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Friday, March 21, 2025, DACAG Meeting Minutes

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ITEM 1, Welcome and Roll Call of the Members.

Member	Present	Absent
1. Abimael	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Chelsea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Román	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Sarah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Until 1:55	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Senait	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joined at 1:20	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Location: All members attended remotely via Webex with cameras on.

Staff present at physical location at the California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA

Time commenced: 1:03 PM

DACAG Vice Chair Julia Hatton facilitated the meeting.

Group has quorum to move forward with voting items pursuant to Government Code, section 11123.5.

ITEM 2, General Public Comment

- Jason Zhang

ITEM 3, Opening Remarks by the CEC and CPUC Leadership.

Commissioners in Attendance:

- CEC Commissioners

☐ **Commissioner Gallardo – In attendance**

- CPUC Commissioners

☐ **Commissioner Houck – In attendance**

☐ **Commissioner Douglas – In attendance**

ITEM 4, Meeting Minutes. Possible approval of February 21, 2025, DACAG meeting minutes.

- Public Comment?
 - None
- Motion to approve Item 4, the February 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

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

Member who Seconds	Curtis
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Member Votes				
Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Not present during Vote
1. Abimael	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Chelsea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Curtis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Elena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Fred	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Julia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Román	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Sarah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Senait	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	7 ayes, 1 abstention

ITEM 5, Southern California Edison (SCE) Community Engagement Plan (CEP) informing its Climate Adaptation Vulnerability Assessment (CAVA). SCE will present on and will seek feedback from the DACAG on its May 2025 CEP submission to the CPUC to guide equity considerations in its CAVA, which is intended to identify long-term risks related to its utility infrastructure and assets as impacted by climate change.

Presentation/Discussion Title: SCE Climate Adaptation Community Engagement Plan

Name/Affiliation of Presenters: Stephen Torres, SCE

Public Comment

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- DACAG members discussed the presentation

ITEM 6, CPUC Energy Division Staff Proposal Identifying Strategic Objectives and Criteria for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) program. CPUC staff will present on and will seek feedback on its proposal identifying Strategic Objectives for the ratepayer-funded EPIC program, which supports the development of new, emerging, and pre-commercial clean energy innovations in California.

Presentation/Discussion Title: Energy Division Staff Proposal Identifying Strategic Objectives and Criteria for EPIC

Name/Affiliation of Presenters: Fred Beck, CPUC

Public Comment

- Jason Zhang
- Richard Estevez

DACAG Member Discussion:

- DACAG members discussed the presentation

ITEM 7, Break. The DACAG will break for 5 minutes.

Break taken from 2:45-2:51.

ITEM 8, DACAG 2024 Annual Report. DACAG Member(s) will present the draft DACAG 2024 Annual Report for discussion and possible approval and designate DACAG member(s) to present the DACAG 2024 Annual Report at future CPUC and CEC business meetings.

- *This item was deferred to a future meeting.*
- Public Comment?
 - None

ITEM 9, Priority Areas. DACAG members to provide updates and announcements regarding DACAG priority areas and associated activities. Members may discuss and revise items related to the 2025 priority areas, including the identification of subject matter experts.

- a. Affordability and Disconnections.
- b. Building, Industrial, Gas System Decarbonization, and Clean Renewable Hydrogen.
- c. Electric Program Investment Charge Program (EPIC).
- d. Electricity Reliability, Resiliency, and Load Flexibility (Including Distribution and Transmission Grid Planning and Distributed Energy Resources).
- e. Long-term Planning (SB 100, SB 350, IEPR, Offshore Wind, Lithium Valley Vision, Long-term Natural Gas, Smart Grids and Broadband).
- f. Transportation Electrification and Zero Emission Transportation.
- g. Tribal and Community Engagement and Participation.
- h. Workforce Training and Development.

Priority Areas Discussed:

- Updates were shared under Workforce Training and Development

ITEM 10, DACAG members will report out regarding the Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB)

Member Update: None

Public Comment:

- None

DACAG Member Discussion:

- No discussion occurred

Item 11, Agency Announcements. CEC and CPUC staff to provide any agency announcements.

- CEC Staff Updates
 - *March 17th – CEC opened a tribal proceeding*
 - *March 18th – CEC Tribal Energy Summit*
 - *Clean Energy Hall of Fame Awards nominations are open until April 4th on the CEC's website*
 - *Grant Funding Opportunity – Paving the Way for California's Gas Transition*
 - *2nd workshop in JAEDI Informational Proceeding will be held April 3^d from 9am-4pm. Hybrid via Zoom and at CNRA Headquarters.*
- CPUC Staff Updates
 - *California Climate Credit will be distributed in April to all IOU customers*

Item 12, Agenda-Setting and Attendance. DACAG member(s) may propose and discuss any agenda items for future DACAG meetings and provide expected attendance for the next DACAG meeting.

- The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, **April 18 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.
 - Possible Agenda Items
 - Solar for All
 - SB 100 and non-energy impacts (NEIs) (June)
 - Tribal energy sovereignty
 - Impacts or expected impacts from the Governor's 2024 Executive Order on energy affordability
 - Open call for member presentations

Item 13, General Public Comment.

Public Comment

- Jason Zhang
- Briana Ancona
- Richard Estevez

ITEM 14, Adjourn.

Time Adjourned: 3:12pm

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