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Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG)

Meeting Minutes for **January 22, 2021, 1 p.m.**

Roll call

- Adrian
- Phoebe
- Jana
- Roman
- Stephanie
- Tyrone
- Angela
- Stan

Item 2. DACAG Nov meeting minutes

Tyrone Moves to approve minutes for 11/20 meeting, Jana seconds. Approved by roll call vote (unanimous)

Item 3. NEM Telecom presentation

- Long discussion on both NEM and Telecom access (PowerPoints included in agenda)
- Key point on Telecom: There's no safety net to assure broadband access due to lack of required provider of last resort and other regulatory tools. Baseline issue is that broadband is not classified as necessary utility (like electricity)
- Key point on NEM: Balance and consideration is needed as to the conflicting goals of building out distributed solar and preventing rate-payers without rooftop solar (and other distributed energy options) from subsidizing those with rooftop solar (and other distributed energy options) given income differential between customers with distributed solar and those without.

Item 4. Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives (PowerPoints included in agenda)

- Discussion on need for research on NOx impacts of blending hydrogen for combustion generation, the need to look at health impacts and health impacting pollutants like PM, etc. resulting from some of the proposed topics
- Workgroup updates
 - Request for volunteers to join EPIC working group - particularly active. Stan suggested we revisit our priorities list and working group membership at the next meeting.
 - ESJ Action Plan - upcoming workshop, CPUC encouraging participation. This working group will be particularly active this year as well.