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Draft Minutes – October 2021 DACAG Meeting

1) Welcome and roll call of the members

Member Attendance	Member Attendance	Member Attendance
Member	Present	Absent
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian <i>in at around 2 p.m.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
José <i>in at around 1:30 p.m.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Commissioners

CEC

- Commissioner Gunda

CPUC

- Commissioner Guzman Aceves
- Commissioner Rechtschaffen
- Commissioner Houck

2) General public comment

3) DACAG Members review September 17, 2021, meeting minutes

Discussion

- Item 6 – A clarification was noted regarding the last bullet point, about issues outside of CPUC jurisdiction. This comment was referring only to the very narrow set of circumstances where legislative action may be required to address the upfront cost of DERs. The comment was not meant to limit CPUC jurisdiction to address just and reasonable rates or other issues within scope of the CPUC’s existing jurisdiction.

Motion	To approve the Sept. 17, 2021 DACAG meeting minutes (subject to the above clarification)
Member who makes motion	Jana
Member who Seconds	Curtis

Member Votes	Member Votes	Member Votes	Member Votes
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
José	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	Unanimous Pass	Unanimous Fail	If not unanimous, # of Votes
ITEM 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8

4) CPUC Staff Presents Natural Gas Phase 2 transition analysis and timelines

Discussion and member comments

- Present more information to communities on the existing gas infrastructure near them – what is it, where is it, how old is it, and what are the impacts of different possibilities for pruning the system? Will help communities engage more meaningfully.
- Financial resources should be made available for CBOs and local community advocates to participate in this discussion
- Modeling the approach after the San Joaquin Valley proceeding, which addressed hardest to reach customers, the Commission could approach this proceeding by starting with the customers who will be hardest to move off of gas – high heat industrial, renters and low income, etc.
- The San Joaquin Valley proceeding is a model for community engagement, and is being replicated in the DER proceeding and elsewhere. Would be helpful to document those best practices in the ESJ Action Plan or elsewhere, to be referred to in future proceedings.
- Translation is key – bring questions to communities in layman’s terms so that impacted people can provide their opinions without needing to have technical expertise.
- Analysis must consider potential job impacts in DACs, and focus on replacing jobs that will be lost with jobs of comparable quality. Need to start with data on what jobs might be impacted, how many are benefiting workers in DACs, and what opportunities are there for job growth.
- Coordinate blueprint for gas phaseout to meet SB 100 goals – in conjunction with CEC and CARB

5) CEC staff presents EPIC 4 proposed initiatives

Discussion and member comments

- Members would like to submit written comments in response to questions posed at the end of the deck. Would also appreciate the opportunity to provide specific comments on smaller chunks of the overall suite of proposals.

- Long duration storage investments and research, including non-lithium-ion systems, should include the consideration of end-of-life disposal, opportunities to recycle materials, and lifecycle public health and environmental impacts of materials used.
- Consider expanding the kinds of critical facilities that could receive storage for resilience to include retirement homes, multifamily housing in low- and moderate-income communities.
- Consider modeling some investments in DACs after the DOE Connected Communities concept – including EVs, DER, building electrification, advanced control systems while avoiding the need to upgrade panels and distribution system.
- Benefits of EPIC investments should accrue to DACs first and most.
- Consider where batteries can offset the need for spinning reserves in the context of a microgrid. Would like an update on this possibility as EPIC 4 moves forward.

6) CPUC staff provides update about the Draft of the Environmental Social Justice Action Plan

Discussion and member comments

- Appreciation for the Commission’s consideration of a grant program pilot. Builds nicely upon recommendations from this group re: resourcing community organizations that can enable grassroots feedback on the Commission’s work.

7) DACAG members select representative(s) to present the 2021 DACAG Annual Report to CEC and CPUC

Adrian volunteered for CEC (Nov 15), and Roman volunteered for CPUC (date TBD). Both will co-present with Angela.

8) DACAG members discuss 2021/2022 priority areas and any other updates, community developments, and recommendations in the following 2020/2021 priority areas:

- Storage
- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)
- Solar Access
- Biomethane
- Building Electrification
- Workforce Development
- Assembly Bill 617
- Senate Bill 100
- Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)
- Telecommunications / Broadband / Digital Divide
- COVID-19 response
- Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan
- Community Engagement
- Transportation Electrification
 - Subject matter experts met with CEC staff yesterday, who encouraged written comments on the Clean Transportation Plan. Investment plan for this year contains a lot more money than last year (8.5x last year’s investments). Would like to convey to CEC 1) focus on capacity building, esp. in public agencies, cities, and counties that benefit DACs; 2) appreciate CEC’s focus on zero emission vehicles; 3) encourage equity as a cornerstone for passenger vehicle electrification; 4) discussion on appropriate use of funds for off-road equipment (for rail yards, etc.); 5) need to ensure that projects funded under CTP accurately describe the project’s benefits in DACs. These are

consistent with input DACAG has provided on CTP in prior written comments. Adrian requests DACAG approval to provide comment on DACAG's behalf on these issues.

- Motion by Adrian authorizing Angela and Adrian to present these points at the Nov 15 CEC business meeting. Second Curtis.
- Yes – Angela Adrian Roger Roman Stephanie Jose Elena Curtis

Motion	To authorize Angela and Adrian to provide the above comments on the CTP, on behalf of the DACAG, at the CEC's November business meeting.
Member who makes motion	Adrian
Member who Seconds	Curtis

Member Votes	Member Votes	Member Votes	Member Votes
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Angela	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Priority topics and subject matter experts for each will be updated in January, after a presentation on the legal rules around DACAG priority issues from CPUC and CEC staff at an upcoming meeting.

**9) DACAG members discuss modifying engagement with the Low-income Oversight Board
Stephanie Chen:**

- Previous meeting discussion – DACAG officers working with LIOB officers
- Notified of openings to the Universal Lifeline Telephone Advisory Council.
- **Challenges:** Calendars
- **Proposal 1:** Identify issues with most overlap with both bodies and identify when those topics will be focused on in upcoming meetings in both organizations allowing for attendance from members of either body.
- **September LIOB Meeting** – Introduction to DACAG by Stephanie Chen
- **Proposal 2:** Have joint meeting with LIOB and DACAG

10) DACAG members and CEC and CPUC staff provide updates and announcements

CEC: Public Advisor's Office will now handle Tribal Affairs. Our agency's Tribal Liaison will be housed in our office. Our Tribal Liaison, Katrina Leni-Konig will also serve as Deputy Public Advisor and was appointed by Governor Newsom to that role.

CPUC: CEC and CPUC are going to hold the second epic policy and innovation forum on October 28. EPIC program administrators and other stakeholders will discuss California's energy policy priorities and the RD&D implications of this policy directions.

CEC staff will present on policy decisions around building decarbonization.

11) General public comment

12) DACAG members determine future meeting dates, locations, and topics

Our next meeting is scheduled Friday, November 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. The DACAG will also schedule a meeting on December 3, 2021 to address DACAG housekeeping matters.

13) Adjourn