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CEC Incorporation of the Updated DACAG Equity Framework

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CEC Consideration of the Original DACAG Equity Framework

- Justice Access Equity Diversity & Inclusion (JAEDI) Framework (Draft, February 2023)
- Gas Research and Development (R&D) Program: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022–2023 and FY 2023–2024 Equity Framework Matrices
- Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) 4 Investment Plan

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ADVISORY GROUP

EQUITY FRAMEWORK

The impact of climate change on low-income and disadvantaged communities can exacerbate existing inequities but can also be an opportunity to level the playing field through intentional interventions that address climate impacts on these communities directly.

The Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group would like the State to adopt an Equity Framework to work in conjunction with the Guiding Principles of the Advisory Group set forth in the Charter of the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group. The Equity Framework can be applied across all climate related policies, bills, proceedings, requests for proposals, etc. to ensure that equity is front and center when considering any climate investment/intervention in the State.

This Equity Framework is intended to guide the Advisory Group as it moves forward in discussing and commenting on various proceedings and programs before the CPUC and CEC ensuring that access and adequate resources reach the implementation stage and benefit communities in a meaningful and measurable way. This is the second draft of this document that incorporates all comments made at the August 21 Advisory Group meeting.

DEFINITION OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

As defined in the Energy Equity Indicators tool, the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) will adopt as the definition and advocate for equitable programming to reach all of the following communities (including community residents, workers, and businesses):

- ◆ CalEnviroScreen, as defined by Cal EPA,
- ◆ Tribal Lands,
- ◆ Census tracts with area median household income/state median income, less than 80%, and
- ◆ Households with median household income less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI).

FRAMEWORK

1. Health & Safety

Energy policies and programs should be observed through the lens of public health to identify impacts and utilize findings to optimize the health and well-being of California's most vulnerable communities, as well as, advance health interventions related to climate change by educating Disadvantaged Communities about disproportionate health impacts related to climate



Socialization of the 2024 DACAG Equity Framework Update at the CEC

CA DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ADVISORY GROUP (DACAG) EQUITY FRAMEWORK

2024 Update

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Background

California Senate Bill 350, the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015, called for the formation of a statewide Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG), consisting of members either from or representing disadvantaged communities, to advise the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) regarding the development, implementation, and impacts of proposed programs related to SB 350 and other relevant clean energy programs and policies. Its purpose is to ensure that disadvantaged communities, including Tribal and rural communities, benefit from proposed clean energy and pollution reduction programs. A Charter was first approved in 2017 (later updated in 2020), and the DACAG held its first meeting in April of 2018.

That same year, the founding members of the DACAG developed an Equity Framework to ensure that equity was placed front-and-center when considering any climate investment/intervention administered by the CEC or CPUC. This 2024 document updates that Framework to reflect six years of learning and guidance through the DACAG process.

Guiding Principles

The following principles, as outlined in the [DACAG Charter](#), guide the DACAG's advisory function:

1. Increase access to clean energy technologies for disadvantaged communities
2. Maintain or enhance the *affordability* of energy service in disadvantaged communities by considering potential rate impacts of any proposed program
3. Increase the *benefits* of clean energy programs in disadvantaged communities (e.g., by supporting growth in local employment and small business development, as well as other non-energy benefits, including reducing pollutants and health risks).

Purpose

In alignment with those Principles, this Framework serves several purposes:

- To guide and focus the DACAG as it engages in discussing and commenting on proceedings and programs before the CPUC and CEC

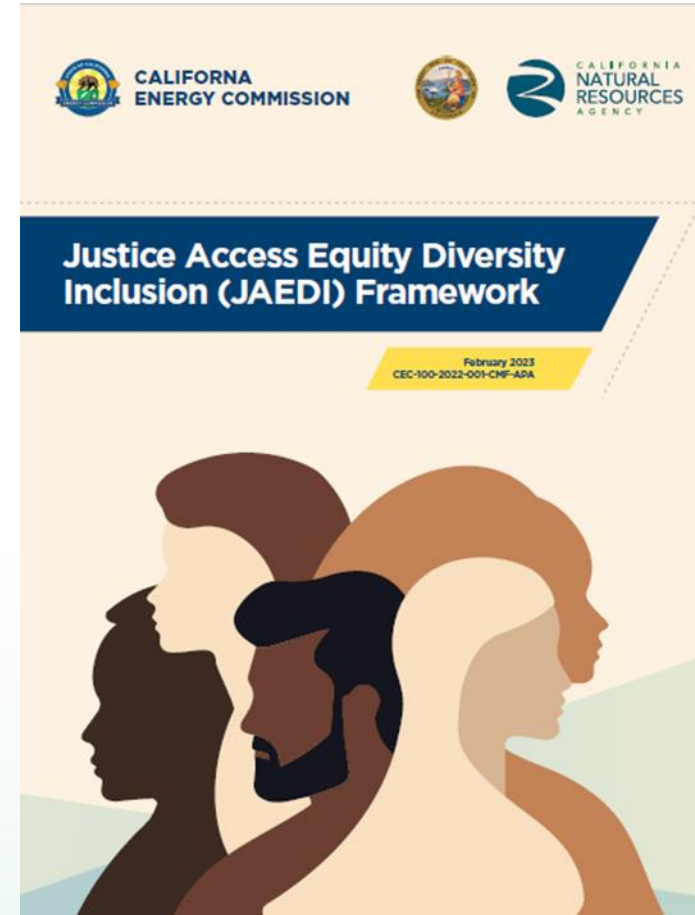
Introduction and Presentations:

- Announcements during the Public Advisor Report at CEC Business Meetings
- Presentations at division-wide meetings with CEC staff and leadership
- Supporting DACAG division liaisons and other staff to incorporate the DACAG Equity Framework Update into their work as appropriate



CEC Proceedings

- Informational Proceeding on Justice Access Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JAEDI) 24-OIIP-01
- Informational Proceeding on Non-Energy Benefits and Social Costs 24-OIIP-03





Discussion

- In what other ways should the CEC prioritize and incorporate the principles of the DACAG Equity Framework into its projects and programs to ensure meaningful benefits for Justice Communities?
- What additional steps should the CEC take to engage and collaborate with DACAG for agency use of the new DACAG Equity Framework?



Thank you