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Gas Transition:

Promote the rapid transition away from natural gas, with an emphasis on reducing methane leakage across the gas supply chain, mitigating gas infrastructure hazards through safe decommissioning, and reducing the public health burdens of gas use in homes, power plants, and other sectors, with a focus on reducing impacts on both vulnerable and environmentally overburdened populations. Support electrification strategies that facilitate access for renters, ESJ communities, and historically underserved populations, with an aim to ensure that transition strategies improve energy affordability and mitigate cost burdens on non-adopters.

Distributed Energy Resources:

Facilitate access to distributed energy resources (DERs) for historically underserved populations, including renters and ESJ communities, through strategies such as equitable financing and rate design. Ensure that energy efficiency, demand response, distributed solar, distributed storage, and zero-carbon microgrids are considered within DER strategy and deployed to realize affordability and resilience benefits. Coordinate with building decarbonization, grid planning, and building and vehicle electrification efforts.

Reliability:

Develop resilience and reliability strategies that protect those most vulnerable to climate change and other stressors. Mitigate the impacts of public safety power shutoffs on vulnerable populations, such as those reliant on electricity to power medical equipment, through the strategic deployment of distributed energy resources such as microgrids and solar + storage. Ensure that meeting reliability needs does not undermine climate goals nor pollution reduction goals, including consideration of power plants and diesel generator impacts on environmentally overburdened and ESJ communities.

Workplace Training and Development:

The purpose of this priority area is to investigate, research and promote current and new green & clean energy technology and skill related training job opportunities. Develop a campaign to promote and target in particular the various DACAG, tribal and rural communities. throughout the state of California through selected media, print and

radio PSAs. This priority area will use the CEC's Idea Initiative and CPUC's Social Justice Action Plan as guiding indicators.

Community Engagement:

The purpose of this priority area is to promote and improve the various agencies options and opportunities to have meaningful engagement initiatives that will benefit the DACAG, tribal and rural communities throughout the state of California which could include but not limited to supporting community-based organizations through grants and incentive programs and compensate them appropriately for the time and resources necessary to support and facilitate meaningful engagement.