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August 2022 DACAG Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1, Welcome

Member Attendance		
<i>* Write arrival time next to member name if member is late.</i>		
Member	Present	Absent
Adrian (joined at 2:20)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 (joined at 2:05)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Group can move forward with voting items.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners
 - Chair Hochschild
 - Vice Chair Gunda
 - Commissioner Douglas
 - Commissioner Monahan
 - Commissioner McAllister

CEC Executive Director Drew Bohan delivered remarks; public service mandate and gratitude; appreciation for DACAG inputs and guidance on community engagement, Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR), Tribal relations, grant making policy making, and program development

- CPUC
 - President Reynolds
 - Commissioner Houck
 - Community based organization pilot program advice letter filed. Workshop on High DER Future on August 23, 2022. Upcoming listening sessions on affordability, tribal consultations in southern CA. Welcome to Julia Hatton.
 - Commissioner Rechtshaffen
 - Commissioner Shiroma

Commissioner Reynolds (joined at 3:00)

New staff announcements:

ITEM 2, General Public Comment

John Spector – program manager at Energy Coalition. Raises equity issue with Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP), that SGIP’s reimbursing structure is not useable for low income people who can’t afford upfront investment; proposed residential equity budget similar to equity resiliency program, allowing for upfront third party fund managers to provide gap funding to end users.

ITEM 3, July 15, 2022 meeting minutes

- Public Comment?
 - None
- Motion to approve Item 3, the July 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Member who makes motion	Andres
Member who Seconds	Roger

Member Votes	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during vote
Adrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 4 – IOUs’ Electric Program Investment Charge 4 Investment Plan

Notes:

Dan Gilani, PG&E; Stacy Fuhrer, SDGE; Kevin Sharp and Jordan Smith, SCE

Seeking DACAG input on EPIC 4 plan innovation and investment priorities

Guiding principles: safety, affordability, reliability, sustainability, equity

Utilities focus on technology deployment

IOUs file EPIC 4 plans due Oct. 1, 2022

Strategic objectives:

- Create a more nimble grid, maintain reliability as transition to 100% clean energy
- Increase value proposition of DERs to customers and the grid
- Inform CA transition to equitable zero carbon energy system, that is climate resilient and meets environmental goals

*See powerpoint presentation for details under each strategic objective heading above

Public Comment

- none

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Legacy whole of system upgrades to enable crosscutting achievement of strategic objectives
- SB 43 community solar demonstration projects
- Objection to carbon capture reliance; see critique <https://caleja.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Academics-Scoping-Plan-Letter-6.14.22-.pdf>
- Urge strong community engagement for High DER strategies; prioritize DACs for conversion of heavy transport deployments
- AB 523 - Reminder that there are EPIC requirements to benefit DACs
- Explore zero carbon fuels, includes biofuels and concern about definition that should include full lifecycle analysis.
- AB 523 – what does that means to utilities in terms of investments in DACs, meeting minimum thresholds?
- Encourage co-design of community engagement with utilities
- “Commercially available” definition is different in DACs; products and services lag behind in DACs and are not commercially available in real terms
 - Pilot zonal electrification is one way to study affordability, incorporate DAC-defined needs, improve commercial availability

Motion	For Roger Lin to synthesize the discussion on this item and bring it back to the group for a vote
Member who makes motion	Roger
Member who Seconds	Roman

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 5 – [Consideration of Comments Drafted by Subject Matter Experts re: July 15 CPUC Presentation on Energy Efficiency Business Plan Application Equity Segment](#)

Public Comment:

- none

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Roger and Elena drafted a comment letter making the following recommendations. See comment letter posted on the CPUC's DACAG website for additional detail.
 - The EE Business Plans, Related Metrics and Cost Effectiveness Tests Must Include an Adequate Consideration of Non-Energy Benefits
 - Energy Division should coordinate with relevant stakeholders and members of the public to continue work on quantifying and incorporating NEBs as a metric for program evaluation as soon as possible
 - Energy Division, concurrent with its work in determining and quantifying NEBs, also develop and propose for public comment a cost-effectiveness test that is capable of adequately considering NEBs
 - The Commission Should Increase the Equity Segment Budget Cap and Impose a Budget Floor
 - Also recommends removing the budget cap for market support
 - IOUs should target a greater percentage of their budget to the equity segment
 - The Commission Should Use the Following Metrics for the Equity Segment
 - Program Administrators should identify a meaningful long-term goal and then ensure their annual targets will achieve that goal.
 - PAs should prioritize households in historically underserved communities first, and set an associated pre-2045 target.
 - Metrics should include both the total number of customers served as currently proposed – such as single family or multifamily homes – as well as the percentage of eligible customers served
 - Include hard-to-reach and ESJ communities with disadvantaged communities – including all communities on Tribal lands, all customers currently qualifying for

bill assistance programs such as CARE, and customers facing energy cost burdens over six percent per year or facing affordability challenges such as those identified through the California Public Utilities Commission’s Affordability Ratio or similar metrics.

- The Commission should use Option 2 “plus” where PAs begin with the ESJ Communities definition, and these additions detailed above, along with any additional proposed categories of underserved customers.

Motion	To approve Item 5, adoption of the comments drafted by subject matter experts in response to the July 15 CPUC presentation on Energy Efficiency Business Plan Application Equity Segment [A.22-02-005].
Member who makes motion	Andres
Member who Seconds	Jana

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 6 – DACAG Officer Elections

Public Comment:

- none

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Secretary
 - Julia volunteered for consideration
- Vice Chair

- Roman nominated Jana
- Chair
 - Jana and Andres nominated Roman

Motion	Motion to approve the nomination of Julia to serve as DACAG Secretary for the coming year
Member who makes motion	Adrian
Member who Seconds	Roman

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 6 (Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Motion	Motion to approve the nomination of Jana to serve as DACAG Vice Chair for the coming year
Member who makes motion	Stephanie
Member who Seconds	Adrian

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 6 (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Motion	Motion to approve the nomination of Roman to serve as DACAG Chair for the coming year
Member who makes motion	Jana
Member who Seconds	Roger

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 6 (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 7, DACAG Priority Areas

- Transportation Electrification
- Building Decarbonization & Electrification
- Workforce Training & Development
- Reliability
- Gas Transition
- Distributed Energy Resources
- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program
- Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR)
- Affordability
- Community Engagement

Public Comment:

- none

Priority Area Developments:

- Affordability – AB 205 recently authorized a second round of California Arrearage Payment Program (CAPP) funding
- IEPR Workshop August 31 on Centering Equity and EJ Throughout CEC Efforts (Oxnard)

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Members reviewed the draft description of the IEPR Priority Area drafted by Roger Lin

Motion	To approve the description of the IEPR Priority Area as drafted by its Subject Matter Experts
Member who makes motion	Stephanie
Member who Seconds	Julia

Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
Adrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 8, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Member Update: Roman has reached out to begin scheduling a coordination meeting, ideally before the end of the year.

Public Comment:

- None

ITEM 9,

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

- CEC Updates
 - August 31 IEPR Equity and EJ workshop, forthcoming equity and EJ plan, assessment tool, and action plan for the agency
 - CEC is refreshing Equity Indicators tracking work with the support of DACAG subject matter experts and looks forward to providing an update soon.
 - EPIC Symposium October 4, registration is now open. Event is free but pre-registration is required. Event will be hybrid – morning sessions will be in-person and livestreamed, and space in-person is limited. Afternoon breakout sessions will be virtual. Plenary will look at CA’s once-in-a-generation funding for climate and resiliency goals.
- CPUC Updates
 - Public forum for SOMAH (Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing) on August 24, 1-3pm

ITEM 10, General Public Comment.

Public Comment

- None

ITEM 11, Future meeting dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, September 16 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.
 - Discussion
 - Suggestion that, pending public health circumstances, our October meeting be held in-person in a single location.

ITEM 12, Adjourn

Time Adjourned: 3:30pm