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MARCH 17, 2023 - DACAG Meeting Minutes
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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 (1:08)	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sahara	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Group has quorum to move forward with voting items.

ITEM 2, General public comment

- Cliff Majersik, Institute for Market Transformation (Washington, D.C.)
 - Legislative bill SB 48 (Becker)

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

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners
 - Chair Hochschild
 - Vice Chair Gunda
 - Commissioner Gallardo
 - Tribal Energy Sovereignty Resolution:
<https://www.energy.ca.gov/filebrowser/download/5280>
 - Commissioner Monahan
 - Commissioner McAllister
- CPUC
 - President Reynolds
 - Commissioner Douglas
 - Winnie Chen, Policy Associate to Commissioner Douglas
 - Congratulations to Commissioner Gallardo on behalf of Commissioner Douglas

- Commissioner Houck
 - Congratulations to Commissioner Gallardo
 - Reappointments of Stephanie, Sahara, Elena, Roman, and Curtis to the DACAG
 - Wholesale natural gas prices investigation
 - Tribal En Banc
 - High DER proceeding with grid planning
 - Phase 2 of Climate Adaptation
- Commissioner Shiroma
- Commissioner Reynolds

ITEM 4, DACAG members review and adopt February 17, 2023, meeting minutes.

Public Comment

- N/A

DACAG Comment

- N/A

Motion to approve Item 4, the Previous Month’s Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2023

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

Member who Seconds	Stephanie
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	No Vote
Adrian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sahara	<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, CPUC staff to provide update on Transportation Electrification Equity Activities

- Comments/presentation from Paul Hernandez-Minjarez, CPUC (no slides), on Transportation Electrification Framework (TEF)

Public Comment
Received.

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Status of analysis of previous SB 350 transportation electrification applications
- AB 841 definition
- Rural and tribal territory considerations
- SB 233
- Recommend prioritization and targeting to maximize impact and equity, vs. first-come, first-served approach.

ITEM 6, DACAG member discussion on DACAG equity framework and outreach

This item will be conducted as a roundtable discussion of the possible revisions to the framework and outreach strategy to gather community input. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the discussion

Public Comment
Received.

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Original framework defined “disadvantaged communities” using the Energy Equity Indicators tool:
 - CalEnviroScreen
 - Tribal Lands
 - Census tracts with median household income/state media income, less than 80%
- Discussion of other definitions
 - Environmental & Social Justice Communities (ESJ)
 - Communities of Concern
 - Underserved
 - Priority Populations (CARB)
 - Partner Communities
 - Justice Communities (IEPR Draft JAEDI Framework)
 - AB 1550
 - AB 535
 - CARB
- Discussed options given statutory/codified use of the term “disadvantaged.”
- Noted use of term “disadvantaged” at both the State and federal level
- Discussed “tribal lands” language and complexity.
 - This ***question was deferred to the relevant Priority Area for recommendation.***
- Noted benefit of aligning definitions across DACAG, CPUC, CEC
- Requested clarity on which tier of “CalEnviroScreen” we’re focused on
- Discussed household median income vs. area median income

- Noted our group’s responsibility to represent the individuality and strengths of the communities and people we’re prioritizing beyond the barriers and disadvantages they face.
- Encouraged public comments on the DACAG docket.
- Further conversations will be held on updating the specifics of the framework.
- ***Roman will document this discussion and the Q&A, do alignment, and bring back a proposal to the full DACAG.***

ITEM 7, DACAG discussion of future DACAG Meeting Planning

- **Future meeting Agenda Topics**
- **Adjusting meeting times and staff support options for DACAG meetings**
- **New strategies for DACAG meeting outreach**

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Requested clarity on what happens to comments submitted by the DACAG and how they’re considered; recommended a procedural framework to establish a feedback loop.
- Discussed legislative changes to allow DACAG to have a broader reach and to be more effective; limitations and restrictions of the DACAG are more significant than some other groups that engage.
- Shift from reacting to proposals to visioning solutions for DACAG priority areas
- Topics of interest:
 - Climate science in the development of the Fifth CA Climate Assessment
 - State hydrogen strategy
 - Impact of, and plan and strategy for, influx of federal funding
 - Understanding of efforts around interagency collaboration
 - Diablo Canyon and nuclear power planning
 - Labor standards and recommendations for advancing job quality and access
- No consensus regarding virtual meeting time; will remain as-is.
- Discussed in-person meeting times shifting according to topic and location; discussed community engagement mechanisms. Agency staff have a targeted list for community outreach and welcome additions to that list. ***Will continue conversation at future meetings.***
- Consider alignment with existing Commission meetings.

ITEM 8, DACAG Discussion about the 2021-2022 DACAG Annual Report and the preparation of the 2022-23 DACAG Annual Report

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Document draft is ready.
- ***DACAG members to send any summaries for your priority area to Adrian before next Friday.***

- Draft will be presented to DACAG for feedback at the April meeting.

ITEM 9, DACAG members to provide updates and announcements on DACAG Priority areas. DACAG Members may also report on, discuss, determine subject matter experts, and possibly review descriptions of 2023 priority areas.

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Roll call for Priority Area sign-ups.
- Areas with volunteers may need to be removed as Priority Areas
- ***Staff will circulate existing priority area definitions.***
- ***Groups will draft new/updated definitions for each priority area.***

Motion to approve Item 9A, to integrate within our priority areas the IEPR and SB 350 related issues and SB 100 into one, renamed into “Long-Term Planning”.

Member who makes motion	Roman
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Member to seconds motion to approve

Member who Seconds	Jana
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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

Motion	Passes	Doesn't Pass	If not unanimous, include vote count
ITEM 9A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Motion to approve Item 9B, assignment of DACAG members to Priority Areas as follows:

- Affordability - *Roman, Andres, Stephanie*

- Workforce Training & Development – *Julia, Curtis, Andres, Fred*
- Tribal and Community Engagement & Participation – *Roman, Curtis, Andres, Fred*
 - SMEs: *Julia*
- Building and Industrial Decarbonization, Electrification, and Gas Transition – *Andres, Elena, Jana, Adrian, Stephanie*
- Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Deployment and Distribution Capacity in Disadvantaged Communities – *Adrian, Jana, Stephanie, Roger, Elena*
- Resiliency – *Roman, Elena*
- Reliability and Flexibility – *Roman, Jana, Stephanie, Elena*
- Clean Hydrogen (CEC Priority) – *Elena, Jana, Adrian, Roman*
- Transportation Electrification (CPUC Priority) – *Roman, Andres, Adrian*
- Energy Impacted Services (CPUC Priority) – *Roman, Curtis*
- Lifeline programs, broadband, etc. – *Curtis, Andres*
- EPIC – *Stephanie, Roman*
- Long-Term Planning (SB 100, SB 350, IEPR) – *Elena, Jana, Roger*

Member who makes motion	Roman
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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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 9B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Priority Area Updates:

- Roman and Adrian spoke with CEC staff on tire efficiency issues and benefits to consumers.
- Andres, Stephanie, and Elena spoke with the CEC Building Decarb team on their upcoming direct install program for LMI communities.

- Request by the Chair to ***provide brief email summaries of these meetings and conversations*** so that we have them prepared for the next Annual Report.

ITEM 10, DACAG member(s) provide update regarding engagement, if any, with the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Member Update:

- Waiting for finalization of Priority Areas before reaching out.
- Anniversary celebration is upcoming on 4/12.

ITEM 11, CEC and CPUC staff provide agency updates and announcements.

- CEC Updates
 - CEC approved reappointments of Roman, Sahara, Stephanie, Elena, Curtis for another 2-year terms starting April 1, 2023.
 - North Coast Tribal En Banc resulted in Tribal Energy Sovereignty Resolution
 - Southern California Tribal En Banc upcoming.
 - Fuels & Transportation Division:
 - Communities in Charge Funding for EV Charging: applications open 3/23/23
 - Clean Transportation Program Community Benefits Second Workshop: 3/28/23
 - Staff Workshop on Potential Solicitation for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Charging and Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure Projects on Designated Corridors: 3/28/23
 - Vehicle Interoperability Testing Symposium: 5/9-11 in LA
 - CA Tribal Energy Resilience Alliance Application to the U.S. DOE and regional technical assistance energy hubs; tribal listening sessions forthcoming; first on 4/7
- CPUC Updates
 - CPUC-Wide Virtual Job Fair: 4/18, 10am-2pm, cpucrecruiter@cpuc.ca.gov
 - LIOB Meeting is April 12 in Sacramento, 10am-3pm
 - 2023 Western Conference of Public Service Commissions Annual Education Conference is May 21-14 in the Napa Valley
 - Energy Savings Assistance Working Group meeting 3/30, 1-4pm

ITEM 12, General public comment

Public Comment

- N/A

ITEM 13, DACAG members determine future meeting format, dates, locations, and topics.

- The next meeting is scheduled for **April 21 at 1:00 p.m.** in San Diego.
- Possible topics:
 - Review draft of Annual Report
 - Updated definitions of new priority areas
 - In-person meeting times and community outreach
 - “Disadvantaged communities” alternate language proposal
 - “Tribal lands” language recommendation from Tribal and Community Engagement & Participation Priority Area members
 - Other areas of interest:
 - Climate science in the development of the Fifth CA Climate Assessment

- State hydrogen strategy
 - Impact of, and plan and strategy for, influx of federal funding
 - Understanding of efforts around interagency collaboration
 - Diablo Canyon and nuclear power planning
 - Labor standards and recommendations for advancing job quality and access.
- The DACAG has a zero-tolerance policy for uncivil discourse and hate speech. For more information and resources on hate crimes and hate incidents: <https://oag.ca.gov/hatecrimes>

ITEM 14, Adjourn

- Time Adjourned: 3:18PM