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December 2, 2022 - DACAG Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1, Welcome and roll call of the members

Member Attendance		
<i>* Write arrival time next to member name if member is late.</i>		
Member	Present	Absent
Adrian	<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephanie (2:20pm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis (2:00pm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sahara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Group has quorum to move forward with voting items.

Welcome to Sahara Huazano, the newest member of the DACAG.

ITEM 2, General public comment

Name, Affiliation, Comment

- None

ITEM 3, Opening comments by the CEC and CPUC Commissioners or their advisors

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners
 - Chair Hochschild @1:25pm
 - Thank you to the DACAG for being the conscience of California's climate policy. Just one example is how we recently funded the 8th tribal microgrid, with the 9th coming up next year. Feel that the needle is moving in the right direction on equity with the DACAG's support.
 - Hosting the CA Clean Energy Hall of Fame ceremony; everyone is invited.
 - Thank Noemi for her incredible work in pushing the envelope on all the equity work across the energy landscape in CA.
 - Vice Chair Gunda
 - Commissioner Douglas
 - Commissioner Monahan
 - Commissioner McAllister

- CPUC
 - President Reynolds
 - Commissioner Houck
 - Commissioner Rechtshaffen
 - Commissioner Shiroma
 - Commissioner Reynolds

New staff announcements:

- None

ITEM 4, DACAG members review November 18, 2022, meeting minutes

- Public Comment
 - None
- DACAG Member Discussion
 - None
- Motion to approve Item 4, the [Previous Month's Meeting Minutes](#), November 18, 2022

Member who makes motion	Jana
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- Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Elena
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No Vote
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sahara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

ITEM 5, DACAG members discuss and vote on comments for CPUC Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) [R.12-11-005]

Notes:

- Letter available [here](#)
- Had a presentation last month from CPUC staff and agreed in our discussion to submit comments related to the questions around the Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling (ACR)
- SMEs put together a comment letter focused on the equity outcomes of SGIP
- Comments deadline is today
- Overall goal: higher uptake and deployment of SGIP investments in disadvantaged communities
- Recommendations: focused on removing barriers to program complexities
 - Move away from first-come, first-served deployment and towards targeted deployment for priority communities
 - Separate low-income budget from medical baseline budget
 - Fund trusted regional technical assistance supports
 - Continued analysis of the program related to customer uptake and barriers to participation
 - Allow SGIP projects to fund ancillary expenses, such as service panel upgrades and roof replacement
 - Allow for financing of upfront costs through 3rd parties, with strong guardrails and vetting to protect consumers
 - Consider self-attestation of income to remove barrier of burden of proof
- Edit needs to be made re: how these comments will be delivered (Phil to address offline).

Public Comment

- N/A
- Any public comment after the modification? No.

Q&A

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Captures all of the discussion at the November meeting.
- Pleased to see the recommendation to move away from a “first-come, first-served” model when we’re trying to reach a specific target audience.
- COVID Response Units and Frameworks that now exist have a potential role to play as trusted intermediaries and service providers. Edit made to recognize existing technical assistance supports in our communities.
- Motion to approve Item 5, DACAG Comments for CPUC Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP), as edited in the meeting

Member who makes motion	Andres
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- Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Julia
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Member Votes				
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Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No 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"/>
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Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<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"/>
Sahara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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ITEM 5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 6, CEC and CPUC staff provide an overview of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act procedures, ex-parte rules in CPUC proceedings, and conflict-of-interest provisions

Presentation Title: *Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Procedures, Ex Parté Rules, and Conflicts of Interest Provisions*, Hank Crook and Vanessa Baldwin

Notes:

- Full presentation available [here](#).

Q&A:

- N/A

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- The DACAG expressed its gratitude for the comprehensiveness and clarity of this presentation.
- (Curtis joined at 2pm)

ITEM 7, CPUC staff provide an overview of Form 700 requirements and invoicing procedures

Presentation Title: *DACAG Paperwork*, Phil Voris

Notes:

- Full presentation available [here](#).

Q&A:

- Invoice requests can be made back to 12 months from the date of your request
- Meals are included within the per diem; but if your costs exceed the per diem, you may submit for those in addition
- Enter your per diem in the righthand column
- Receipts are required if your request exceeds the per diem

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- DACAG members should submit their annual Form 700 by March 2023

ITEM 8, DACAG members discuss the DACAG 2022 Annual Report

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Opportunity to provide a summary of our efforts within the priority areas.
- Typically tasked to SMEs.
- We typically present to CEC and CPUC once complete.
- Submission deadline is ideally around March-April, though that timeline shifted for the pandemic. This coincides with the time for Member reinstatement.
- The DACAG will aim for April for completion.
- Report process isn't overly onerous; essentially a recap of activities through the year, with any written comments provided as attachments, membership updates, and a summary of the priority areas.
- A template is available for revision; all meeting minutes and comment letters are already compiled by staff for reference and use.
- There are members who are term-limiting out in April.
- (Stephanie joined at 2:20pm)
- Sought volunteers to help lead the Annual Report process:
 - Adrian volunteered to lead the effort.
 - Jana is happy to support.
 - Roman is happy to support.
 - SMEs will need to help by writing summaries of their priority areas.
- Identify what's already available and what's missing in January.

ITEM 9, 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:

- N/A

Priority Area Developments:

- Per the last meeting on 11/14, the Transportation Electrification SMEs will present at an upcoming CEC business meeting on the Clean Transportation Investment Plan.
- On Tuesday, Elena spoke at an IEPR [CEC hearing looking at gas price](#) differentials for California compared to other States; the content of the hearing might be interesting and valuable for this group. An estimated 80 cent price differential in CA compared to everywhere else, even after taking into consideration the cost of cleaner gasoline blends required here. None of the five refineries in CA attended the hearing, despite being requested to attend. Relates to IEPR, Transportation Electrification, Affordability, DER, Reliability. Would welcome a briefing on some of the findings and next steps being taken to investigate this further.

****Future Agenda Topic****

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Reviewed purpose of this section and the priority areas for the newest DACAG member.

DACAG Member Priority Area Selections:

- N/A

ITEM 10, DACAG members discuss and possibly adopt 2023 DACAG Priorities

Notes:

- Letter with CEC and CPUC recommendations [here](#).
 - Affordability
 - Unchanged
 - Workforce Training & Development
 - Unchanged
 - Tribal and Community Engagement & Participation
 - Expansion
 - Building and Industrial Decarbonization, Electrification, and Gas Transition
 - Combined into a single priority area
 - DER Deployment and Distribution Capacity in Disadvantaged Communities
 - Explicit to disadvantaged communities, includes storage, adds distribution capacity
 - Resiliency
 - New
 - Reliability and Flexibility
 - Expanded to include demand flexibility
 - Clean Hydrogen (CEC Priority)
 - SB 100 (CEC Priority)
 - Transportation Electrification (CPUC Priority)
 - Include SB 350-related issues
 - Energy Impacted Services (CPUC Priority)
 - Lifeline programs, broadband, etc.

Q&A:

- These could replace our current 10 priority areas listed in ITEM 9 above, though it's at the DACAG's discretion how we would like to approach and structure our priorities.
- If the DACAG simply accepted the CEC and CPUC lists as replacements, for instance, that could mean removing IEPR and EPIC as priority areas.

- In the past, have assessed current priority areas, consider CEC and CPUC recommendations, and then create our own list.
- Our hope is to decide and finalize today, though we can discuss and finalize/vote in January 2023.

Public Comment:

- Adam Gottlieb, CEC
 - On 12/13/2017, the DACAG Charter was approved – happy five-year anniversary!

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Members reviewed our existing priority areas and discussed:
 - Transportation Electrification (also rec'd by CEC/CPUC)
 - Hydrogen is emerging more as a component of the conversation. Should Clean Hydrogen become its own priority area, or should we update this and other priority areas to explicitly include it.
 - MAINTAIN for 2023.
 - Building Decarbonization & Electrification
 - CEC/CPUC recommends combining with Gas Transition.
 - Gas Transition has a number of facets, depending on scale. By placing it in building and industrial decarb bucket, it may miss the pruning of natural gas infrastructure and transmission lines, as well as natural gas fired power plants: the statewide, utility scale aspect of it.
 - Might SB 100 and Clean Hydrogen (new proposed areas) cover the statewide, utility scale/power sector aspect of it. Perhaps add "Gas System Transition" – but also sits on its own.
 - KEEP THEM SEPARATE (Building Decarb & Electrification, Gas Transition) for 2023.
 - RENAME as "Building & Industrial Decarbonization & Electrification".
 - Workforce Training & Development
 - Could we expand the description to include labor standards and job quality? Yes, we can revisit the description if this priority area is approved for 2023 – just need to bring it to the group.
 - KEEP for 2023.
 - Reliability
 - Staff/Commissions recommend adding "flexibility".
 - Depends on term definitions. If reliability relates to things like avoiding surges and peak summer stress, then demand flexibility applies. If reliability is more down-scaled to specific communities, like in emergencies – PSPS, etc., or areas with chronic energy quality issues, then reliability and flexibility are separate.
 - Could flexibility be embedded into DERs? Are we thinking about reliability of the power sector, or of energy reliability in general (fuels, etc.)?
 - Due to these questions, let's revisit the description for Reliability and we can add flexibility at that time if it makes sense in the context in which we want to approach and define it in 2023.
 - Can we revisit these in 2023 if needed (can we add priority areas)? Yes.
 - Could potentially combine Reliability, Resiliency, and Flexibility into a single priority area, as the solutions tend to address all three areas.

- Definitions for these things seem important – how are we defining flexibility? Seems to be in terms of electricity demand – smart thermostats, smart appliances, etc.
 - If the same people sign up for the same priority areas, that might be a signal to combine.
 - KEEP Reliability on its own, and revisit description to reflect some of the flexibility conversation *if* it makes sense. May warrant a deeper conversation with staff about their thinking and needs re: flexibility.
 - Gas Transition
 - KEEP as its own.
 - Distributed Energy Resources
 - Recommended to add deployment and distribution capacity in disadvantaged communities.
 - What hasn't been a priority topic in awhile is the transmission and distribution grid. Reorganization of generation, offshore wind – should think about transmission grid.
 - Where would offshore wind fit on our current or the recommended list, since we know we want that to stay on this group's radar? May require another priority topic.
 - In the interest of condensing topics, could offshore wind go under an SB 100 umbrella, along with clean hydrogen? Existing and emerging renewable energies and their challenges – including transmission and generation – fall under SB 100. Technologies cross into different issue areas. Everything is intersectional across the issue areas; no perfect, clean way to do this.
 - Do we want to limit it to disadvantaged communities, or should we say ESJ communities, or some other description – such as the definition the DACAG originally created, which included and went beyond disadvantaged communities. None of the other categories specify the target audience; could remove here.
 - UPDATE to include DER, Deployment, & Distribution Capacity.
 - EPIC
 - KEEP: Inadvertently left off of the CEC and CPUC recommendations.
 - IEPR
 - KEEP: Inadvertently left off of the CEC and CPUC recommendations.
 - Affordability
 - KEEP.
 - Community Engagement
 - Need to ensure that we continue to have tribal representation on the DACAG.
 - EXPAND to include Tribal and Community Engagement and Participation.
- Outstanding recommendations from Commission:
 - Resiliency
 - Add climate more explicitly.
 - ADD to priority areas.
 - Clean Hydrogen
 - Put under SB 100.
 - SB 100

- Could include Offshore Wind and Clean Hydrogen here, rather than their own category
- Have had multiple conversations and presentations on this already.
- ADD to priority areas.
- Energy Impacted Services
 - Concerned about our capacity (not a measure of importance of value) and the expertise and knowledge of current DACAG membership – can we be effective?
 - Gives us the ability to advise on topics with a clear nexus with energy, such as broadband. Provides us with flexibility to review and advise on those kinds of topics and topics that may come up that we can't anticipate. Not all of these priority areas will be addressed in every meeting – don't have to actively engage on everything all at once.
 - Suggestion to add to Energy Impacted Services: there might be energy-impacting (gas and diesel prices, for instance) products and services to energy-impacted.
 - LIOB and others might overlap in this category, but they may be looking at it from a climate and energy nexus.
 - Gives us space to engage further.
 - ADD Energy-Impacted and -Impacting Services.
- Puts us at 13 categories; will need to revisit descriptions and assign members. ****Agenda topic for January.****
- DACAG Framework, process for updates, definition of priorities and benefits, etc. – ****January meeting topic****
- Motion to approve Item 10, approve and adopt new 2023 DACAG priorities.

Member who makes motion	Jana
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- Member to seconds motion to approve.

Member who Seconds	Andres
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No Vote
Adrian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ITEM 11, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Member Update:

- None, but will follow up with LIOB with our priority areas for potential alignment and collaboration.

Q&A:

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Public Comment:

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DACAG Member Discussion:

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ITEM 12, CEC and CPUC staff provide agency updates and announcements

- CEC Updates
 - R&D Division has two funding opportunities:
 - GFO-22-302 - Valuation of Investments in Electricity Sector Resilience
This initiative would contribute to the development of methods for the valuation of societal benefits (including economic, public health, and other societal benefits) of customer and grid-resilience investments, such as microgrids, distributed generation, and storage. It would also evaluate the distribution of historical weather-related events and other situations (e.g., PSPS events) that have precipitated power outages among ratepayers, with particular consideration of equity concerns and impacts on Disadvantaged Vulnerable Communities (DVCs), as defined by CPUC for the climate-vulnerability context.
Submission Deadline: January 11, 2023, 11:59 pm
CEC webpage - <https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2022-11/gfo-22-302-valuation-investments-electricity-sector-resilience>
 - GFO-22-303 – Food Production Investment Program 2022
The technologies to be funded by this Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) will help reduce energy costs, maintain product quantity and quality, and reduce GHG emissions associated with food production.
1st Round Deadline to Submit Applications: 01/25/2023 by 11:59 p.m.
2nd Round Deadline to Submit Applications: 03/08/2023 by 11:59 p.m.
CEC webpage - <https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2022-11/gfo-22-303-food-production-investment-program-2022>
 - Gratitude and appreciations to DACAG legal support, staff for supporting all the work, Commissioners, officers of the DACAG, all members of the DACAG, DACAG liaisons, and the DACAG Commissioners – Rechtschaffen, Houck, Gunda, and Monahan

- Would like to request newsletter to come out on an ad-hoc basis instead of weekly due to staffing shortages
- IEPR equity comments due at the end of January; overall comment deadline extended to 12/7
- Clean Energy Hall of Fame Awards
- Upcoming: 12/13, 9am-5pm – Scoping CA’s Equitable Building Decarb Program. New program that will include a direct install element, as well as a statewide incentive program: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/workshop/2022-12/lead-commissioner-workshop-scoping-californias-equitable-building>
- CPUC Updates
 - Echoed Mona’s gratitude
 - Members seeking reappointment should reach out to staff in advance of the January deadline
 - Happy New Year!

ITEM 13, General public comment

Public Comment

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ITEM 14, DACAG members determine future meeting format, dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled for **Friday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Moving forward with planning for an in-person meeting in March, potentially in Humboldt.
 - Objections
 - None
 - Possible Agenda Items
 - DACAG Framework, definition of disadvantaged communities, and definition of benefits
 - Review descriptions for new and existing priority areas and identify SMEs
 - CEC hearing on gas price differentials in CA compared to the U.S.

ITEM 15, Adjourn

- Gratitude to staff, Commissioners, members, for all of the work and guidance that goes into the monthly meetings as well as the SME conversations.
- Thank you to DACAG members for your commitment to showing up for the communities you represent.
- Rest, reflect, and recharge!
- Time Adjourned: 4:01pm