion and how can we ensure that they are included?
- What structures can be put in place to empower communities to identify their specific needs and enable EPIC projects to address those needs?

The other 3 Partnership Areas also pose key questions around equity and inclusion.

Equity Partnership Area Workstream Design

Meeting Dates
Meeting 1: October 6   4:30-6:00 pm
Meeting 2: October 15   4:30-6:00 pm
Meeting 3: December 3   4:30-6:00 pm

Live participation via WebEx with dial-in options. Looking at Youtube / Facebook streaming options as well. Closed captioning available over a screen.

Workstream Outcome: Workstream members and the Project Coordinator will work to finalize a framework for equitable engagement and project design, as well as identify opportunities for coordination.

Stakeholders can sign up to participate in workstreams at **www.epicpartnership.org**

Equity Partnership Area Meetings

Workstream members and the Project Coordinator will work to finalize a framework for equitable engagement and project design, as well as identify opportunities for coordination.

Meeting 1: Introductions and goal setting, EPIC projects and other stakeholders present lessons learned and best practices for community engagement in RD&D projects, Q&A, Public Comment

Meeting 2: EPIC projects and other stakeholders present lessons learned and best practices for community engagement in RD&D projects, Q&A, Public Comment

Meeting 3: Review and discussion on a draft framework that captures learnings from first two meetings, Group feedback on strawman framework, Public Comment

DACAG Feedback

A. What community groups and stakeholders should we reach out to?

B. What are the best ways to engage communities to participate?

C. How have other virtual meetings handled translation and closed captioning?

D. What resources should be available for communities before and after the workstream meetings?

E. Where should these resources be maintained so community groups can easily access them?

F. Are there known RD&D projects outside of EPIC that can talk to challenges and/or successes of equitable inclusion and design?

G. What would be a useful final deliverable for the DACAG?

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