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July 21, 2023 - DACAG Meeting Minutes

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ITEM 1, Welcome and roll call of the members

- Time begun: 1:05PM

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 (1:20pm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 **does** have quorum to move forward with voting items.

ITEM 2, General public comment

- None

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 (2:03pm)
 - Commissioner Monahan
 - Commissioner McAllister
- CPUC
 - President Reynolds
 - Commissioner Douglas
 - Commissioner Houck
 - Via Adam Buchholz
 - Commissioner Shiroma
 - Commissioner Reynolds
 - Via Khalil Johnson

ITEM 4, DACAG members review April 21, 2023 and June 16, 2023 meeting minutes

Motion to approve Item 4, the Previous Months' Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2023 and June 16, 2023

Member who makes motion	Stephanie
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Member to seconds motion to approve

Member who Seconds	Roman
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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, CEC staff presentation on funding programs with a focus on disadvantaged and low-income communities

Presentation Titles:

- [*Research and Development Program Funding and Equity Goals*](#), Rachel Salazar, CEC DACAG Liaison, Energy Research & Development Division
- [*FTD Funding for Disadvantaged Communities, Low-Income Communities, and Tribes*](#), Mabel Aceves Lopez, CEC Fuels & Transportation Division (FTD) DACAG Liaison

Public Comment:

- Martha Correa, Community Member, regarding broadband access

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Use of DACAG Equity Framework in development of R&D programs presented
- Use of NEVI formula funds for MDHD charging infrastructure

- How to inform, engage, and prepare communities for these solicitations, programs, and investments
- Evaluation criteria for CBO engagement
- Ongoing concern around/need for basic measurement of benefits to disadvantaged communities beyond the investment itself (and building those metrics in the decision-making); such as:
 - How many projects are community owned?
 - How many are co-funding community groups?
 - How many have community members as target users?
 - Are there measurable NEBs in the communities (even a yes/no to begin with, evolving to quantification of those benefits)?
 - Are there defined community workforce development goals associated with the project?
- Opposition to carbon capture and sequestration by environmental justice groups
- Concerns about local air quality and other environmental impact of biomass and biofuels
- Encourage agencies to engage communities in project design phase
- Potential future agenda item: presentation from Port of Long Beach re: community engagement at the project design phase
- Coordination on NEVI with Canada and Mexico
- SB 49

ITEM 6, CEC and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) coordinated multi-state West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Corridor Project: Discussion and possible approval of DACAG letter of support for Electric Charging Portions of the West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Corridor Project for the consideration of funding by the US Department of Transportation’s Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program

Notes

- Overview of letter drafted by Adrian

Public Comment

- Gerald Katz – no audio

DACAG Member Discussion

- Amend by removing individual references in order to be submitted on behalf of the DACAG as a whole
- Add CA congressional members in carbon copy

Motion to approve the letter that will be submitted on behalf of the DACG on the electric charging portions of the West Coast trucking, charging, and fueling corridor project with the amendments to be included of updating the language to be just DACAG, and then CC’ing the CA Congressional Members:

Member who makes motion	Andres
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Member to seconds motion to approve

Member who Seconds	Roger
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ITEM 7, DACAG discussion of equity implications of [Senate Bill 544 \(Laird\)](#) regarding the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, including possible approval of a DACAG letter in support

Public Comment

- None

DACAG Member Discussion

- [SB 544 DACAG Letter to The Honorable Chris Holden](#)
- Bill analysis and discussion – potential participation, access, and logistical benefits of teleconferencing, and possible negative implications of the bill, ie, eliminating face-to-face opportunities
- Amendments made in committee analysis, but not yet in print – need to know before we take further action. **Continue to track and revisit next month.**

ITEM 8, Regional Engagement and DACAG meeting: Planning, discussion, and scheduling of possible regional engagement and DACAG meeting in the San Francisco Bay Area on August 17-18, 2023, and/or other dates and locations

Public Comment:

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Discussion of what we can offer to the community when we go, such as funding opportunities; intentionality and outcome orientation
- Discussion of other mechanisms for connecting community members and groups directly with decision-makers
 - After presentations: active identification of community members/groups who need to be engaged
 - Quarterly? Annual? 2x per year? – or according to need?
 - Agency folks visiting a DACAG member’s office
 - Potential for inviting DACAG to regional agency visits
- Agency perspective: desire to make a more personal connection
- Benefits of connecting as a group
- Identification of priority regions
- Decision: move forward with the in-person meeting in the Bay Area planned for August 18 + LUNCH; then continue the conversation about the cadence, purpose, and structure of in-person meetings for 2024+
 - Location TBD: Roger to check with the Lincoln Rec Center in Oakland Chinatown and coordinate with Amanda

ITEM 9, 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

- *Item **deferred** to the August meeting: come prepared to dive deeper into the Framework by reading it in advance and coming with ideas and questions.*

ITEM 10, DACAG Discussion about the 2021-2022 DACAG Annual Report and the preparation of the 2022-2023 DACAG Annual Report

- *Item **deferred** to the August meeting: Adrian is working on preparing a draft of the report for both years.*

ITEM 11, DACAG members to provide updates and announcements on DACAG priority areas. Members may discuss and revise descriptions of 2023 priority areas. Members may also be identified as priority area leads or subject matter experts:

- *Affordability*
- *Workforce Training & Development*
- *Tribal and Community Engagement & Participation*
- *Building and Industrial Decarbonization, Electrification, and Gas Transition*
- *Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Deployment and Distribution Capacity in Disadvantaged Communities*
- *Resiliency*
- *Reliability and Flexibility*
- *Clean Hydrogen*
- *Senate Bill 100*
- *Transportation Electrification*

- *Senate Bill 350-related issues*
- *Energy Impacted Services*
- *Lifeline programs, broadband, etc.*
- *Integrated Energy Policy Report*
- *Electric Program Investments Charge Program (EPIC)*

Public Comment

- Adria Tinin, TURN
 - Essential nature of maintaining virtual attendance for the public at these meetings
 - Benefit of maintaining in-person meetings with community members; TURN ready to facilitate connections

DACAG Member Discussion

- Transportation sector transition planning and fuel margin discussion – Elena and Andres
- Interconnections solution exchange with U.S. DOE – Stephanie

ITEM 12, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Member Update:

- N/A

Public Comment:

- N/A

DACAG Member Discussion:

- Possible collaboration on SB 544

ITEM 13, CEC and CPUC staff provide agency updates and announcements

- CEC Updates
 - Relevant topics for upcoming business meeting
- CPUC Updates
 - Asia Powell, Equity & Access Grant Program
 - Importance of DACAG being able to inform EPIC 5, particularly related to ongoing issue of defining benefits

ITEM 14, General public comment

Public Comment

- N/A

ITEM 15, DACAG members determine future meeting format, dates, locations, and topics

- The next meeting is scheduled for **August 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in San Francisco.**
 - Objections
 - N/A
 - Possible Agenda Items
 - See notes above

ITEM 15, Adjourn

- Time Adjourned: 4:13PM