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Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Strategic Goals Workshop Process

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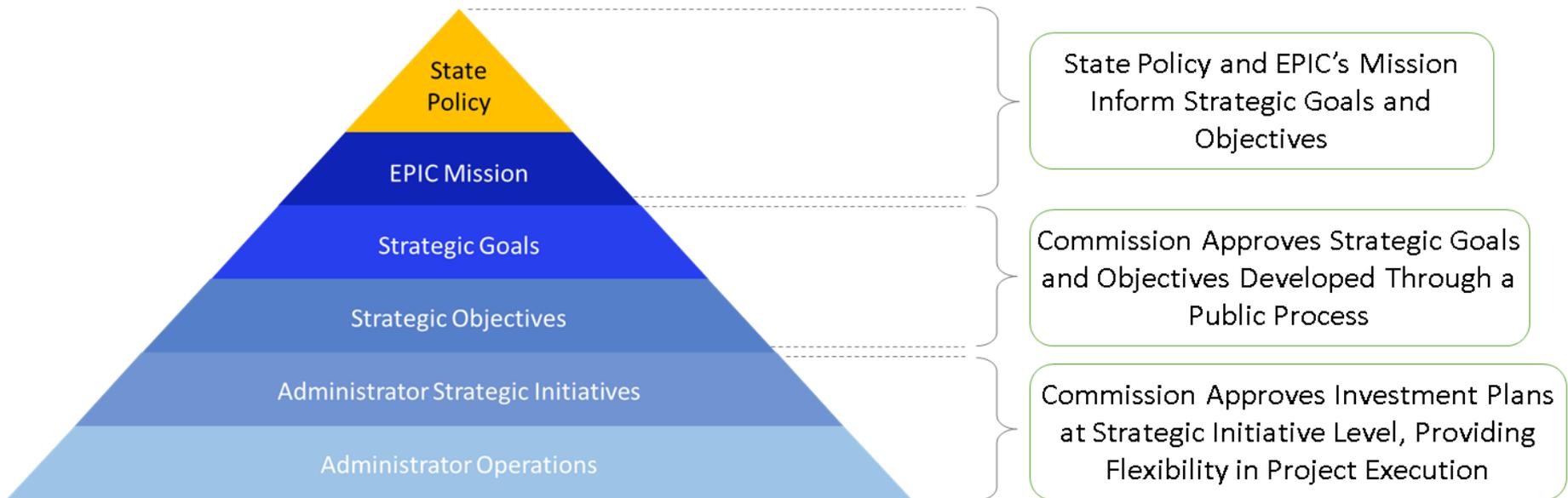
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Basis for Establishing EPIC Strategic Goals

Decision (D.)23-04-042 directs a stakeholder process to inform CPUC guidance for measurable program-level EPIC strategic goals aligned with achieving the State's climate goals.

Strategic Goals focus EPIC investments and provide a basis for measuring progress



EPIC Strategic Planning through 2024

- August – September 2023:
 - CPUC receives input on strategic goals from a wide range of stakeholders
 - Workshop reports are distributed to participants for technical correction
- December 2023 – January 2024:
 - CPUC EPIC Guidance Decision approving strategic goals
- January – June 2024:
 - Strategic Objectives workshop informed by goals decision
- November 2024:
 - EPIC 5 Guidance Decision

Day 1 Kickoff Workshop: The Role of EPIC Strategic Goals in Achieving California's Climate Goals

The CPUC workshop process focuses on four core elements:

Pathways

- Set of critical actions necessary to support meeting the State's 2045 energy, climate, and equity goals via the most effective strategies and technology innovation.

Gaps

- Key challenges for achieving zero carbon goals and how RD&D should be prioritized to address opportunities and barriers more quickly along critical pathways.

Roles

- The best-positioned stakeholders (ratepayers, state, federal, private sector) to lead innovation investment addressing identified gaps, including through coordination and collaboration.

Outcomes

- Clear, measurable, and reasonable targets for developing EPIC portfolios and used in program evaluations to measure impacts of EPIC in supporting achievement of California's 2045 goals.

Day 2: Equity Workshop

Panel	Presenters
How Equity is Incorporated into EPIC Portfolios (EPIC Administrators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Cynthia Carter, SDG&E➤ Dan Gilani, PG&E➤ Anthony Ng, CEC➤ Aaron Renfro, SCE
Equity Frameworks and Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sneha Ayyagari, Greenlining Equity Framework➤ Andres Ramirez, DACAG Equity Framework➤ Anuj Desai, SCE, Climate Adaptation and Community Engagement Planning➤ James Strange, DOE Justice40
Equity Benefits in RD&D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Daniel Coffee, UCLA, Energy Justice & Metrics➤ Walker Wieland, OEHHA, CalEnviroScreen➤ Eddie Price, SDUSC, Community Perspectives➤ Holmes Hummel, Stanford, Measuring Equity Benefits➤ Thomas Steirer, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy

Next Steps: Innovation Pathway Workshops

Grid Modernization: Sept. 6 – 7th

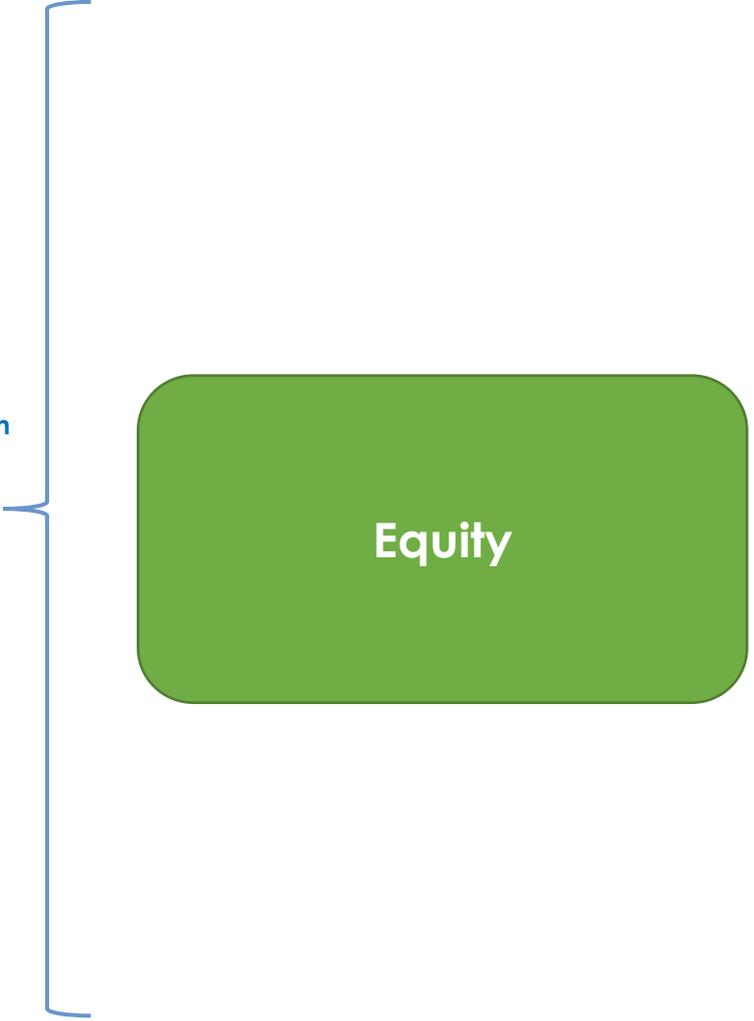
- Transportation Electrification
- Distributed Energy Resources Integration
- Reliability / Resilience
- Long-Duration Energy Storage
- Cybersecurity

Changing Paradigms Due to Electrification: Sept. 14th

- Building Decarbonization / Hydrogen usage
- Coordinated Role of Gas

New and Emerging Technologies: Sept. 20th

- Offshore Wind
- Green Hydrogen
- Carbon Capture, Use, and Sequestration
- Biomass



Equity

EPIC Strategic Planning Resources

epicpartnership.org

Past Workshops:

- Workshop Presentations
- Workshop Videos

Future Workshops

- Workshop Agendas
- Registration for our future workshops!