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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

***Senate Bill 350 Disadvantaged
Community Advisory Group***

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**RE: Joint Staff Proposal: Senate Bill
350 Disadvantaged Community
Advisory Group Structure and
Framework**

**Comments of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District On
Senate Bill 350 Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group**

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (“SMUD”) appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments to the California Energy Commission (“Commission”) on the draft proposed structure and framework of the Disadvantaged Community Advisory Group (DAC AG) required by Senate Bill 350.

In general, SMUD believes that the joint staff proposed structure and framework is reasonable. SMUD has four brief recommendations:

First, on page 3 of the document, there is a list of three “abilities” that members of the DAC AG should be able to demonstrate. SMUD recommends splitting of the first of these abilities into two parts. These two abilities would then read:

1. Be informed regarding environmental health and economic conditions in the community or communities represented;
2. Be informed and knowledgeable about California’s energy systems and clean energy technologies, as well as the relevant state energy programs;

SMUD has no comment on the other two “abilities” proposed.

Second, in answer to question number 3 on page 4, SMUD suggests that it is important that the DAC AG to consider a strong focus on achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions as they review and advise on state and other programs aimed at reducing barriers to DAC participation in the clean energy economy. Providing and extending the benefits of clean energy programs to these communities is the primary focus, but recommendations should also be aware of achieving maximum potential GHG reductions as these programs unfold.

Third, in answer to question 5 on page 4, SMUD agrees that the DAC AG would function most effectively if members have backgrounds/experience in the areas listed. It will smooth and speed up DAC AG activities if members come to the table with a good

degree of understanding of the technologies and issues they will be dealing with in the group.

Fourth, in answer to question 6 on page 5, SMUD suggests one additional area of expertise: knowledge and background/experience in program development, implementation, and outreach. Understanding what and how programs have worked, including the impacts of direct and indirect benefits, and having familiarity with the challenges of program implementation will help the DAC AG identify program recommendations or provide advice that creates true benefit for DAC communities in the clean energy economy maximizing potential GHG reductions.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide comments.

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